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2 STATE OF NEW YORK

3 OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING

4 ORES DOCKET NO. 22-00024 - Draft Permit for a
5 Major Renewable Energy Facility in Town of Burns,
6 Allegany County, issued to Moraine Solar Energy
7 Center, L.L.C., November 14, 2022

8 PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

9 DATE: January 18, 2023 at 6:07 p.m.

10 LOCATION: American Legion

11 83 West Main Street

12 Canaseraga, New York 14822

13 BEFORE: A.L.J. HENRY JAMES JOSEPH

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22 Reported by Annette Lainson
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2 (The hearing commenced at 6:07 p.m.)

3 A.L.J. JOSEPH: The time is now six o
4 seven p.m. Good evening. My name is Henry James
5 Joseph, I am an administrative law judge with the
6 Office -- New York State's Office of Renewable Energy
7 Siting in the Office of Hearings presiding over this
8 evening's public comment hearing which, for the
9 record, is being held on Wednesday, January 18th,
10 2023 at the American Legion, 83 West Main Street,
11 Canaseraga, New York 14822.

12 Sitting to my left is Administrative
13 Law Judge Dawn MacKillop-Soller and on -- to my left
14 also is the official reporter for tonight's hearing.
15 She is recording the hearing and will transcribe
16 these proceedings that will be posted on our website
17 when they become available. If the reporter has a
18 problem with the recording device at some point, she
19 will tell you to stop speaking and you should do
20 that. We want to make sure your entire comment is
21 recorded.

22 I'd like to thank the members of the
23 ORES staff who are here tonight to help us set up and
24 provide you with the materials. If you have
25 questions about accessing the website, filing

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2 comments or the application, they can help you with
3 those questions. We have with us also today,
4 representatives from E.D.F. Renewables Development,
5 the developer of the Moraine Solar Energy Center.
6 They are available to discuss questions you have
7 about the project.

8 The ORES Office of Hearings in which
9 the administrative law judges, such as myself, work
10 is an independent and impartial body responsible for
11 conducting hearings such as this one related to
12 permit applications. The Office of Hearings is
13 separate from the rest of the staff at ORES. The
14 purpose of this hearing is to solicit public input
15 and comment on the application of Moraine Solar
16 Energy Center, L.L.C. for a major renewable energy
17 facility siting permit which will allow them to
18 build, operate and decommission a ninety-four
19 megawatt solar energy facility located here in the
20 Town of Burns, Alleghany County.

21 Judge MacKillop-Soller and I are not
22 deciding tonight if the permit should be granted or
23 not. We are here tonight to hear from you. It is
24 important that you know this is not the beginning of
25 the process. E.D.F. Renewables met with your town

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2 officials even before their application was filed.
3 The Moraine Solar Energy Center must be designed to
4 avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts to the
5 environment. Copies of the application and all other
6 documents, including the draft siting permit, are
7 available on our website and I encourage you to
8 examine them. For your convenience, the web address
9 for this project is on the information sheet that was
10 passed out at the registration table. If you did not
11 get a copy, please obtain one before you leave today.
12 There you can see all the materials that have been
13 filed. You can also submit written comments there.

14 A legal notice about the availability
15 of the draft permit conditions, public comments and
16 this hearing and related information was published on
17 our website on November 14th, 2022. A second,
18 corrected notice was published on November 29th,
19 2022. The corrected notice was also published in the
20 Wellsville Sun on December 1st, 2022 and in The
21 Spectator on December 2nd, 2022. The corrected notice
22 was also served by mail on all parties to the
23 proceeding and all other persons entitled to receive
24 a copy, including all residents living within one
25 mile of the proposed project.

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2 Your statements today and any written
3 comments you submit will be read, categorized and
4 summarized. We take your written comments seriously.
5 There may be something you want us to know that no
6 one has told us. There might be something important
7 that you want us to consider. We can order a fact-
8 finding hearing based on something we hear from one
9 of you tonight. The issue must be what we call
10 substantive and significant, which we mean in a very,
11 specific legal sense and for more information on what
12 that means, you can see all the regulations on the
13 website using the address in the information sheet.

