

1 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY  
2 COMMISSION  
3 PORT ARTHUR LOUISIANA CONNECTOR PROJECT  
4 PF17-5-000  
5 SCOPING MEETING  
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7 2048 JOHNSON HIGHWAY  
8 EUNICE, LA 70535  
9 Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. FONTENOT: My name is Gerald J. Fontenot.  
3 Spell my name as G-e-r-a-l-d J. Fontenot, F-o-n-t-e-n-o-t.  
4 I own property that is designated as Parcel EVA-065. My  
5 concern is that it is complete woodland they are going to  
6 be crossing the property.

7 Right now there is a right-of-way for another  
8 line that's designated as Texas Eastern -- has an existing  
9 line crossing the property from east to west, west to east  
10 and there is a right-of-way and they cleared the trees on  
11 that right-of-way.

12 And this line is going to add another portion of  
13 right-of-way, permanently say 50 feet wide and it is a 40  
14 acre tract so it is roughly 1,320 feet long. So the  
15 permanent right-of-way will consist of about an acre and a  
16 half that they are going to remove and prevent trees from  
17 growing again completely.

18 That's approximately what I have now and that's  
19 what they are going to add on to. So we are going to go  
20 from a 50 foot right-of-way to a hundred foot right-of-way  
21 permanent, 50 feet just with this pipeline.

22 Temporary right-of-way is 125 feet wide by the  
23 same quarter mile long which consists of roughly 3.8 acres  
24 of land that they are going to clear trees on. Now trees  
25 will be able to grow on all but the 50 feet later on but

1 that takes years for that to happen.

2           The trees that are there have been there for  
3 many, many years. I don't know how many years to tell you  
4 the truth. And then they are going to be crossing the  
5 bayou, they come on the eastern end of my property and they  
6 said they need 150 feet about 300 foot work area to drill  
7 horizontal drill, directional drill. And that's over an  
8 acre just by itself of destruction.

9           My concern is that you are going through an area  
10 -- one that is woodland and this pipeline right-of-way is  
11 going to remove the woodland from commerce. All we are  
12 going to have is grass from that point on. I can't ever  
13 grow trees on it again until the pipeline is removed.

14           Temporarily it is going to remove some of the  
15 land, remove the trees and remove the productivity of the  
16 land for many years to come until the trees grow back.  
17 This is primarily a hardwood area, it is a low-land --  
18 that's another consideration is that these are -- this is  
19 all low area.

20           I don't know what the wetlands part is, I don't  
21 have any idea. But when you are crossing a bayou you are  
22 talking about close to wetlands and flooding areas and that  
23 kind of stuff so there are many concerns, but my primary  
24 concern is that they are taking an acre and a half  
25 permanent out of commerce all together, affecting the

1 environment.

2           The land is not going to be worth anything after  
3 this pipeline runs through -- I mean that portion of the  
4 land, the right-of-way portion. Now the commerce is trees.  
5 After that there is nothing hunting maybe, that's about the  
6 only thing you will be able to do on it.

7           So that's what my comment is basically concerning  
8 is the commerce of the property that is being crossed. Is  
9 there another alternative? I understand that they are  
10 paralleling this Texas Eastern line for a great distance  
11 and that makes it possibly easy for the pipeline people or  
12 the right-of-way people or whatever it is, but it sure puts  
13 a burden on the land owners.

14           You know once the corridor is established they  
15 will want to tend to follow the same corridor and that's  
16 putting burdens on particular land owners and I feel that  
17 it's not being fair to us once we have something. I don't  
18 want any more actually.

19           It's good to have the pipeline I guess for  
20 commerce but it is also good to have trees for commerce, so  
21 where is the balance? That's about all I have I guess for  
22 now.

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24           (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)

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Docket No: PF17-5-000

Place: Eunice, LA

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

were held as herein appears, and that this is the original  
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Gaynell Catherine

Official Reporter