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1 MR. DERGER: For the public record, my name is
2 Carl Derger. I'm a regional counsel for the EPA in
3 Boston. I will now open the public hearing on EPA's
4 draft determination for the proposed South Terminal
5 Project. The hearing will be recorded by the
6 stenographer as I was indicating.

7 Before we start, I want to indicate again that
8 there are two interpreters that we have in the room
9 tonight for Spanish and Portuguese speaking visitors,
10 and if anyone would like to use their services, could
11 you please raise your hand. The interpreters, they're
12 here somewhere. I saw them earlier, I thought, but
13 maybe not. Well, we can find them if you need them.
14 Kelsey can maybe help out with that. If someone needs
15 interpreter services, Kelsey will help find them.

16 We've already had the public information meeting
17 immediately preceding this meeting, so I'll just give
18 you a brief overview of EPA's draft determination, and
19 then we'll open the floor to anyone who would like to
20 make a formal public comment. For those of you who are
21 unfamiliar with the process, EPA is holding a public
22 comment on its draft determination from July 16th
23 through August 21st, and that's the public -- comment
24 period is August 21st. I originally said August 16th.

1 It's August 21st. During this time, you can make a
2 formal comment in one of two ways. You can come to the
3 microphone tonight and make a comment orally or you can
4 send your comments to EPA's mailbox at -- the website
5 we'll have it -- get it posted on a piece of paper.
6 It's southterminaldraftcomments@EPA.gov.

7 If you choose to make a written comment, it must be
8 post marked no later than August 21st. These are the
9 only two ways you can make a formal comment in which EPA
10 will respond. Tonight is only for EPA to listen to your
11 comments. We will not be responding as we did in the
12 meeting sessions. After the public conference closes --
13 after the public conference closes, EPA will consider
14 all comments received and issue a final determination
15 about this project. That final determination will
16 contain a transcript of all comments that are received
17 tonight as well as a copy of any written comments we
18 receive. EPA's responses to those comments will be
19 contained in the response of the summary and will be
20 attached to the final determination.

21 Some ground rules for tonight. After my brief
22 introduction, we will take comments. When you came in
23 tonight, there was a sign-in sheet on the table where
24 you could indicate whether you wanted to comment on the

1 sign-in sheet. If you did not do so, please take a
2 moment now to indicate on the sign-in if you would like
3 to comment. We'll ask you to come up front to the
4 microphone and so your comments can be heard clearly and
5 recorded properly. Please state your name for the
6 record and you may need to spell it for the
7 stenographer. We can only have one person speaking at a
8 time.

9 Again, I want to emphasis that we are only looking
10 for comments at this point on the South Terminal Project
11 Proposal. I know there are many projects and
12 controversies in New Bedford and other places that EPA
13 is involved in. This is not a hearing on the Superfund
14 Dredging Project or the Superfund CAD shells. It's not
15 a hearing for comments on the Parker Street Waste Site.

16 If someone would like some more information about
17 those or any other EPA projects, your welcome to
18 approach any of us from EPA and we can provide you with
19 contacts tonight or take your name and have the
20 appropriate person contact you. So, I guess, we will
21 now proceed to the formal comment period, and Jim Murphy
22 will call on the first speaker.

23 MR. MURPHY: Thanks, Carl. I think we have
24 approximately 35 people who have indicated that they

1 would like to make a public comment, so we really ask
2 people to keep it as brief as possible. If you're not
3 able to complete your comments in a couple of minutes,
4 you can submit something for the record. So I was first
5 going to ask Mayor Mitchell to make the first comment by
6 stepping up to the microphone, and then I'll see if
7 there are any state senators or representatives present
8 who are here to make a remark.

9 MR. MITCHELL: Good evening, everyone. My
10 name is John Mitchell, and I am the mayor of the City of
11 New Bedford. I thank EPA for giving us this opportunity
12 to weigh in on a project that I think is unique and
13 special in so many ways. I believe that the prospect of
14 building the modern marine terminal, the proposed South
15 Terminal Project is as we all like to refer to it, on
16 our waterfront to support the America's new offshore
17 wind industry and unlock the city's potential as a hub
18 of international trade is by far the single most
19 important economic opportunity for New Bedford and the
20 surrounding region in our lifetimes. This is no
21 exaggeration that after years of uncertainty there is no
22 longer any dispute that offshore wind energy is coming
23 to the United States.