14 Ladies and gentleman, this is an
15 official government hearing and it will be conducted
16 that way. My duties and powers as a judge are set by
17 statute and regulations. One of those duties and
18 responsibilities is to conduct this hearing with
19 fairness to all who came, whether for the project or
20 against it. I have no position for or against, I'm
21 here to be impartial and to guarantee that the public
22 is heard, all sides. I would ask at this time that
23 all present respect those making a public comment by
24 not speaking over anyone who is at the microphone.

25 When your name's called, please come

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2 up to the microphone, state your name and please
3 spell it. If you are speaking on behalf of someone
4 or some group of people, identify who it is -- whom
5 it is you are representing. Please then give your
6 statement, which should be based on important facts
7 and issues about this project that you need to bring
8 to our attention. We will not be answering any
9 questions tonight because we, as the judges, are here
10 to hear from you. This is your opportunity to speak
11 directly to the agency and we take that seriously.

12 Even if you make a comment tonight,
13 you can still submit additional written comments by
14 five p.m. tomorrow, January 19th, 2023, using the
15 links provided in the information sheet. If you want
16 to send them by regular mail, our mailing address is
17 also on the sheet and you must mail them by five p.m.
18 tomorrow. Please be sure to say clearly what project
19 your comment is about. If you brought your written
20 comments tonight, one of our staff members will be
21 happy to take them from you and submit it. You may
22 submit -- submit written comments even if you speak
23 tonight.

24 I will now start calling on the
25 registered speakers. Again, when I call your name,

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2 please come up to the microphone, state and spell
3 your name and your address. When you make your
4 statement, please speak loudly, slowly and clearly so
5 the reporter can record everything. If I call your
6 name to speak and you no longer wish to make a
7 comment, please let me know that you do not wish to.
8 If I mispronounce your name, I apologize. Our first
9 speaker is James Neary.

10 MR. NEARY: James Neary, J-A-M-E-S
11 N-E-A-R-Y.

12 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Mr. Neary, I'm not
13 sure the microphone is picking you up, sorry to
14 interrupt.

15 MR. NEARY: Okay, well -- there we go.
16 James Neary, J-A-M-E-S N-E-A-R-Y.

17 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Go ahead, sir.

18 MR. NEARY: I have some concerns about
19 the solar project. Much of the solar project next to
20 my property on County Route 13 is being built on
21 wetlands. There are three manmade diversion ditches
22 coming across the hill, they're not natural streams,
23 they're manmade diversion ditches and they all drain
24 onto my property without my permission. And E.D.F.
25 says, according to their maps now too, that where

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2 they come onto my property, it becomes a protected
3 trout stream where they converge on my property. But
4 I looked on the New York State Environmental maps and
5 it does not show that.

6 The discharging of this ditch on my
7 property now is more than a ditch can handle and it's
8 already erosion, I'm concerned about more water
9 coming into that ditch -- those ditches. And I -- I
10 have the spring a hundred feet from the property line
11 that's a little bit higher than the solar arrays, but
12 I'm afraid of damages from the pile driving and what
13 they might do at a later date further up on the
14 property.

15 And my last thing is, I'm concerned it
16 will have a negative effect on my property values,
17 I'm right on the line. Thank you.

18 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you, sir.
19 Thomas Lippert.

20 MR. LIPPERT: Good evening. My name's
21 Thomas Lippert, T-H-O-M-A-S, L-I-P-P-E-R-T and I'm a
22 business agent from the Labor's Local 621 and I
23 represent local laborers from Alleghany County along
24 with Catt (phonetic spelling) County and Chautauqua
25 County.

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2 I'm here to advocate for the Moraine
3 Solar Project under the development of E.D.F.
4 Renewables. We here at the Local Union understand
5 the importance of projects like this when they --
6 when they come into our area and the benefits that
7 the Local 621 Laborers receive when -- when they're
8 able to work on sustainable jobs in the area they
9 live. It helps them maintain their health insurance,
10 you know, grow their families, grow their pensions,
11 increase their annuities, travel less, spend more
12 time at home.

13 Jobs like this allow us to -- our
14 Union to grow, our membership, employ future members
15 from the area, provide opportunities. Working for
16 young people to join, we offer apprenticeships that
17 we'd like to increase. You know, working with
18 companies like E.D.F. has -- has been really nice,
19 they're -- they're willing partners to grow their
20 company in leadership and I know they're looking for
21 future workers and leaders by recruiting. They're
22 recruiting right out of the universities like Alfred
23 State along with working with us, the Local Labor
24 Union, to help secure work for our community members,
25 it's -- it's truly a blessing.

