

1 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
2 SCOPING MEETING  
3 GULF RUN PIPELINE/ LINE CP MODIFICATIONS  
4 CAUSE NUMBER PF19-3-000  
5 WAR MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER  
6 250 WEST SEVENTH STREET  
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1                   REPORTER: RICK SANBORN

2                   MR. TRITICO: My name is Michael Tritico and  
3 I'm here representing myself, some cousins, nephews -- my  
4 nephew and niece and the environmental group, RESTORE, and  
5 RESTORE stands for Restore Explicit Symmetry to our Ravaged  
6 Earth. We formed that back in 1974 and we have filed other  
7 things with FERC and DEQ, Corps of Engineers, everybody all  
8 through the years.

9                   The first concept that I'd like to address is  
10 the concept of necessity. That was the one of the things  
11 that the information online says is on the agenda for  
12 scoping. And as far as necessity, this project, in my  
13 opinion, is not necessary. And the main proof of that is  
14 FERC itself. FERC has already given permits to Golden Pass,  
15 Trunkline, Cheniere. All of whom certified to FERC and FERC  
16 agreed with them that they had sufficient gas supply  
17 contracts and systems set up.

18                  I realize there's another contract involved with  
19 Golden Pass and this company, but that time-wise came after  
20 the Golden Pass certification that had already had a gas  
21 supply. So, as far as being a necessity for Golden Pass, I  
22 don't think so. And if necessity is required, then this  
23 project is not necessary.

24                  The next concept is cultural resources. There  
25 is a very important regional tradition that has been ignored

1 by, not just FERC, but everybody -- DEQ, Corps of Engineers,  
2 EPA -- and that is the concept of baptisms in surface  
3 streams. For years, in fact, even still today sometimes the  
4 churches -- the rural churches utilize the creeks for  
5 immersion baptism. It's part of the culture; especially,  
6 the Pentecostals. They sometimes, like at the Longville  
7 Church, they did a brush arbor to emphasis to the new  
8 generation what their ancestors had done to worship the  
9 Creator.

10           The immersion baptism is something that is part  
11 of rigid doctrines. It's different from Catholics. I was  
12 raised Catholic and the baptisms are sort of like -- they  
13 call them "sprinkle." The Pentecostals call that sprinkling  
14 and they say that's not biblical and that they must immerse  
15 and so they need a creek, a clean creek. And what's been  
16 happening in, for instance, Anacoco Creek, which had a lot  
17 of baptism, got turned black by the paper mill runoff and  
18 now Anacoco now irritates people's skin, so they can't use  
19 it for baptisms.

20           That's the kind of loss of tradition and  
21 heritage that could be avoided in places that this pipeline  
22 may cross, like Hoosier Creek, which is where my ancestors  
23 had a big place and Hoosier Creek -- the old Cagle Estate  
24 most of the people -- the Cagles, the Henningans, the  
25 Neelys, all those people used that Hoosier Creek and Trout

1 Creek just to the north for baptisms.

2           Hoosier Creek is still a beautiful little creek,  
3 clear water, beautiful surrounding bottom land, hardwood.  
4 It's just a beautiful place. And to think that just a  
5 stream in the watershed is going to be a major construction  
6 project with mud running off is disturbing.

7           As far as cousins and everybody getting  
8 baptized, there is a new generation coming, but most  
9 everybody has already been baptized, so it's going to be the  
10 kids of the new generations that don't get to follow their  
11 ancestors' traditions if the creeks are all ruined. And  
12 that's the kind of cultural resource that gets left out of  
13 these documents and regulations, I guess, enforcement.

14           The environmental degradation is like  
15 interference with migrations and loss of habitat. Those  
16 things I see developing here in this project the way that  
17 I've seen them develop in other FERC projects or the  
18 projects that FERC regulates. What's interesting is that  
19 some of the applicants take it seriously and do a good job  
20 and some do not. Some are very slipshod and arrogant and  
21 dismissive and other applicants take it seriously and do a  
22 good job, even though the project itself might have its  
23 problems, like the LNG projects. Where it's Venture Global  
24 in Cameron or whether it's Driftwood in Carlyss, they both  
25 have a big problem with if there's a fire people are going

1 to get burned at a distance from the plant.

2           But Venture Global, on the environmental side,  
3 did a really job on its environmental impact statement,  
4 whereas, Driftwood was very dismissive, so I see  
5 differences. And in this one it hasn't progressed far  
6 enough that I can tell whether or not this company is  
7 seriously going to address environmental things or not, but  
8 I guess that's why scoping meetings happen is so that we  
9 say things like I hope that they take it more seriously like  
10 Venture Global did rather than the way that Driftwood did.