24 Offshore wind farms have been in operation in

1 Northern Europe for nearly 20 years and are projected to
2 be the source of approximately one-third of the European
3 Union's electrical supply in the next 20 years. Over
4 the last ten years, the federal government here has laid
5 the groundwork for offshore wind farms in the United
6 States which have been regarded by both the Bush and
7 Obama Administrations, not only as a source of
8 sustainable energy but also a means of weaning the
9 nation off of its dependence on foreign oil. The lion's
10 share of America's wind farms are slated to be
11 established nearby.

12 A full 25 percent of America's wind reserves are
13 located in the area of ocean just south of Martha's
14 Vineyard, and the U.S. Department of the Interior has
15 designated the area for thousands of wind turbines that
16 will power large (indiscernible) of the northeast over
17 the coming decades. Moreover, in the near term, the
18 Cape Wind Project continues to make steady progress with
19 the strong support of the Patrick Administration.

20 New Bedford is poised to become one of the four
21 most beneficiaries of these developments. Positioned
22 along the southern coast of New England, we are one of
23 the few deep water ports with industrial space and
24 capacity to stage wind turbines, each costing millions

1 of dollars and ship them to their ocean placement sites.
2 We have strong highway and rail access.

3 Our residents have the sea ferry and manufacturing
4 skills that the industry requires, and we have a
5 receptive and very supportive political establishment.
6 On multiple levels, New Bedford makes perfect sense.
7 It's not surprising then that the recognition of the
8 city's unique position has spread widely, broadly among
9 key wind energy leaders, some of whom are joining us
10 here tonight. And with the competitors elsewhere who
11 are eager to capitalize on any misstep in this project,
12 all eyes are turning to New Bedford with lynchpin of our
13 success being the establishment of the South Terminal.

14 We are gathered here tonight as a community. With
15 broad support from elected official, cities, and
16 business leaders, labor leaders, engaged citizens and
17 environmentalists to urge swift action on the final
18 environmental permitting for the South Terminal Project
19 so that the construction can commence. As the mayor of
20 the City of New Bedford, I pledge my unqualified support
21 for the project.

22 As for CAD cells, I want to respond to my friend
23 Eddie Rivera's question a few moments ago, and you'll
24 see, Eddie, that I actually -- the moments after I went

1 to the men's' room, I actually wrote in the answer. As
2 for CAD cells, the question here tonight, Eddie and for
3 everyone, is whether this project should go forward.
4 The issue is not whether all CAD cells are good or all
5 CAD cells are bad. The reality is that not all CAD
6 cells are the same.

7 In my view, the infinitesimal risk, the leakage
8 from the CAD cells contemplated by this project is
9 greatly outweighed by the potential thousands of jobs
10 that will be created as a result of this project,
11 bringing in millions and perhaps billions of dollars of
12 revenue into the pockets of New Bedford citizens and
13 citizens of the surrounding region.

14 My view on CAD cells is in concert with many folks
15 in the environmental area and significant and
16 environmental stewards like the Coalition for Buzzards
17 Bay which more than any other group protects our bay
18 from contamination and has done so heroically over many
19 years. Its leader Mark Rasmussen is here today and
20 you'll hear directly from him that not all CAD cells are
21 the same and that CAD cells that are contemplated by
22 this project shouldn't be a concern for anyone here.

23 For many months, city and state staff have worked
24 tirelessly to identify and address the great many other

1 procedural steps so that the project can be brought on
2 the line in time to support offshore industry projects
3 currently in development. The federal government,
4 particularly the EPA and staff, have played an important
5 partner in this effort, and we appreciate the diligence
6 in which EPA has approached the work. Because of the
7 EPA's effort to stand tonight with the finish line
8 clearly in sight, but to reach the finish it is still
9 very important that there not be any delays in the
10 timetable the EPA has already established for its
11 decision making. The construction timetable is tight.
12 The weather can be fickle and there are thousands of
13 variables that can undermine our efforts.