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2 I know not all the community is in
3 support of this project and many like this one, but
4 the work -- the work is here, you know, and the
5 opportunity to grow is -- is now and I respect the
6 choices, I truly do. I respect the choices of all
7 the -- of all the communities either for or against
8 this project, but if the work is going to be
9 approved, we want to continue to work with companies
10 like E.D.F., who advocate to keep the local laborers
11 employed and other local trade unions working right
12 where they live. I -- I truly appreciate the
13 opportunity to speak tonight on behalf of the
14 Laborer's Union and I'm proud to represent and
15 advocate for my fellow brother and sisters in the
16 union hall. Thanks again.

17 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you, sir.
18 Carmen Serrett.

19 MR. SERRETT: Good evening. My name's
20 Carmen Serrett, C-A-R-M-E-N S-E-R-R-E-T-T. I'm here
21 to talk about the Moraine Solar Project and the
22 support of it. I am a union organizer that acquires
23 man hours for Local 621 members in this area and
24 that's why I'm here to support the project, not only
25 because it acquires member's man hours, but also

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2 because it's renewable energy.

3 New York needs renewable energy, it's
4 the future and not -- not -- another thing is, I just
5 want to get this off, is -- is, a lot of people are
6 worried about solar panels and think that they're
7 dangerous. I -- I have them on the roof of my house,
8 six feet above my daughter's bed. They're not
9 dangerous, depending on the area, but at the same
10 time, the -- the project itself is going to acquire a
11 lot of man hours for Local 621. These -- these men
12 and women, they need these projects, that's how they
13 get food on their table, that's how they increase
14 their pensions, welfares and also E.D.F. has -- has
15 also agreed to use local people. So if local people
16 are going to be doing this, it's -- it's a win-win
17 for everybody.

18 I understand there's pros and cons to
19 everything, but I do believe that the pros highly
20 outweigh the cons in this situation. And I do think
21 the -- the members of Local 621 also, the hundreds of
22 them, are looking forward to it. So hopefully we can
23 get this project moving forward quicker than we --
24 than we anticipated. Thank you.

25 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you, sir. Lynn

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2 Vosburg.

3 MS. VOSBURG: It's Lynn, Vosburg is V-
4 O-S-B-U-R-G. I just want to say that I'm -- don't
5 know a whole lot about the project, but I have a lot
6 of concerns in where I live. Having to look at them,
7 my property value, the -- the animals, people who
8 deer hunt, what it's going to do to that and that's
9 what I'm worried about and I don't see any benefit to
10 me as a homeowner for this project. Thank you.

11 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you. Katherine
12 Morrison.

13 MS. MORRISON: Hi. Good evening. My
14 name is -- I go by Katie Morrison, M-O-R-R-I-S-O-N,
15 I'm a local resident and homemaker, farmer, my fiancé
16 is a third-generation farm -- farmer on his family
17 farm, we have two small children, they're three and
18 five right now. So I know that there's a lot of --
19 I've heard people speak so far and there's, you know,
20 people talk about the local effects of this,
21 obviously, which is probably the number one concern
22 in everyone's mind. But something that I was looking
23 up when I was researching solar energy in general the
24 past couple days was about the -- the process from
25 start to finish for these panels themselves, the

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2 components of them, how those are sourced, the mining
3 practices, the manufacturing practices and processes,
4 the emissions that are a result of that themselves.

5 So I did ask one of the, I think, team
6 members on the project themselves, which type of
7 panel these were and whether they were the
8 monocrystalline or polycrystalline and he did say
9 they were polycrystalline, which they're both made of
10 silicon cells, but they're produced differently from
11 what I understand. The polycrystalline solar cells
12 involve melting the silicon crystals together, which
13 requires less energy and thus produces less emissions
14 versus the mono which produce -- they're the most
15 efficient, but they produce the highest emissions.

16 The process themselves starts with a
17 rock quartz, it's refined in a silicon, industrial
18 furnaces that emit carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide.
19 It must then be further refined into polysilicon,
20 producing silicon tetracycla -- excuse me,
21 tetrachloride, a highly toxic compound. When
22 combined with water, this produces hydrochloric acid.
23 The act of producing one ton of polysilicon leads to
24 three to four tons of this tetracycla --
25 tetrachloride waste.

