

1 compared to the prices in the Midwest and other areas of the
2 US. As a result, electric prices in Maine and New England are
3 driven largely by natural gas prices.

4 Verso and the other mills in Maine are highly
5 dependent on the regional price of gas in order to stay
6 competitive and to maintain quality jobs in the Maine.

7 Natural gas shortages and annual supply reductions
8 can have a significant impact on our operations. Short-term
9 gas supply disruptions have the potential to cause electricity
10 price hikes and system outages.

11 These are not hypothetical concerns, and ones that
12 become more and more common concerns. In December 2007
13 disruption in the gas supply from Sable Island shut down
14 numerous generating units in Maine, including ours, and
15 threatened the reliability of the entire New England grid.

16 Fortunately, the disruption occurred on the weekend
17 when electricity demand was relatively low. Had the same
18 occurred on the weekday during the same period when the
19 electric load was much higher, it's much more likely the grid
20 would have gone down, shutting down homes and businesses.

21 I would hope you would be focusing on two questions:
22 First, what will the impact be in the construction and
23 operation of the Calais LNG facility on natural gas prices in
24 Maine, and what would be the resulting impact on electrical
25 prices.

1 Second, will the construction and operation of the
2 Calais LNG facility eliminate or substantially reduce the risk
3 of our future supply and threaten reliability.

4 We believe that if the answers are it will lower the
5 electricity prices and increase reliability, then we should go
6 forward. Thank you for your time.

7 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you. The next presenter is
8 Mr. Alan Dwelley. I think Mr. Flanagan had a couple of
9 questions.

10 MR. VAN SLYKE: The first question is, what would be
11 the impact of construction and operation of natural gas prices
12 in Maine and what will the impact be on electricity; the second
13 one is, would the construction reduce supply, interruption, and
14 reliability.

15 MR. GELBER: The first question I spoke to
16 previously, mostly on the power side of it.

17 Natural gas prices and electric prices are imminently
18 linked. Most places, including New England and Maine,
19 electricity prices follow gas prices. You bring in more supply
20 of natural gas to Maine, places in the south, and west of
21 Maine, you're going to add supply to a demand market and push
22 those prices down both for natural gas and for electric power.

23 On the security side, we're building down here a
24 world class, safe, secure facility that will store liquefied
25 natural gas, and that storage capability will allow us to

1 inject into the pipeline at a moment's notice enough natural
2 gas to almost any condition you can imagine -- cold weather,
3 hot weather, disruption up in Canada -- to create for the first
4 time ever a secure, reliable source of natural gas right here
5 in this area.

6 We're very much excited.

7 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you. Mr. Dwelley.

8 MR. DWELLEY: I'd like to first thank the DEP members
9 and other state officials for being here tonight and welcome
10 them to Calais.

11 I live in Calais where my wife and I operate a bed
12 and breakfast. I was born in Calais and raised in Baileyville.
13 This is where my wife and I choose to live because we love this
14 area, this is where we want to be, and I firmly support Calais
15 LNG.

16 As Senator Silverman previously stated, this area has
17 traditionally lost many of its brightest and best young people
18 because of the lack of opportunity here, and while I do not
19 consider myself to be in that category, I do have first-hand
20 experience of the sacrifices one has to make when you leave
21 your roots and your family and move away to make a living,
22 having spent nearly 27 years in exile until I was able to
23 retire and move back home.

24 I missed the benefits of being close to family during
25 those years when about all I could muster were annual or

1 biannual visits home to be with family.

2 I had high hopes of having several years of
3 retirement so I could hunt and fish with my dad, but I never
4 got that opportunity because he died before I was able to
5 retire. That was the biggest sacrifice for me having to live
6 away all those years trying to make a living.

7 I would like to see opportunities for our own young
8 people that will perhaps allow some of them to remain here and
9 raise their families where they'll have the benefit of being
10 close to family instead of being cheated out of that most
11 precious time.

12 We must have the ability to give hope to a future
13 where children aspire to achieve and where families can
14 prosper. A thriving economy is the tool that can pave the way
15 for future generations, and these ideals are more important now
16 than they've ever been before.

17 I've heard a great deal said about environmental
18 concerns by certain people and regarding how devastating how
19 LNG will be to our bay, and it is our bay. I consider it to be
20 my bay, too, and I don't believe that LNG is going to be
21 harmful to the environment and to the bay.

22 I believe that LNG can be done safely without harming
23 the environment, and I believe that Calais LNG embodies those
24 objectives as we have heard here this evening.

25 Calais LNG will not ruin our bay, as some of the

1 opponents to this project would have us believe.

2 Last summer I observed Calais LNG teams throughout
3 the area, groups of people working together gathering
4 information for their environmental studies. It seems that
5 wherever you looked, Calais LNG was there leaving no stone
6 unturned, collecting data, and doing research for this project.

7 Calais LNG has put a team together that is
8 methodical, and they're working meticulously and professionally
9 to make this an environmentally acceptable project.

10 I would also like to remind everyone that heading out
11 Passamaquoddy Bay, the St. Croix has a long history of prior
12 commercial and industrial use, from the early 1800s when the
13 schooners sailed to the three dozen or so wharves here in
14 Calais to more recent times when tankers transported oil for
15 Irving Oil to storage tanks in St. Stephen and then delivered
16 to the paper mill in Baileyville.