14 By acting swiftly and granting approval to proceed
15 into the next phase, the EPA will be giving this project
16 the very best chance of success and in so doing it will
17 bring to New Bedford a future of which we can all be
18 proud; a future with a cleaner harbor, a cleaner
19 environment, and more good jobs for our citizens and the
20 citizens of the entire region. Thank you.

21 MR. MURPHY: Are there any other state
22 representatives who would like to speak?

23 MR. CABRAL: Good evening. For the record,
24 I'm state representative Tony Carbal. I'm the state

1 representative for this part of the city where the South
2 Terminal Project is located. I want you to know that
3 I've been a strong supporter of this project from day
4 one. We've been working very closely for a couple of
5 years now to secure and move this project forward. We
6 helped secure along with the administration the funding
7 -- the initial funding which is not -- it's 35 million
8 dollars that has been already set aside for this
9 project, capital money, bond money for this project.
10 Will it need more? Perhaps it will depending on the
11 design and depending on what the project will eventually
12 be used for.

13 If it is used for Cape Wind that we all hope it
14 will be and for other wind project industries offshore
15 probably that amount of money might not be enough
16 because the structure has to be built to sustain
17 different types of weight per square inch. So it will
18 probably require additional funding, but we are ready.
19 The state it ready. The legislator is ready. I'm ready
20 and I'm sure the mayor's ready and the city's ready to
21 move forward along with the city council to make sure
22 that we have necessary funds. It's the state on this
23 project, so we will -- I want you to know that. We take
24 it very seriously. After I speak, my colleague, Chris

1 Michael, will speak as well and we take this project
2 very seriously and we want it to be complete.

3 So I'm here to offer my support not only publicly
4 here before this public hearing, but also to let you
5 know that we're going to be working side by side with
6 the city. We're going to make sure that this
7 administration at the state level, the Deval Patrick
8 Administration, keeps moving forward and they have the
9 funds that are necessary for this project to continue.
10 As you all know and you heard the mayor before I spoke,
11 this project is really about the future of New Bedford.
12 That's how important this project is. It's about
13 diversifying the economy. It's about capitalizing on an
14 industry that is fairly new to us in this area, but in
15 Europe it's full bloom already and other parts of the
16 world, and I think we need to capitalize in it in
17 addition to the Cape Wind. As you know, the federal
18 government and the state have been working to designate
19 additional areas for the wind project offshore.

20 We are just a few days of steaming, if not, just a
21 day or two steaming away from those locations. So I
22 think we are at the right place at the right time, and I
23 think we need to not waste any time or not waste any
24 details on this.

1 As you know, just construction jobs alone on this
2 project will potentially bring about 300 construction
3 jobs to begin with. In terms of Cape Wind itself, in
4 addition to the construction jobs, Cape Wind Project
5 will bring in another additional 800 jobs. And we're
6 not even talking about all those side effects of those
7 projects in that construction on other businesses in
8 this community and the additional jobs that it will
9 bring. It is essential for us to really be supportive
10 and I know the community will be supportive of this
11 project. There are some environmental issues that I
12 think we ought to be concerned, but I think this part of
13 the harbor, as you know, is not really -- will now be
14 clean.

15 This project in addition to that, this project will
16 allow us to clean a substantial part of the harbor that
17 really is not part of the Superfund and it was not part
18 of the Superfund to be cleaned with, so that's the other
19 positive offer of this project. It will allow us to
20 create navigational channels into that area deep enough
21 not only for those specific -- those specific boats or
22 ships, if you will, that's the right term because
23 they're big enough to be called ships; right, to come in
24 and -- but also on the issue of CAB cells this one --

1 there's a CAD cell number three and this was -- and this
2 project probably uses some space within the CAD cell
3 number three, but a lot of the stuff that will be
4 dredged would be put in location on what's called the
5 CDFs which is a confined disposal facility which would
6 be to help create part of the bulk of that South
7 Terminal Project to help build, so we don't have to go
8 out and buy all the filler that needs to be bought to
9 fill that area.

10 So we have a number of savings both for obviously
11 the city and state when we go forward in this project in
12 terms of if we can use some of the dredging to fill.
13 That's less fill that we need to buy as well as fill
14 that location. So I think that's important to remember
15 the savings on that particular side as well.