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2 So solar panels or solar in general,
3 produces three hundred times more toxic -- toxic
4 waste per unit of energy than nuclear and that's
5 according to Berkley. China leads the land producing
6 solar wafer, solar cells, solar modules, two-thirds
7 of the world's supply of polycycla -- silicone,
8 excuse me, was produced in China. And that's one of
9 the things that's concerning to me as sourcing these
10 components from China, which we hear a lot about them
11 in the news now, but for many years we've had issues
12 with China. In fact, a few years ago, I believe it
13 was under the Trump administration, they -- let me
14 just find my note here -- they did restrict imports
15 from the province -- and I'm probably going to
16 pronounce this wrong, Xinjiang (phonetic spelling)
17 which you might have heard on the news about the
18 concentration camps in that province, in that area of
19 China, where there are forced labor. It's considered
20 the largest mass internment of an ethnic, religious
21 minority group since World War II, where there are
22 forced abortions, sterilization, labor, torture,
23 starvation, overcrowding, solitary confinement and
24 with COVID, of course, being -- people being in such
25 close quarters, there are a lot of people becoming

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2 very sick and dying from that as well.

3 So back to the silicon, so it's
4 sourced in different parts of the world -- sorry, I'm
5 just going to find my notes here -- but the top ten
6 producers, there's ten of them really that -- there
7 used to only be a few, now there's ten -- seven out
8 of ten of those are in China, five out of those seven
9 are in that province. So I'd be curious to know
10 where the silicon is being sourced for these specific
11 panels for obviously -- for obvious reasons.

12 And I know that there are locals that
13 are concerned about the local environmental impacts
14 and I'm -- and I've heard mixed things about that,
15 that the rain water will leach these chemicals that
16 are in the -- the components of the panels
17 themselves, into the soil and water, rendering that
18 soil useless when decommission does happen. What I
19 try to wrap my head around and I cannot find good
20 information on is -- or transparent information
21 anywhere really -- is the -- the total emissions in
22 the production of even just one panel because there
23 is fossil fuels that are used to mine these raw
24 materials. They're also used in the manufacturing of
25 or process that produces some of these materials and

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2 -- which includes coal which is why China is able to
3 produce these so cheaply as opposed to the rest of
4 the work is because we do have more environmental
5 regulations than they do, they're more strict.

6 And it just doesn't make sense to me
7 that we want clean renewable energy here, but we're
8 utilizing processes and -- that are not clean and
9 renewable from start to finish and the cost of
10 recycling these panels is so -- ten to fifteen times
11 more than is disposing them, from what I understand.
12 But the -- even when they go to decommission these
13 and find someplace to put them in, a landfill,
14 they're going to end up in places, from what I
15 understand, like third world countries that have
16 loosely regulated landfills because we won't --
17 they're not allowed to go in landfills here. So I
18 guess that's the end of my comment.

19 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you very much.

20 MS. MORRISON: Yup.

21 A.L.J. JOSEPH: I'm going to apologize
22 in advance, I -- I'm not sure I can read this
23 handwriting. Bowers, is there a --

24 MR. BOWERS: I'll pass.

25 A.L.J. JOSEPH: You'll pass? All

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2 right. Thank you, sir. VanName, it looks like
3 VanName.

4 MR. VANNAME: Yes sir.

5 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Yes sir.

6 MR. VANNAME: My -- I'm Ryan VanName,
7 but I also go as Rye. I'm neither for or against
8 anything, I'm just here in the land of opportunity
9 and money. I have a few folks out there who knows a
10 few things that have gone out about maintaining it.
11 Will the landowner be ... to maintaining or will it
12 be subbed outwards? And the washing of said panels
13 because of the dust that will accumulate around here,
14 we do have pollen that sticks onto things pretty good
15 and they will be less kinetic to make the energy
16 transfer, I believe.

17 So would that be washing so -- with
18 the gentleman that was with the wetlands concerned,
19 the -- what you will be using to wash off the panels
20 will have to be neutralized or at least, I don't
21 know, disinfectant that won't hurt the land, but will
22 also be able to take care of that water because now
23 you're accessing thirty acres over currently ... I
24 don't know, like thirty thousand gallons if not, so.
25 So there would be -- I'm sorry, I'm talking loud or

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2 too fast.