17 We've already seen what a disastrous commodity on the
18 environment if it is spilled, but I don't remember during any
19 of that time any outcry that the bay be saved by anyone, either
20 American or Canadian.

21 During a lot of that time, fuel oil was also hauled
22 by tankers to storage tanks in Calais, where it was distributed
23 throughout the area, and currently ships serving the Canadians,
24 Port Bayside, transport hazardous materials using these same
25 waters.

1 It seems to me to be a very self serving position,
2 given our neighbor's prior and current use of these waters, and
3 it angers me that we're being told we cannot use our mutual
4 waterways for peaceful economic purposes, which would bring
5 much needed jobs, more economic opportunity, and a better
6 standard of living on both sides of the border.

7 We have never tried to stymie energy projects in the
8 Maritimes, and we would ask that Canada not stymie our efforts
9 in Washington County. We've always enjoyed a good neighbor
10 relationship across the border and want to continue to be good
11 neighbors; however, given their position regarding the waterway
12 and LNG, it's certainly not in keeping with that good neighbor
13 tradition.

14 I would hope that they would come to embrace this
15 project and not pursue their current position, as it will
16 benefit both sides of the border.

17 We need and we want economic opportunities here in
18 Calais and in Washington County, the type that Calais LNG can
19 bring -- both during the construction phrase and during its
20 operational phrase -- for years to come.

21 Calais LNG means a future for this area and the time
22 is here and the time is now.

23 From my observation, Calais LNG is the complete
24 package, they are well organized, and I think they have the
25 best type location of the three proposed. The site sits across

1 from existing industrial operations on the Canadian side of the
2 river and is not visible to tourists of St. Andrews,
3 New Brunswick.

4 DEP members have the ability to make a real
5 difference here for real people: Maine people. People who
6 now, more than ever, need local jobs for a hopeful future for
7 themselves and their families. We need this hope, we need this
8 opportunity, we need jobs, we need Calais LNG.

9 DEP and other state agencies and officials can help
10 us make this happen, and I urge you to support and approve this
11 project. Thank you.

12 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The next
13 presenter is Ms. Candace Dwelley.

14 MS. DWELLEY: Good evening. My name is Candace
15 Dwelley, and I would like to welcome DEP officials and other
16 state officials to Calais, as well as everyone else in the
17 room, and I thank you all for being here.

18 My great, great grandfather, John Trimble, came to
19 Robbinston in 1830, and his brother, Charles, purchased what is
20 now known as Trimble Mountain. His 12 children were all born
21 on that mountain, and as a result, there are many of his
22 decedents in this area and possibly in this very room. He
23 found his piece of paradise with views of Passamaquoddy Bay and
24 St. Croix River, and he worked very hard to keep it.

25 My grandparents worked hard to earn a living and put

1 food on the table and raise their three children. They both
2 worked in sardine factories, and when that industry showed
3 signs of decline, my grandfather did odd jobs -- house
4 painting, lobstering, cutting firewood. My grandmother mended
5 clothes and made quilts for the summer people, and with the
6 help of a vegetable garden, chickens, and cows, made ends meet.

7 If you have the opportunity to drive around our
8 community, you would see the remnants of a once thriving city,
9 large and beautiful historic homes line our city streets as
10 evidence of a much more prosperous era.

11 Since the waning days of ship building, lumbering,
12 granite quarries, sardine factories, and now the likely demise
13 of the pulp and paper mill in Baileyville, this area has always
14 known hard economic times.

15 We have two colleges in Calais, Unobskey of Husson
16 College and the Washington County Community College. Both
17 offer fine educational opportunities for our youth, as well as
18 the older nontraditional students, but upon course completion
19 and degrees earned, there are limited opportunities to put that
20 education to work in our area. As a result, many are forced to
21 leave to make better lives for themselves.

22 This project, Calais LNG, brings with it economic
23 opportunities for Washington County. Like my ancestors before
24 me, I love this area and appreciate the beauty that surrounds
25 us, and I do not believe that the presence of an LNG terminal

1 on the St. Croix River will harm the environment and destroy
2 the bay.

3 I ask that you approve this project that will put
4 eastern Washington County back on the map and shed the
5 reputation of being the poorest county in the state of Maine.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The next
8 presenter will be Ms. Marianne Moore.

9 MS. MOORE: As a former City councilor and former
10 president of the Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of myself, I
11 have been asked to read some correspondence from our Maine
12 delegation.

13 Senator Kevin Raye writes, As the state senator
14 representing Washington County, I am pleased to once again
15 express my support for efforts to develop LNG port facilities
16 in our region.

17 I have long indicated my support for LNG development
18 in Washington County as a vehicle for job creation, economic
19 development, and environmentally responsible energy
20 diversification.

21 It is important to note that three potential host
22 communities I represent are on record in support of the
23 proposed LNG facility. I am also mindfully impressed with the
24 safety record of the LNG industry in the United States and the
25 fact that LNG is a clean burning fuel that can help improve air

1 quality and be an important beneficial fuel to help meet our
2 energy needs in the years ahead.