16 But I want to leave by saying that EPA has a
17 responsibility here as well to minimize the impact, the
18 environmental impact, and I certainly would hope that
19 they will do better and it's part of their job on both
20 during the construction period and eventually during the
21 operation period of this project, and I would urge EPA
22 to continue to work with and listen to the nearby
23 residents in the neighbor that are most impacted by this
24 area. That's important. The south is usually referred

1 to south central neighborhood. It's important for EPA
2 to know that. That neighborhood has been impacted in
3 the past by Route 18 and other projects.

4 Actually, many times before the construction of
5 Route 18 used to be streets and houses and -- the
6 neighborhoods used to go all the way down to the water
7 and that area, so I think it's important. Those
8 residents have particular concerns, and I think they
9 ought to be listened to. They know the area very well
10 and I hope EPA keeps an open ear to their concerns.

11 Also, to the other environmental groups in New
12 Bedford they've been working for years with us and with
13 the city and with the state and I think EPA -- I would
14 hope EPA would also look to them and listen to their
15 concerns and try to remediate whatever is a legitimate
16 concern.

17 So having said all that, I am hopeful that you will
18 be able to listen and hear throughout this evening the
19 support that this project really has, the future that
20 this project will bring to not only this part of the
21 city, the south end, downtown south, but to the whole
22 city -- the whole area because I think the future of New
23 Bedford really determines the future of the greater New
24 Bedford area.

1 You might not live in New Bedford, some of you, but
2 without New Bedford being successful, you're not going
3 to be very successful if you live in a town nearby. So
4 that's the importance of us sticking together, working
5 together regardless of where you live, be within the
6 boundaries of the city or not, this is that important
7 for us in this region. So I hope we can get all your
8 support, and without forgetting the environmental
9 concerns that I think ought to be addressed along the
10 way.

11 I don't want to minimize those, but I think there
12 are also positives here because this project will be a
13 project about environment, about clean energy, about
14 green jobs, so that will counteract as well as some of
15 the issues and concerns that you might have around the
16 dredging, around the CAD cells, and other issues, and we
17 shouldn't think of those lightly. Those are important
18 for us to remember because it will eventually -- if we
19 don't do it right, eventually, it will catch up with us
20 in the future. Thank you very much.

21 MR. MARKEY: For the record, my name is Chris
22 Markey. I'm a representative of Dartmouth. I also have
23 parts of New Bedford. For the record, it's M-A-R-K-E-Y.
24 And I would just say to the general public and to the

1 EPA there are very few projects that can be total game
2 changer for a city like New Bedford. There is very few
3 opportunities, maybe once every 25 years there's that
4 opportunity. This is one of those opportunities. It's
5 the first real opportunity to look towards the future,
6 not just two or three years, but 25 years down the road.

7 That this project will end up providing the basis
8 for a lot of New Bedford's (indiscernible). It's going
9 to have a great impact on making sure we have better
10 education. That we have better jobs, that we have
11 people who are paying taxes to our city, to our state,
12 and allow us to continue to create jobs elsewhere. This
13 is one of the most important things that we as a
14 community will decide on in the next decade. It will
15 have the biggest impact and what is amazing about that
16 is the universal supports of this. You have UMass
17 Dartmouth leading in marine renewable energy. You have
18 their resources. You have the resources of the mayor,
19 in as much as Tony will not talk about he's also a
20 chairman of Capital Assets and Bonding. That's where
21 the money will come from for this project. We have the
22 political capital to do it. We have the people behind
23 it to do it. We have incredible resources to do it, and
24 it needs to get done. Thank you.

1 MR. MURPHY: I think there are a number of
2 staff representatives from some of our congressional
3 delegations. So if any of those folks have a statement
4 to make, we can take you now, otherwise, we will move on
5 to -- are there any staff members from -- sir.

6 MR. QUIGLEY: My name is James Quigley. I'm
7 here on behalf of Congressman Bill Keating. But first I
8 just would like to thank Mayor Mitchell, the EPA, the
9 EEA and Governor Patrick's office for putting this
10 together tonight and inviting us to attend. I bring
11 remarks from the congressman and here are those remarks.