3 Let's see, I guess you can't really
4 answer any of these questions that I have at the
5 moment here, so, yeah, that would be it.

6 A.L.J. JOSEPH: All right, sir.

7 MR. VANNAME: Thank you.

8 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you very much.

9 Kim Pierce.

10 MS. PIERCE: Hi. My name is Kim, I --
11 my full name is Kimberly, but I go by Kim, Pierce, P-
12 I-E-R-C-E and I'm here about the Moraine Solar Energy
13 Project as a concerned citizen, but a very happy one
14 too because change is always good. Projects are good
15 growth and I guess, like, there's already been so
16 many concerns out there that have been great points
17 to look at, especially making sure, like, their
18 efficiency goes good and the maintenance and
19 everything else. Keeping the jobs local was a big
20 concern and I guess concern would be a mislabel, it's
21 a want, you know, respect for the area that you're
22 in, to want to try and have the community that the
23 project is going to inhabit to coexist in the
24 environment with everyone else that it's in so
25 everyone can get what they want and feel safe and

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2 supported at the same time.

3 So I guess, yeah, for concerns it
4 would be, like, the home values, the benefits. As
5 far as maintenance, I have heard different energy
6 projects like wind power and solar power have
7 different efficiencies, sometimes, like, the ninety-
8 four megawatt is at full capacity, I guess, would be
9 one of the questions depending on how much it can
10 get. If it's clean all the time, perfect, that's
11 awesome, that way you can get the most amount of
12 energy that it says it can produce, opposed to in the
13 winter months or depending on what directions it's
14 at, maybe if it's going to be shafted energy. And
15 then along with that, how much of the ninety-four
16 megawatts is actually going to maybe help benefit the
17 local community, if that's a possibility or is it all
18 going to be shipped out.

19 I know one of the concerns -- sorry, I
20 have so much. One of the other concerns or I guess
21 communicative things that was trying to be talked
22 about, depending on the land, if they are contracts
23 that are here on American soil, the outsourcing for
24 foreign projects. If there is a possibility, it
25 would be nice to have a guarantee, maybe, that the

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2 contractors that are being dealt with would be local
3 or at least American contract companies so we
4 wouldn't have something that we would build here in
5 America and then have it bought by China because
6 we're trying to fight losing more and more of
7 America.

8 This is our soil and we have good
9 resources and when we have all of these other
10 pesticide companies and -- and I know that's not --
11 that's getting off subject, so I won't, but with so
12 many other factors that are seeping into your local
13 farm ... and absorbing into your own environments, it
14 affects your cattle, it affects your crops, it
15 affects your own drinking water.

16 So for those types of principles, it's
17 very important to know the silicone components, the
18 green gases, whatever the emissions are being
19 absolutely, like, we want to make energy safer for
20 us, but if it's ultimately not safer, than that's a
21 fact, not a decision. So I appreciate everyone's
22 time for me to come up here and thank you so much, I
23 hope everything goes good and good luck.

24 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you very much.
25 Harold Rosberg. Is that a -- is that a no?

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2 MR. ROSBERG: Everyone said what I --.

3 A.L.J. JOSEPH: All right, very good.

4 Ford Hurlbert.

5 MR. HURLBERT: I want you to know I'm
6 not a very good public speaker.

7 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Well you're doing fine
8 so far, sir.

9 MR. HURLBERT: But I live a mile-and-
10 a-half below this operation that's going to happen
11 and we've got the beginning swamp -- beginning water
12 shed of this -- our water shed in this area that goes
13 to the Chesapeake Bay. Now you know where the
14 Chesapeake Bay, that's one of the largest -- one of
15 the largest freshwater outlets and this water is
16 going there. And I live a mile-and-a-half south and
17 I'm not really fond of this crap going in, I don't
18 want this water supply polluted.

19 We got neighbors that -- all this
20 water in this swamp goes into one -- just a stretch,
21 a narrow stretch down through into Arkport and it's
22 quite a river and that carries the water from that
23 swamp down. Now if anything happens to this gravel
24 -- ground that is gravelly, the water level is right
25 there, you're about two or three feet away from

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2 ground level whether you know it or anybody else
3 knows it, it's there. And this water is going to
4 seep right down -- if anything happens to these
5 panels, it's going to happen and -- and go into this
6 and pollute this whole thing.

