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NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF

Case 99-T-1814 - Application of Hudson Valley Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of a natural gas pipeline, approximately 4.2 miles of 24 inch pipeline, in the Towns of Haverstraw and Clarkstown and the Village of West Haverstraw, Rockland County.

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING  
held at the Haverstraw Town Hall, 1 Rosman Road, Haverstraw, New York, on Thursday, the 22nd of February, 2001, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

Gerald L. Lynch,  
Administrative Law Judge

Jacqueline Padilla, CSR

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2 JUDGE LYNCH: Good afternoon,  
3 everyone. We are past the point of time.  
4 I've actually been paying attention to  
5 whether there are people that want to  
6 speak, and so far we have one.

7 This is a Public Hearing in Public  
8 Service Commission Case 99-T-1814. It  
9 involves an original application by  
10 Southern Energy Bowline to construct a 4.2  
11 mile fuel gas transmission line from the  
12 Buena Vista Gas Measuring Station in the  
13 Town of Clarkstown, to a point at or near  
14 Bowline Point in the Town of Haverstraw.

15 On January 12, 2001 Hudson Valley Gas  
16 Corporation was substituted as the  
17 Applicant.

18 This Hearing is being held under  
19 Public Service Law 121-A pursuant to a  
20 Commission Order issued January 31, 2001,  
21 and a Notice issued February 2, 2001.

22 I have been provided with Affidavits  
23 of Publication that comply with the  
24 request that was made of the Applicant.  
25 Notice of the Hearing was published in the

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2 Rockland County Times, the Rockland  
3 Review, and the Journal News. And those  
4 Affidavits will be filed in the public  
5 file at the Public Service Commission.

6 The process is quite simple; anyone  
7 who wishes to speak can come up and sign a  
8 card. Please focus your comments on  
9 whether and how the proposed line should  
10 be built or identifying any other concerns  
11 you would like to address before the  
12 Commission makes a decision.

13 Only persons who sign will be  
14 called. And persons who want to comment  
15 but don't want to speak can write, and you  
16 can get the address from me. Any such  
17 letters should be submitted by  
18 February 28th.

19 At this point we have only one  
20 speaker that signed up. My plan is to  
21 take Mr. Ernest D'Onofrio, --

22 MR. D'ONOFRIO: Yes.

23 JUDGE LYNCH: -- of Local 373, and  
24 following that we'll recess until there  
25 are other speakers or 2:00, whichever

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2 comes first.

3 Are there any questions about the  
4 process?

5 (No response given.)

6 JUDGE LYNCH: Let the record show  
7 there are none.

8 Mr. D'Onofrio, would you come up,  
9 please.

10 MR. D'ONOFRIO: Okay.

11 JUDGE LYNCH: Take the microphone.

12 MR. D'ONOFRIO: Hello, ladies and  
13 gentlemen.

14 I represent Local 373, Plumbers and  
15 Pipe Fitters that have jurisdiction over  
16 Rockland County. I'd like to say  
17 something about the gas line. It's a much  
18 needed gas line that goes from Buena Vista  
19 to the property of Mirant or Southern, and  
20 it is definitely needed, not only for --  
21 for Bowline III, but it's also needed for  
22 the conversion I think of Unit either I or  
23 II, whatever it may be. It has to be --  
24 it's needed because it has to be for  
25 efficiency, and it's all done safely and

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2 all above -- all above board. And there's  
3 nothing really to panic about. And it's  
4 necessary for the -- for Southern to  
5 expand.

6 Thank you very much.

7 JUDGE LYNCH: Thank you.

8 MR. D'ONOFRIO: You're welcome.

9 JUDGE LYNCH: Am I correct; is there  
10 anyone else in the room that wants to make  
11 a statement?

12 (No response given.)

13 JUDGE LYNCH: Okay. Hearing none,  
14 we're in recess, and we will come back at  
15 any point if anyone comes into the room  
16 that wants to make a statement. Thank  
17 you.

18 (After a recess, the Hearing  
19 continued as follows:)

20 JUDGE LYNCH: It's now 2:00 p.m. or  
21 actually a couple minutes after.

22 Are there any other members of the  
23 public or anyone else that would like to  
24 make a statement?

25 (No response given.)

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JUDGE LYNCH: Okay. Let the record show, there was no response. And the Hearing is adjourned until 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Avenue.

Thank you very much.

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