11           There is a concept that has not been covered by  
12 anybody in any of the Environmental Impact Statements and  
13 it's something that I call silent noise. Animals can hear  
14 things that humans cannot hear and some of them hear things  
15 very well that we cannot hear. I would like for somebody to  
16 check the silent noise at an existing pipeline that will be  
17 at the same depth or near the same depth as this proposed  
18 pipeline just to see whether or not there are frequencies  
19 audible, below our hearing threshold and above our hearing  
20 threshold, audible to animals.

21           And my dog, for instance, hears things that I  
22 don't hear. I mean he hears them and it disturbs him at  
23 times or he reacts or he goes after it, whatever it is, and  
24 I'm sitting there wondering what is he after and what is he  
25 reacting to and then maybe I will hear something. So, if

1 there are noises that we cannot hear, silent noises, those  
2 need to be considered when determining whether or not a  
3 pipeline is going to have adverse effects on the ecosystem.

4           If millions of cubic feet of gas are rushing  
5 through a pipeline, likely, if it were on the surface even  
6 humans might be able to hear it. I don't know. I've never  
7 been next to a pipeline that was on the surface. I know I  
8 don't hear the ones that are underground, but that doesn't  
9 mean that animals don't hear it and that the animals might  
10 have to move away, stay back, and any kind of disruption of  
11 their zones can have cascading effects. If they get  
12 displaced into some other individual's territory, both of  
13 them suffer.

14           Now, I don't know that that's happening because  
15 it's a silent noise, but it needs to be checked and maybe  
16 this will be the first in the world to get checked, but  
17 there always has to be a first, so I'm asking for silent  
18 noise checking and find out what it does.

19           I mentioned in the thing here you know there are  
20 questions like what frequencies dominant under what  
21 conditions and I think it's an area that needs to be  
22 researched. It should take a lot of time. It shouldn't  
23 take a lot of expense. I would imagine there are decibel  
24 meters that are used in industry and government that can  
25 hear what we can't hear. I know that submarine science has

1 developed all sorts of things to track frequencies under  
2 water, so surely there are some that can check this.

3           My cousins' parcels, which I was talking to the  
4 Enable people in the other room, some are along Hoosier  
5 Creek and page 72 of the PDF for that document which is a  
6 No. 10 report. I'd better get the right name for it. It's  
7 Draft Resource Report No. 10 on alternatives. Page 72 is  
8 the map which does not have enough resolution for me to be  
9 certain exactly where the pipeline crosses, but it is in the  
10 Hoosier Creek Watershed very near the Old Cagle Family  
11 Estate, which has been split up and so my cousins and I and  
12 nephew and niece have parcels there and all of us would not  
13 like to see Hoosier Creek muddied up or otherwise changed or  
14 damaged, silted. I mean there are all sorts of things that  
15 could happen if there's a construction nearby, even if it's  
16 upstream.

17           A different parcel belongs to my cousin,  
18 Jennifer Bauer, who lives near DeRidder on Bubba Loftin Road  
19 and she has been contacted by the Enable Gulf Run Land  
20 people. She has spent a while, several years, looking for  
21 her dream place out in the country and she finally found it  
22 and then came a land man and said they want to put a  
23 pipeline right through her place and she's very upset  
24 because that would damage her trees and her berry patches  
25 and her other things that she's been looking forward to

1 working with. And she's in Texas this evening. She asked  
2 me to speak for her, but she would not like a pipeline  
3 damaging her place after this all this time of wanting to  
4 find such a place.

5           There are other people that appear -- their  
6 properties appear to be along either the main line route  
7 headed down towards Starks or the branch that goes towards  
8 Gillis. The maps are not of such resolution that I can tell  
9 for sure which of these people that I know might be actually  
10 in the same situation as Jennifer.

11           I wanted to look at the Appendix 1(E) Affected  
12 Landowners to see if any of those were in the list and that  
13 Appendix has a caption that says "Contains privileged  
14 information. Do not release. Filed under separate cover"  
15 and so I couldn't double check and see or I would've gone  
16 and talked to some of them and said do you go along with  
17 this, okay, or do you have any concerns I could speak -- a  
18 lot of people just don't like to come speak at meetings.  
19 They don't like to get involved is the phrase they use and  
20 they do tell me thanks for going, thanks for saying  
21 something.

22           So, it's not that I butt in. It's I don't do  
23 something unless I'm invited, but some of them say, yeah,  
24 would you please speak up about a certain thing, like, for  
25 instance, the LNG plants. I've had people ask me to speak

1 up about them and I do.

2                   So, I could not find all the people that I  
3 wanted to find to see if they would either come to the  
4 meeting or tell me what to say or not to say. Some of them  
5 might've said, oh, man, we love it. Don't mess me up.  
6 Well, if that's what they wanted me to say, I'll say it, but  
7 I don't know.