7 And you got guys that are spraying
8 their crops, whatever, this is going to be on their
9 crops in the fields, you know, it's -- we got cattle
10 and -- and for years we've been -- had to practice --
11 had practices when the A.S.C.S. Office -- to protect
12 our soils from -- for the Chesapeake Bay area, spent
13 a lot of money and time of what they wanted done.
14 And here we go, we get this pile of crap down here to
15 just pollute everything again, you know, and we've
16 worked hard to spread our manure right, to -- when we
17 plant our crops, our fertilizer, our seed.

18 We spend a lot of money on -- on -- we
19 have a variable rate on our planner, so we've -- we
20 spread -- we have the mapping, we go -- go through
21 the mapping on our soils, so if we got a spot in our
22 soil that's a little backwards, we put more
23 fertilizer on the go, this is all on the go, it's
24 mapped. And that -- that tractor, that computer,
25 goes back to the planner and maybe it'll say more

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2 seed, more fertilizer. We spent money to do all
3 this, to protect our soils and here we go, we got
4 this crap going and I'm upset with it, I really am.

5 And -- and, you know, I've been there
6 for a lot of years on this farm, we got good soils --
7 there's good soils all the way down through. We've
8 got people in here right now that -- bordering this
9 thing and I'm telling you, the water level is right
10 there close. You ask my son, two or three feet
11 underneath the -- the top level of that ground is
12 water, that's serious and I'm upset with it. If
13 there's anybody else that needs to speak up, you
14 better speak up.

15 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you, sir. Thank
16 you very much. I'd like to thank everyone, as there
17 are no other registered speaker, I will close the
18 public comment hearing. Just a reminder, written
19 comments may be submitted until five p.m. tomorrow,
20 Thursday, January 19th, 2023.

21 A.L.J. MACKILLOP-SOLLER: We have
22 someone that wants to speak. We do --.

23 A.L.J. JOSEPH: We do have -- oh, I
24 spoke too soon. Are there any other speaker cards,
25 has anyone completed a card that they have not turned

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2 in? All right. Rodney Acomb.

3 MR. ACOMB: Yeah.

4 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Yes sir?

5 MR. ACOMB? Rodney Acomb. I've lived
6 in the area all my life, we've been farming for over
7 fifty years. My biggest concern is -- I'm on a Board
8 of Assessment Review in the Township of Annsville and
9 I've had -- we went through a re-eval here and this
10 tax-wise basis and stuff there, I'd kind of like to
11 know how state -- how do they classify these projects
12 statewide or on a tax-wise basis? And how do they --
13 I know they do a payment in lieu of taxes and stuff,
14 but how does the state determine that payment in lieu
15 of taxes?

16 And then when you go through a re-
17 eval, the rest of the community and stuff there,
18 their assessment might get raised. I mean, does this
19 raise the assessment, I guess, on these projects and
20 stuff there? And my concern is how do you, I guess,
21 treat the -- when you have complaints and people that
22 border these projects and stuff there and their
23 assessment gets raised, how do you -- and they come
24 in to grieve these projects because they feel that
25 they're affecting their value of their property and

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2 stuff there too?

3 And it's just -- just a case of -- I
4 think it's kind of hard to determine how to, you
5 know, I guess, make a determination on, you know,
6 tax-wise and the Town of Burns there, it's based, you
7 know, it's a farming community and stuff there and
8 there's a lot of farms that made major investments
9 and stuff to continue. And, you know, for the family
10 farms to go on and stuff like that and it almost
11 seems like it's affecting, you know, the investments
12 that these other farms made for the future
13 generations and stuff there and whether it's, you
14 know, taking prime farmland out of, you know, usage
15 for, you know, to, you know, their livelihood and
16 stuff like that. That's basically my biggest concern
17 and stuff there, so that's, I guess, all I've got to
18 say.

19 A.L.J. JOSEPH: Thank you very much.
20 Thank you, sir. Okay. All right, ladies and
21 gentlemen, thank you again. Thank you to all the
22 speakers for your participation, thank you to the
23 audience for listening, thank you to the ORES staff
24 for your assistance in conducting the hearing. The
25 time is now six forty-four, the public comment

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2 hearing is concluded. We are off the record.

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9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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12 ANNETTE LAINSON, Reporter

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