3 In contrast to the speedy approval of the Canaport
4 facility in neighboring New Brunswick, the construction, which
5 is already over 94 percent complete, the LNG proposals in our
6 county are subject to a lengthy and painstaking process of
7 scrutiny by state and federal regulators to insure that they
8 meet environmental and safety criteria and are properly sited
9 and planned.

10 It is crucial that the state and the federal
11 processes under way not be influenced by the unwarranted
12 intrusion of Canadian political and corporate interests
13 attempting to stifle competition by threatening to block this
14 in Maine courts, even as they actively pursue their own LNG
15 development.

16 As you may know, I was the first elected official at
17 the county, state, or federal level to publicly reject Canada's
18 threats to violate US rights of passage. Such a violation
19 would set a very dangerous precedent with ominous implications
20 to our economic future, and these threats should not be a
21 factor in our deliberations.

22 It is important that LNG development financially
23 promote economic development, support public safety, and
24 provide area residents and businesses with access to low-cost
25 energy. In combination with demonstrated financial and market

1 conditions, I believe these factors will insure that an LNG
2 facility will be a valuable component of our local economy.
3 Both the construction and operation phase will provide good
4 paying jobs and a much needed boost in our area at a time when
5 our already struggling economy has suffered a devastating blow
6 with the Domtar pulp mill.

7 I have been impressed with the strong Calais LNG
8 proposal as one for the City of Calais area residents, and I
9 believe it offers a benefit to our regional economy.

10 Sincerely, Kevin Raye.

11 Representative Anne Perry writes to the Maine DEP
12 panel in support of the LNG project. In the six years of my
13 legislative tenure, the Calais area has seen the loss of a
14 particleboard plant and the slowdown of Domtar, who in May will
15 be closed for an undetermined time.

16 We have seen a communication business come and leave
17 the area, the unemployment has consistently been at or twice
18 the state average. Our families have had the lowest incomes in
19 the state.

20 In a recent 2009 report on trends, Washington County
21 was the only county in the northeast to show a statistical
22 significant decrease in life expectancy for women in the last
23 20 years. This can be correlated to the chronic unemployment
24 and poverty in the area.

25 So she had asked that when you review the

1 application, please take into consideration the environmental
2 and the economic needs. The people in Washington County are
3 urging your support of the project.

4 David Burns, state representative writes, It is a
5 pleasure to lend my support to the development and placement of
6 an LNG terminal in Washington County during very challenging
7 financial times, especially in Down East Maine. The initiative
8 for the development will provide substantial employment
9 opportunities while revitalizing usage of our natural
10 resources.

11 Aware that an LNG project is unlikely to interfere
12 with our coveted fishing industry, unique tourism, and other
13 related resources, this location in the shared area of the
14 St. Croix River, which also provides a platform for the Bayside
15 shipping terminal and mining operations in New Brunswick,
16 Canada.

17 The alternative energy resource is likely to benefit
18 communities and businesses, at the same time as reducing our
19 reliance on Middle Eastern oil.

20 And then finally Howard McFadden notes his support,
21 Over the last 20 years or so, we've slowly become an older aged
22 population in Washington County. How are we going to keep our
23 young people in the area. You do this by creating decent
24 paying jobs with decent benefits and decent retirement
25 packages.

1 So in summary, these letters signify the entire
2 Washington County delegation's overwhelming support of the
3 Calais LNG project. Thank you.

4 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much.

5 The next presenter would be Mr. Gerald Morrison.

6 MR. MORRISON: Good evening. I'm Gerald Morrison,
7 born in Eastport and raised in Perry. Most aspects of my life
8 have evolved around the sea, particularly as a means of making
9 a living.

10 At the age of 8 years old, I was sailing on a sardine
11 carrier helping my father transport herring we caught on the
12 Perry shore, Eastport, and Lubec.

13 I had plans to fish lobster traps during high school
14 to earn money for college. Later on my father taught me how to
15 fly a spotter plane to find herring from the air.

16 I attended Maine Maritime Academy and graduated in
17 1982 with a third mate's license and a BS in nautical science.

18 As living in Washington County became more and more
19 difficult, I looked elsewhere for work and took various
20 positions sailing on tank vessels, jobs that took me as far
21 away as the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska.

22 During my time off from working on tankers, I
23 returned home to help with the family fishing business. I also
24 started training as a harbor pilot. I received my license in
25 1986. I continued working ocean going vessels, sailing around

1 the world, and would return home periodically to visit with my
2 wife, children, and other family members.

3 In 1996 I returned home to live, determined to stay
4 here and make a living. I've had to continue to make a living
5 based around the sea, either as a harbor pilot, commercial
6 fisherman, or through my small marine fabrication business.

7 It's not easy to make a living in Washington County.
8 Those of us who have deep roots in a place that we love,
9 defying the logic that will tell you to take your family and
10 leave for greener pastures. This is my home, and I have no
11 intention of giving it up, nor would I support a project that
12 would damage our environment or our way of life.

13 This is why I'm very excited and encouraged about the
14 possibility of LNG taking a foothold in this area.

15 I have followed the progress since the project was
16 first introduced to the community in 2004. I have had
17 extensive discussions with U.S. Coast Guard personnel, and I
18 have served on an LNG advisory board for over two years.

19 I have educated myself with the safety,
20 environmental, economic, and the social impacts as an industry
21 that could have a great help to people in this area.