12 I regret that I am unable to be here in person, but
13 I'm fighting for you in Washington this week. Along
14 with my colleagues, Ed Markey and Barney Frank, I am
15 proud to see that we are joined by such an array of
16 stakeholders in today's hearing, and I look forward to
17 learning all your thoughts and concerns as this process
18 moves forward.

19 Today marks a milestone in the state and federal
20 collaboration. The development of the New Bedford
21 Marine Commerce Terminal will be the first facility in
22 the country to support every phase of offshore wind
23 development from construction to assembly to the
24 deployment of the turbines and the supporting

1 structures. I have said it before and I will say it
2 again, southeastern Massachusetts is a global leader in
3 renewable energy, sustainable jobs, and new
4 technologies.

5 Our ancient history is built on the work of
6 fisherman, explorers, farms, and entrepreneurs that came
7 from all across the globe and contributing to what soon
8 became a bustling marine industry. We have always been
9 a hub of innovation and now this region has potential to
10 become the magnet for all aspects of renewable energy
11 industry, from turbine manufacturers to designers and
12 assemblers to engineers, ship builders, captains and
13 their crews.

14 We are perfectly suited to cultivate these
15 industries and benefit and multiply our fact of the jobs
16 that will stem from the south coast to western Mass.,
17 the South Shore to the Cape and the Islands. Renewable
18 energy provides Americans with high tech. manufacturing
19 jobs, secure sources of energy, and critical economic
20 development opportunities for the state.

21 This is an unmatched investment in both American
22 workforce and our nation's global competitiveness. I'm
23 especially eager to witness the expansion of the
24 economic opportunity for the port in New Bedford with

1 additional capacity for container and cargo shipping.
2 The potential for economic development is endless and
3 with unemployment in both New Bedford and Fall River
4 surpassing the national average, we do not have much
5 more time to lose. Entire communities are ready to work
6 and we cannot deny anyone this right. They're counting
7 on us.

8 Further, our country must take strides to remain a
9 global leader of alternative energy sources and
10 technologies. Job creating, renewable energy
11 investments, like the New Bedford Marine Commerce
12 Terminal will contribute to our nation's larger goal of
13 reducing the dependence on foreign oil and fighting back
14 against global warming and climate change.

15 This state, in my district in particular, has
16 played an intricate role in leading our nation down this
17 path. Massachusetts is already recognized along with
18 California and Oregon as one of the top three states
19 with clean energy. There are now six states that
20 generate more than ten percent of their utilities scale
21 electricity from wind, solar or geothermal
22 installations.

23 As of 2011, we were home to nearly 5,000 individual
24 clean energy companies which translated into nearly

1 65,000 direct jobs. That is to say that nearly two
2 percent of all Massachusetts jobs are in the work
3 related to clean energy sector and included an
4 anticipated 15 percent growth rate from July 2011 until
5 July 2012. Here we understand the urgency and the
6 importance of investing in this critical industry. I'm
7 very proud of the number of the delegations that
8 understand the economic, commercial, and symbolic value
9 that this terminal will bring to our region. William
10 Keating, Member of Congress. Thank you.

11 MR. GALLAHER: Good evening. My name is Mark
12 Gallagher. I'm the district director for Congress Ed
13 Markey. I first want to thank Mayor Mitchell and the
14 City of New Bedford for hosting this incredibly
15 important public hearing tonight. I'm here to read a
16 statement from Congressman Markey if you can bear with
17 me. I'd like to thank the EPA for calling this
18 important public hearing tonight, and I applaud my
19 fellow citizens for appearing and offering comments on
20 the proposed New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal.

21 Twelve years ago, New England visionaries began
22 laying plans to build the first offshore wind farm in
23 the United States. There was no roadmap on how to do
24 this. There was nobody to call for guidance. We

1 watched the Cape Wind project single handedly drive the
2 creation of a regulatory process for wind projects off
3 shore in federal waters. We watched other states like
4 Delaware and Rhode Island adopt our vision for what is
5 possible with offshore wind as they race ahead with
6 plans of their own.

7 Today, offshore wind has finally arrived in
8 America. The Cape Wind Project will go forward. Many
9 offers of interest for additional offshore wind projects
10 in New England have been submitted to the U.S. Interior
11 Department, which I oversee as a ranking Democratic
12 member of the House of Natural Resources Committee. But
13 before we can begin to sinking (indiscernible) into the
14 sea beds to anchor Cape Wind's 400-foot turbines, we
15 must establish a coastal facility to anchor this new
16 offshore industry. As a protective harbor with access
17 to land-based transportation and proximate to some of
18 the best offshore wind resources in the world, New
19 Bedford is the ideal location.