8                   I did send an email to one set -- well, actually  
9 two and told them about this, but I didn't get that email  
10 sent until yesterday, so I don't know if they've even gotten  
11 that yet.

12                   Alright, those are my comments for this project.  
13 And I've given you a written copy, which I'll fill out the  
14 top sheet and that should cover everything for now, although  
15 I wish the maps were better resolution.

16                   MS. ELLIS: Good afternoon. Thank you for the  
17 opportunity to address the Commission. My name is Teresa  
18 Ellis Chance and my property is a part of the Beauregard  
19 Parrish, property that the Enable Gulf Run Pipeline --  
20 proposed pipeline -- alternative pipeline is actually --  
21 they call it a "lateral." My property would be diagonally  
22 crossed as a lateral pipeline.

23                   I have filed written comments with your --  
24 they're found in your E-library. And this evening I would  
25 just like to add at this public meeting a couple of other

1 statements.

2           One, I did not include in my explanation to  
3 FERC. In looking at your guidelines and regulations, you  
4 speak to using easements of pipelines that already exist and  
5 trying to parallel those pipelines. You also, though, speak  
6 to roadways and railroad easements as other options. And in  
7 my situation, on the west side of my property where my  
8 property boundary parallels Jordan Deville Road, where I'm  
9 requesting that the pipeline turn south that railroad  
10 easement actually is adjacent to my property -- my west  
11 most property line.

12           So, kind of following the FERC idea of running  
13 along a person's edge of their property lines versus  
14 diagonally cutting across my property, I would ask you to  
15 consider that they move the property that they plan to use  
16 for their pipeline that it is moved westward and run along  
17 the side, the boundary of my west property line. I would  
18 appreciate that consideration.

19           And the other consideration this evening that I  
20 wanted to add or just reiterate is the footprint diagonally  
21 I feel like is much larger. It is really inclusive of that  
22 rectangle that the diagonal runs through. And so what  
23 happens is you lose a much greater piece of property versus  
24 just -- on paper it shows to be, say, 50-foot wide and in my  
25 case it would be 637 1/2 feet, a diagonal cut across, which

1 comes out to about three-quarters of an acres in terms of  
2 loss of property.

3           In our area every square foot is very valuable  
4 and so I would appreciate your consideration of asking them  
5 to move the pipeline to the west side of my property and for  
6 it to run north/south once it makes their turn on the west  
7 side of the road, which they already are coming west to  
8 east. Instead of crossing the road, make a south turn and  
9 run then along the easement for the right-of-way for the  
10 railroad, which is abandoned.

11           There is a property owner on my south side. And  
12 then once you get passed his property there are no other  
13 residences for several acres and so it would be feasible, as  
14 far as I'm concerned, very easy for them turn and run the  
15 railroad easement. And then at some point further south  
16 make their turn south and then pick up the old pipeline  
17 easements which run through just nonresidential areas.

18           I'm hesitant to put this on the record, but I  
19 will. One of the gentlemen from Enable Gulf Run questioned  
20 if they absolutely felt that they needed to run along the  
21 existing abandoned pipeline area that crosses my property  
22 would it benefit me more for them to be on the west,  
23 southwest, or diagonal versus east, southeast diagonal. And  
24 it would definitely be a positive if they would go ahead and  
25 run easterly to where they would be land on the east most

1 side of the existing pipeline right-of-ways versus the west  
2 side.

3 I think that is the main thing. I do appreciate  
4 the opportunity to speak to the Commission and I appreciate  
5 you acknowledging the landowners and our concerns. The  
6 documents that are in the E-library, the Ms. Yoho -- Lisa  
7 Yoho out of Houston in one of her letters she acknowledges  
8 that they have already, in working with landowners, made 40  
9 adjustments to the initial route. And I told the young man  
10 here this evening that I would like for them to make 41 and  
11 move the pipeline to accommodate my request also, but I  
12 understand.

13 I was appreciative in her last correspondence,  
14 which I read to be a monthly update, she actually  
15 acknowledged that there was a landowner who had made a  
16 request that the pipeline be turned south on the abandoned  
17 railroad versus crossing her property diagonally and since  
18 that was me I was really tickled to see that she had  
19 acknowledged and that someone was paying attention to my  
20 request. So, I thank you for your time. I hope I haven't  
21 rambled too much, but I sincerely appreciate you considering  
22 my request. Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)

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## 1 CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER

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3 This is to certify that the attached proceeding  
4 before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the  
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17 were held as herein appears, and that this is the original  
18 transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy  
19 Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription  
20 of the proceedings.

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24 Official Reporter

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