22 I have drawn what I consider a well-informed
23 conclusion that an LNG facility in the Calais area would offer
24 far reaching benefits not only to the local community but also
25 Washington County and the entire state of Maine.

1 Regarding the safety of this project, I can speak
2 firsthand. As a harbor pilot, I have taken high tech
3 navigation simulations, safely and effectively piloting an LNG
4 tanker in the St. Croix River through sophisticated computer
5 software.

6 The other local pilots -- Captain Peacock and Captain
7 Matthews and I -- were subjected to several different emergency
8 scenarios. We were able to deal with each scenario resulting
9 in a positive outcome and avoiding simulated accidents.

10 Although disasters such that we practiced on the
11 simulators are a rarity, I've had the occasion back in
12 January of 2008 to apply my training. I was piloting a vessel,
13 Alexander. She was a 425-foot freighter through passage
14 inbound to the cargo terminal in Eastport, Maine, when the ship
15 experienced engine problems. I was able to apply emergency
16 training that I received with the LNG simulations and in
17 partnership with the ship's captain and crew and the United
18 States Coast Guard, the compromising situation was quickly
19 brought under control.

20 With my ultimate knowledge of the waters in which
21 these tankers were traveling, my many years of piloting
22 experience, and LNG simulator training, coupled with the
23 experience of actually employing some of these emergency
24 techniques, I'm very confident that LNG tankers will navigate
25 our waters safely.

1 Most of us who live in Washington County are well
2 aware of the economic hardship that plagues this area. We're
3 all keenly aware of the closure of the Domtar mill in
4 Baileyville. This closure is going to have far reaching impact
5 all over the region and more direct jobs will be lost.

6 The ripple effect will be felt countywide and beyond.
7 Truck drivers, logging operations, gas stations, restaurants,
8 rental properties will all be hit hard. This closure could
9 effect the shutdown of cargo, at least temporarily.

10 In conclusion, Calais LNG will help create much
11 needed jobs, several hundred construction jobs in the beginning
12 with jobs at the terminal itself, jobs on tugboats, and a
13 number of surrounding support businesses.

14 Another ripple effect to take place would be this
15 time because of water, and our sagging economy would be mostly
16 back on its feet again. This project must abide by rigorous
17 safety and environmental standards. I believe that LNG would
18 be a safe and profitable part of our community.

19 Thank you for your time.

20 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The next
21 presenter will be Michael Lowell Wright.

22 Very good. He had to leave. The next presenter
23 would be Mrs. Joyce Maher.

24 MS. MAHER: My name is Joyce Maher. I'm currently
25 serving on the Calais City council; however, before I was

1 elected to the City council, I worked at Calais LNG.

2 I'm very proud of their achievement -- they did an
3 outstanding job tonight -- and they made me a believer tonight
4 to see the residents of this area show up. Although you're
5 smaller now, you were powerful in the beginning. And I'm just
6 so proud of our area to show up to show their concerns.

7 In order to get something to this area, you need to
8 stand up and be counted. Without that, we're not going to go
9 anywhere.

10 I listened to the news on Channel 2, because I missed
11 it earlier, and the opponent said he didn't disapprove of LNG,
12 but he did in this area.

13 And I thought of that and I said to myself, not in my
14 neighborhood. Well, I'll tell you, with the unemployment the
15 way it is, Washington County is not going to be in anybody's
16 neighborhood if we don't start fighting for these jobs.

17 Thank you very much, and thank you for coming to
18 Calais.

19 MR. CASSIDY: The next presenter would be Ms. Linda
20 Pagels-Wentworth.

21 MS. PAGELS-WENTWORTH: I'm Linda Pagels-Wentworth,
22 and I'm currently the Washington County county manager, and I'm
23 the former Calais City manager. It's been really wonderful
24 watching this project come along. I was in favor of it then,
25 and I'm in favor of it now as Washington County county manager.

1 I come from one of the families that were early
2 settlers of Red Beach, and I'm also a mother of two sons --
3 one's attending and one has been accepted to attend MMA, Maine
4 Maritime Academy, and study power technology. Previously the
5 question was asked, who's going to have these jobs. Perhaps
6 the next generation in this area could have these jobs.

7 I did also want to mention that the shipping industry
8 in Calais did start on this side of the St. Croix River, there
9 was a big seaport that ships ran, and located across from my
10 home was my ancestors, who worked there. I just wanted to
11 point that out.

12 And from the county perspective, we have a phrase
13 we're using, Washington County, one community. Only 35,000
14 people. When one community succeeds, we all benefit. I wanted
15 to lend that perspective.

16 And I also have a letter to read from the member of
17 the Maine delegation which we snatched away.

18 This lady is also a native from Washington County and
19 has a son that graduated last year from Maine Maritime Academy.
20 That's one reason I snatched it away. It's Diane Tilton, state
21 representative.

22 Thank you for inviting me to this evening's event. I
23 was unable to attend due to previous commitments. I did want
24 to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am about the
25 prospects for an LNG terminal in Washington County, not only

1 because of the jobs that will be generated, but because of the
2 potential contribution to a secure and affordable supply of
3 energy in Maine.