20 And with one of the most highly-skilled maritime
21 workforces in the world, New Bedford has the community
22 to ensure that the Marine Commerce Terminal will
23 succeed. Over the centuries, New Bedford has been the
24 launching point for generations of whalers, traders and

1 fishermen that have earned their livelihood at sea. The
2 New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal will continue that
3 legacy. It will be the foundation for an offshore wind
4 industry that will employ thousands of workers in good
5 paying jobs.

6 This facility is a commitment from New Bedford and
7 a commitment from all of Massachusetts to see New
8 England become a world leader in the offshore wind
9 industry and we need it because we don't have coal in
10 New England. We don't have oil or gas. We export
11 millions of dollars out of our region to bring in these
12 fuels. That is our weakness. Our strength is that the
13 Bay State is the brain state. Our number one natural
14 resource is our own resourcefulness. We are Saudi
15 Arabia of technology and innovation and we have some of
16 the best offshore wind resources in the world.
17 Beginning with the voyage of the pilgrims in 1620,
18 millions of people have ridden the strong winds of the
19 North Atlantic in search of greater freedom and
20 opportunity.

21 Today those same winds are attracting investors,
22 driving technology development, and soon will be
23 creating good paying jobs and clean energy for New
24 England.

1 Massachusetts and is already home to several world
2 leading wind energy companies. We're home to Wind
3 Technology Testing Center in Charlestown. We're home to
4 some of the best universities in the world that are
5 producing the young minds to engage in our energy
6 challenge. We have all the key ingredients to make
7 Massachusetts the offshore wind energy hub of America
8 and investing in the New Bedford Marine Commerce
9 Terminal will come back to Massachusetts many times over
10 in the form of new jobs and economic growth in the
11 region. We are the land of the pilgrims. We are the
12 fertile soil of democracy. We are the birthplace of the
13 American Revolution. Now is a time when our nation's
14 energy future is at the crossroads, New England can
15 continue to drive the clean energy revolutions in our
16 country through offshore wind development. I am proud
17 to lend my support to the New Bedford Marine Commerce
18 Terminal. Thank you, signed Congressman, Edward Markey.

19 MS. KERRIGAN: Hi. I'm Amy Kerrigan from
20 Senator John Kerry's office. Thanks to Mayor Mitchell,
21 the EPA, the EEA, and Governor Patrick's office for
22 having me here tonight and I'm going to read the
23 Senator's statement for the record.

24 At the height of the 19th Century whaling industry,

1 New Bedford was the city that lit the world. Its fleet
2 of 300 ships produced a reservoir of whale oil that
3 lanterns across the globe. But New Bedford past is also
4 its future. With completion of the Marine Commerce
5 Terminal, the first project of its kind in the country,
6 New Bedford will once again help light the world. Not
7 with whale oil but with clean renewable energy. The New
8 Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal represents an important
9 milestone for the offshore wind industry in
10 Massachusetts and the nation. It will be the first U.S.
11 port engineered to loads require for turbine assembly
12 and deployment. The terminal is also an important step
13 in America reclaiming its position as the world in
14 innovative clean technologies.

15 Today, of the 30 top companies in the world
16 involving solar wind and advance batteries, only six are
17 based in the United States, but this project will help
18 us get back in the game in a strong way. The terminal
19 also accelerates the transitions to new energy pyridines
20 that will reduce the threat of climate change. Wind
21 power does not emit any climate change in inducing
22 carbon dioxide no other air pollutants which are
23 polluting the major cities in the world in costing
24 billions in additional health cost and infrastructure

1 damage.

2 In here, once again, environmental protection and
3 economic development go hand and hand. The Marine
4 Commerce Terminal will also help create critically
5 needed jobs in New Bedford where unemployment remains
6 too high and it will bring new businesses that will help
7 grow the economy in Southeastern Massachusetts.