4 As you know, I sat on a joint committee for Maine's
5 Energy Future, promoting a vision for Maine that will help
6 reduce its overreliance on oil in heating its homes and on
7 electricity. I strongly believe LNG in Maine will provide
8 alternatives for heating homes with oil, provide businesses
9 with a more affordable source of fuel and possibly encourage
10 development of electric generation using natural gas.

11 I applaud the efforts of Calais LNG and am especially
12 pleased to see the partnership your company has forged with the
13 City of Calais and the support you have for the local people.

14 Please know I will do whatever I can for your project
15 during my time in the legislature and beyond. Good luck in
16 this evening's event, and also the very best to you for your
17 efforts to benefit the state and the people of Washington
18 County.

19 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The next
20 presenter would be Scott Lund.

21 Again, Scott must have had to leave.

22 Mr. John Rogors.

23 MR. ROGORS: My name is John Rogors. I've been a
24 resident in Calais for 30 years. I work for the City of
25 Calais, recreation director.

1 I've been to four or five presentations that LNG has
2 given to the area, not only here, but in Baileyville as well.
3 I'd like to compliment Art and his professional staff.

4 I've had a lot of questions, the route, they have to
5 go across my land, and everything that they have given us is so
6 positive, support, and it can be nothing but the benefit to the
7 people of this area to have this go through here.

8 I also work with the young adults and kids here in
9 the area, and I have to say from Day 1 LNG has been supportive
10 of a lot of community programs at the high school, at the rec
11 department, and throughout the community. We really do
12 appreciate that.

13 Another part of their professionalism that I haven't
14 heard mentioned tonight, they have a beautiful website. If you
15 just plug in Calais LNG, you can see it, and there's a really
16 great presentation there. Anybody that hasn't seen it, you
17 should take the time to do that.

18 I have -- my wife and I have raised eight children
19 over the years here in Calais, and I've heard it mentioned a
20 number of times tonight and would like to also see the
21 possibility of our children being able to settle in the area.

22 With the mill shutting down in Woodland, things are
23 pretty bleak right now, and, again, I'm in full support of
24 Calais LNG, and I know that you guys are doing a great job.

25 I have a quick point, too. I heard a little negative

1 from not only the Canadian side but this area is worried about
2 tourism.

3 I grew up in the city of Bath and Bath has built
4 destroyers and cargo ships for years and years and wooden ships
5 way back in the turn of the century, so it's a shipping port as
6 Calais is. And the unique thing about that is you get kind of
7 a different twist. You're thinking a big company and a
8 negative impact on tourism. Well, what actually happens in
9 Bath, if a ship is launched or if a big ship comes up the
10 Kennebec River -- especially on the launchings and something
11 real special -- we literally have thousands of people that come
12 to Bath.

13 If you've ever seen a ship launching or if you've
14 ever seen some of the big vessels come around, it's a boom
15 actually to tourism. It's not a negative factor at all.

16 I would like to thank you. I think they're doing a
17 tremendous job. Thank you very much.

18 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you Mr. Rogors.

19 The next would be Matthew Stein.

20 MR. STEIN: Good evening. My name is Matthew Stein.
21 I am from Windham, Maine, and I'm currently a senior at Maine
22 Maritime Academy majoring in engineering.

23 During the course of my education at the Academy,
24 I've had the opportunity to sail on an LNG tanker for three
25 months during the summer of 2007. During that period, my ship

1 took on one cargo in Nigeria and two cargos of LNG in Trinidad.

2 All three cargos were uploaded via ship-to-ship
3 crane, once off the coast of Aruba and twice in the Gulf of
4 Mexico with a ship-to-ship transfer in the Gulf of Mexico being
5 the first LNG ship-to-ship transfer ever taken place in the
6 United States' waters.

7 During this period I was fortunate enough to learn
8 not only about the commercial shipping industry but also about
9 the LNG industry. The thing I took away from that experience
10 the most was the LNG industry's outstanding commitment to
11 public and environmental safety.

12 Upon my graduation this May from the Academy, I plan
13 to get back into the LNG industry by sailing but would also
14 like to come home at some point.

15 So my question is, will Calais LNG terminal expand
16 rare opportunities for Mainers who serve as merchant mariners?

17 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you.

18 MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you, Matthew. I've got a suit
19 on, but I've got to say, you look really sharp.

20 MR. EMERY: Thanks for coming, Matt. I think I would
21 be remiss if I said there wouldn't be opportunities for people
22 in Maine, especially people that are being trained in this
23 profession here in Maine.

24 We have a long process to go. One of the things
25 we're doing now is we're working with community colleges to

1 identify opportunities in construction and then in terminal
2 operations.

3 So although it's early for us to say that we're going
4 to be able to employ every new graduate from Maine Maritime
5 Academy, we certainly will be looking very closely at the
6 merchant marine academy for candidates to work in the facility,
7 to run the facility, and perhaps to provide ways for them to
8 integrate into some of the natural gas shipping companies that
9 transport LNG to Maine.

10 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much, Ian.

11 Matthew, prudent disclosure, I would call
12 President Tyler tomorrow and advise him that you represented
13 yourself and his institution well. Thank you.

14 Our next presenter is Jane Delmonaco.

15 MS. DELMONACO: Good evening. My name is Jane
16 Delmonaco. I was born in Calais, and with the exception of
17 obtaining my education, I have lived in this area all my life.
18 I'd like to express my support for the Calais LNG project.

19 As a nurse practitioner, substance abuse counselor,
20 and a mother, I have seen too many youth leave this area to
21 find work in hopes of a more prosperous life than their
22 parents.

23 Many of our young adults talk about the financial
24 struggle and emotional effects they've seen their parents see,
25 how parents work two or three minimum wage jobs to barely

1 provide the basics for their family.

2 It is sad to see children worried about adult
3 problems, wondering how their parents will get by, and what
4 will happen to their family.

5 I personally feel very thankful and fortunate that my
6 parents had good paying jobs in this area, and I was not
7 subjected to the worries that I now hear our youth talking
8 about; but if I were a youth today, it would be very different
9 because my family would be impacted by the upcoming indefinite
10 shutdown of the Domtar mill.

11 Please help me understand why in a country as rich as
12 the United States that our children bear burdens far beyond
13 their years.

14 It is my personal observation regarding recruitment
15 of business and industry to our area, there seems an endless
16 list of roadblocks to nearly every potential option, and I am
17 tired of hearing "that is not the kind of business or industry
18 that is right for this area," or "we don't want those kinds of
19 jobs."

20 Please tell that to the children who are suffering
21 emotional fears about their family's existence or are separated
22 from their mom or dad who is working away. Just imagine the
23 added stress to the parents as well.

24 The separation of families due to the need to go
25 where the work is creates issues that are not only seen in the

1 home but reflected in our children at school.

2 The community at large pays for this is far greater
3 ways than you will imagine. The importance of the role of
4 family in our society cannot be understated. The lack of
5 employment opportunity and financial stability leads to
6 increased social problems that range from families living on
7 state assistance to low self-esteem, a higher crime rate, and
8 to drug and alcohol addiction, to name just a few.

9 The potential for this LNG project to provide
10 economic relief through jobs and spinoff business could provide
11 the catalyst needed for our children and families to have the
12 choice to live and work in this area.

13 As our children complete their education, more and
14 more leave the area permanently to find employment. Many youth
15 want to stay but feel forced to leave in order to find that
16 stable employment, and I personally feel this exporting of our
17 youth must stop.

18 I look at our population and I see that we're
19 becoming a retirement community, and although baby boomers and
20 seniors have much to offer, our community needs its youth to
21 become the next strong leaders who can contribute their new
22 ideas, energy, and inspiration to meet the challenges of
23 today's world.

24 Earlier in the presentation I listened with great
25 interest regarding the environmental impact study, and I'm

1 really happy to know that the frogs, the lizards, and the other
2 creatures will be saved; but despite how comprehensive this
3 study is, I feel there are two endangered species that are well
4 on their way to becoming extinct here in Washington County, and
5 they should be added to this list, and those are the young
6 people of our area and the family as my generation has known
7 it.

8 Personally, my son is one of the many that has moved
9 from this area for employment. But I believe the approval of
10 LNG would play a significant role in keeping this area a viable
11 place for families to live productively again.

12 As far as environmental impacts in the area, I wish
13 that you would consider some of the aesthetic changes made to
14 the environment in neighboring Canada, for example, industries
15 like the quarry at Bayside directly across the St. Croix River
16 from the proposed site of Calais LNG, the Point Lepreau nuclear
17 reactor 35 air miles from here in Calais, and the tentative
18 construction of the second nuclear reactor at that location.

19 Our Canadian neighbors also enjoy a fossil fuel plant
20 at Coleson Cove in East St. John, a new LNG terminal in
21 St. John, and an oil refinery there, of which this refinery is
22 tentatively being planned for expansion.

23 Certainly these industries have impacted the Canadian
24 environment, but they were approved and are on-line providing
25 employment for many Canadians. Not that any of these are bad

1 things. That's prosperity and jobs, which I support; but I ask
2 you to please consider these when you listen to the opposing
3 viewpoints.

4 Surely if these industries can work for the Canadian
5 environment and economics, LNG can only be a positive for our
6 area.

7 The talk about potential negative consequences and
8 risks of LNG make good scare tactics, but when I travel to
9 Boston and I see how that city is thriving, their tourism is
10 increasing, residents boast about their increased property
11 valuations, you see new businesses, as well as many of the old
12 businesses still thriving, Boston Harbor prospering with new
13 waterfront development, and all of this despite having an LNG
14 facility there, it's amazing.

15 Employment and industry are alive and well. And I
16 believe that industry and our environment can work well
17 together for all to benefit here in Washington County.

18 It is my hope this project is met favorably by the
19 Department of Environmental Protection and it will approve this
20 LNG project that our governor supports and that I feel you will
21 find economically and environmentally sound.

22 I encourage you to end the roadblocks and approve
23 Calais LNG, a safe alternative to meet the economic needs of
24 this area, and the energy needs of our nation.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The next
2 presenter is Mr. William Delmonaco, Jr.

3 MR. DELMONACO: Good evening. My name is Bill
4 Delmonaco, Jr. I was born and raised here and lived here all
5 my life, as you know, Mr. Cassidy.

6 MR. CASSIDY: Yes, I do, Mr. Delmonaco, and you don't
7 have to tell all the stories either.

8 MR. DELMONACO: After I completed college, I chose to
9 return to Calais and work in the family business. I have
10 served on the City council for 25 years. During those years,
11 the council that I sat on were all in favor of economic
12 development of any kind.

13 I can't recall any councilor not supporting economic
14 development in Calais. In fact, on two occasions the Calais
15 LNG support vote was brought before the council and both times
16 it was unanimously supported.

17 At one point in time the City hired a consultant firm
18 to assist in attracting more business to Calais. In
19 desperation, the City was willing to offer the land and
20 industrial park to any business that would locate there free of
21 charge.

22 Also, the City of Calais was twice named the location
23 where the Native Americans proposed the development of the
24 casino. This potential business venture was twice defeated
25 statewide, defeated in statewide elections, and vetoed by the

1 governor.

2 About two years ago our Governor Baldacci appointed a
3 committee to Washington County to help develop a plan of attack
4 for businesses to this area. Absolutely nothing has transpired
5 from this committee.

6 My point here is, we are all pro business, we're
7 desperate to provide good paying jobs that would be a reason
8 for our children to remain in this area, and enable the
9 families to stay together.

10 We have watched the local paper mill in Baileyville
11 dwindle from 750 employees to an indefinite shutdown in May. I
12 have seen the new wafer board plant and stud mill built by
13 Georgia-Pacific in the 70s. They're both now idle.

14 Other than Calais being a service center in
15 Washington County, the jobs in the area are with the federal or
16 state government or local hospital or medical facilities. Most
17 people in this county work two, three, four jobs.

18 We have hardworking people in this area, and they
19 deserve better jobs that offer good pay and good benefits.

20 A project of this magnitude will provide a tax base
21 that will also improve our infrastructure, possibly open up a
22 market for another fuel source, and could create other spinoff
23 businesses.

24 Our new president was elected on the platform of
25 creating more jobs, less dependency on foreign oil and other

1 energy sources.

2 I hope that the lifelong residents of this area will
3 speak out and support this project and not feel intimidated by
4 those who try to stifle our opportunity for growth and economic
5 stability.

6 With the recent economic downturn in this country and
7 globally, it is even more urgent we support and get this
8 project -- and get this LNG plan approved.

9 As a member of the Calais LNG advisory committee, I
10 want to speak to the professionalism of the staff of the Calais
11 LNG. In my opinion they have been very professional in every
12 aspect of the process, they have been very courteous and
13 thorough and timely in answering all of my questions and those
14 of the public.

15 I urge Governor Baldacci, the Maine Department of
16 Environmental Protection, and the Calais LNG to join forces and
17 get this LNG project approved in the most expedient manner
18 possible so that in these desperate economic times, we can
19 create jobs and spinoff businesses for both Washington County
20 and the state of Maine.

21 Thank you very much.

22 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much, Mr. Delmonaco.

23 The next presenter will be Mr. Chris Bernardini.

24 MR. BERNARDINI: Good evening. My name is Chris
25 Bernardini, a Calais resident, and I'm a member of the Calais

1 City council.

2 It's all been said here tonight, and I'm glad to see
3 as much support as we have seen tonight for this project.

4 I just want to take a moment to thank the Calais LNG
5 team, City council for backing us, the citizens of the City of
6 Calais, and Washington County, pretty much as a whole, as well.

7 I came here tonight with one request from a young
8 person, that being my stepdaughter. She has done a project on
9 LNG, and she goes to the school at St. Stephen High School over
10 there.

11 She did the project, and there were a number of her
12 classmates that have been very misinformed on LNG, and she is a
13 great defender of what you're doing here, so I would just like
14 to know that if at some point, one of you may be able to go
15 speak to an environmental studies class. That would be great,
16 because I think that's something else to educate the public and
17 maybe we can even start in the schools with environmental
18 sciences to let the children know, our future know.

19 That's all I have. Thank you very much.

20 MR. EMERY: Thanks, Christopher, for that request.

21 In fact, that's part of our ongoing outreach process is to talk
22 not only talk to people that are looking for job opportunities
23 but to go into schools, and in this case, across the border
24 would be great to speak in St. Stephen to school-aged kids to
25 talk to them about the LNG and its safety record and the

1 opportunities it presents for the region. I'd be happy to do
2 that. I look forward to it. I'll talk to you later.

3 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The last
4 presenter of the evening is Ms. Diane Barnes.

5 MS. BARNES: Thank you. My name is Diane Barnes. I
6 wish to go on record of being in support of the Calais LNG
7 project that is being proposed for Washington County.

8 The project will provide significant benefits to the
9 community that suffers from a high unemployment rate of 13.3
10 percent, with an average median household income of 25,000.

11 Benefits from this project will provide indirect
12 employment opportunities that could reach 800 and a total of
13 100 well-paying, secure jobs in specialized occupations.
14 Additional tax revenues estimated to be more than 3 million
15 will have the potential of lowering the Calais property tax
16 rate by 85 percent.

17 An LNG terminal located in Washington County along
18 the Maine coast would be a significant step towards the
19 governor's mission of reducing energy dependence and security.

20 In conclusion, Calais LNG has actively engaged to
21 maintain open communications with the City council, municipal
22 leaders, and the general public by making available public
23 information materials of the proposed project at the Calais LNG
24 Main Street office by staffing informational stations at the
25 FERC open house, and scheduling regular meetings with the

1 Calais LNG committee.

2 I just would like to make one other comment. This
3 evening I was asked prior to this meeting if I felt that the
4 local community here supported the project, and I think that
5 the support tonight and the comments tonight speak for itself.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, Ms. Barnes.

8 For a bit of fairness, a few others had signed up. I
9 was just given the information. Ms. Lindsay Hightower?

10 MS. HIGHTOWER: I just got into town from helping my
11 brother in California, and so I don't have a speech, so I'm
12 just going to read from my heart, okay.

13 I helped my brother downsize their clothing store, so
14 I know whether it be in California or in Calais, everybody's
15 hurting. I own a steakhouse and restaurant, seafood, and I
16 also house other people, five other businesses, in my building.

17 We did have like 13 people that we employed, and
18 we're down to two full-time employees. We need to get more
19 people back into spending money into the city, and in order to
20 do that, I know that the LNG is going to help us do that, and I
21 know that with your support we will also have the mill back
22 open.

23 We have to start saying yes. This is my whole life's
24 savings. I am not from around here, but this is my home, and I
25 will stay here; but we need everybody's help. It's not just

1 one person, it's everybody, so we just have to stick together,
2 and we'll make this happen.

3 Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

4 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you very much. The last
5 presenter this evening is Brian Beal.

6 MR. BEAL: Good evening. I'm a professor of green
7 ecology at the University of Maine at Machias, and I have a
8 comment, and then I have a letter to read.

9 I was involved in discussions with the folks from
10 Woodard & Curran, as well as Normandeau Associates, in the
11 sampling strategy for the marine studies. I was delighted and
12 surprised that Calais LNG decided to include in their design a
13 reference site in addition to their potential impact site.
14 They didn't have to do this. There's no state or federal
15 regulation requiring this reference site sampling activity.

16 This decision essentially doubled the cost of their
17 marine sampling, but the information that they generated and
18 will continue to generate revealed unambiguous assessments of
19 potential impacts of the LNG site.

20 This decision, their decision, I believe is
21 impressive, and it shows their sincere commitment to conduct
22 scientific investigations the correct way.

23 The letter that I have to read is from the chairman
24 of the board of directors of the Down East Institute for
25 Applied Marine Research and Education. It's a brief letter.

1 It says, Dear Mr. Emery, the board of directors at
2 the Down East Institute for Applied Marine Research and
3 Education is pleased to work on behalf of Calais LNG's proposed
4 efforts to monitor and enhance shellfish populations in the St.
5 Croix River and adjacent tidal waters.

6 The Down East Institute, DEI, is a nonprofit
7 organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life
8 for the people of Down East and coastal Maine through applied
9 marine research, technology transfer, and public marine
10 resource education.

11 We raise soft shelled clams, lobsters, sea urchins,
12 and sea scallops at our production facility in the town of
13 Beals and have been successfully working with communities to
14 rebuild shellfish stocks for the past 20 years.

15 While endorsement of any energy project is outside
16 the purview of our mission, we pride ourselves on providing
17 credible scientific information for the promotion of
18 economically vital and environmentally sustainable fisheries.

19 DEI's volunteer board of directors is composed of a
20 very diverse array of people with interests in economic
21 development, education, conservation, and applied research, and
22 board members represent financial, educational, state
23 governmental, and nongovernmental institutions.

24 The Down East Institute is prepared to offer its
25 expertise to Calais LNG for enhancing the commercially

1 important fisheries species. The DEI board sees this potential
2 project as an opportunity to fulfill its mission in public
3 education, technology and transfer, and applied marine research
4 in eastern Maine.

5 We look forward to discussing this initiative with
6 you in further detail. Sincerely, Chris Bartley, the chairman
7 of the board of directors for the Down East Institute.

8 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, Brian.

9 Ladies and gentlemen, this will conclude our public
10 comment. Just a note, as the moderator, first, we want to
11 thank Calais LNG staff for a very informed presentation. Thank
12 you very much.

13 Also thank you for making my job easier by respecting
14 the parameters. As was said by Ms. Hightower and a lot of
15 people here with a lot of passion. They deserved a few more
16 minutes. So I thank you for their presentations and for your
17 being respectful.

18 Also to you, the audience, thank you for your
19 patience this evening. We very much appreciate that.

20 Also on your way out this evening, please help
21 yourself to that fine cuisine. Feel free to take some home.

22 And Calais LNG staff will be available should you
23 have any additional questions.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for coming
25 here in tonight.

(The public comment was concluded at 9:15 p.m.)

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I, Lisa Fitzgerald, a Notary Public in and for the state of Maine, hereby certify that on March 24, 2009, a public hearing was held in the Calais, Maine, regarding Calais LNG; and that this hearing was stenographically reported by me and later reduced to typewritten form with the aid of computer-aided transcription; and the foregoing is a full and true record of the testimony given by the witnesses.

I further certify that I am a disinterested person in the event or outcome of the above-named cause of action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I subscribe my hand and affix my seal this April 8, 2009.

Lisa Fitzgerald

LISA FITZGERALD, NOTARY PUBLIC
Court Reporter

My commission expires: May 10, 2011