8 According to the latest estimates, the terminal
9 will generate 270 construction jobs and the subsequent
10 offshore shore wind turbine development at the time will
11 create another 844. This translates into 19 million
12 dollars of new household income over the next two years.
13 There's even greater economic benefits to ports.
14 They're new capacity for cargo and container shipping in
15 the years ahead, perhaps as much as 117 million dollars
16 annually, but that's just the beginning. Today's energy
17 economy is a 6 trillion dollar market with 4 billion
18 users worldwide. Green energy is the fastest growing
19 segment of that industry and as a result is likely to
20 take a significant portion of that market in the years
21 ahead.

22 Of course, the terminal must be developed in a way
23 that protects the important ecosystems in Massachusetts
24 as well as federal waters and the health of workers and

1 residents living near the port. But with these
2 important safeguards, this is an opportunity not to be
3 missed, an opportunity for New Bedford to once again be
4 at the center of energy production. It's the ideal
5 location. Inside the hurricane barrier near high wind
6 areas and readily accessible by water and land-based
7 modes of transportation and it's already host to a
8 skilled maritime industrial workforce.

9 The 21st Century economy will be (indiscernible)
10 green economy and Massachusetts is uniquely positioned
11 to lead the way. Not only do we have the necessary
12 innovated and entrepreneurial spirit, but our natural
13 resources are an enormous advantage. We have the
14 largest offshore wind planning area on the east coast,
15 the Massachusetts wind energy area which has the
16 potential to generate up to 4,000 megalots of energy, an
17 amount equal to is what is currently being produced by
18 Massachusetts coal fire power plants. The New Bedford
19 Commerce Terminal represents the kind of investments we
20 need to make to ensure America's future. The kind of
21 investments we need to make in our communities and in
22 our people if we want to keep going. This investment
23 will harness the winds that once powered whaling ships
24 to and from this port and put them to work meeting our

1 future energy needs and creating the jobs of the future.
2 Senator John Kerry.

3 (UNKNOWN FEMALE): Hi, my name is
4 (indiscernible), and I'm the deputy district director
5 for congressman Barney Frank. He's in Washington, DC
6 and asked that I come to this hearing to read this
7 statement.

8 I am writing to express my strong support for the
9 construction of the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal
10 which will be the first facility the United States has
11 built specifically to support the assembly,
12 construction, and employment of offshore wind projects.
13 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is working with the
14 City of New Bedford to develop and construct this
15 project which has immeasurable economic benefits to the
16 state in general and the city specifically.

17 As part of this project's permit review, the EPA
18 and the Commonwealth's Executive Office and
19 Environmental Affairs will be looking at the
20 Commonwealth's proposal for the development of a
21 confined disposal facility through a process known as
22 the State's Enhanced Remedy. The City of New Bedford
23 and the town of Fairhaven have already used this
24 technology to bury material accumulated during

1 navigational; dredging and the draft determination
2 issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, the
3 agency stated that the Commonwealth's proposal to
4 construct the Marine Terminal was both protective of
5 human health and the environment and meets the substance
6 of requirement of applicable or relevant and appropriate
7 federal environmental standards. Therefore, it is
8 important to fully educate the public regarding this
9 disposal method, and I commend the EPA and the
10 Commonwealth for their continued outreach and commitment
11 to making sure that the public's concern are fully
12 vetted in this type of forum. The benefits of this
13 project cannot be understated.

14 The total size of this facility is expected to be
15 28.25 acres, which will make this the largest land area
16 shipping facility in New Bedford and one of the largest
17 in the Commonwealth. The facility is expected to be one
18 of the primary staging points for future offshore
19 renewable energy projects in New England as well as the
20 nation's first purpose-built facility to support
21 offshore wind development. No other terminal on the
22 East Coast will be able to support the needs of large
23 offshore wind projects and with many already being
24 planned over the next ten years, this facility will be

1 the primary beneficiary of that need.

2 The public and private investment these projects
3 generate will significantly increase employment and
4 revenue throughout the region and provide the type of
5 clean energy this country needs to reduce our dependency
6 on fossil fuels. I have long been a supporter of this
7 project and was proud to join Governor Patrick and
8 former Mayor Scott Lang. When it was first announced
9 back in 2010, Mayor Mitchell and the City of New Bedford
10 Economic Development Council have worked diligently to
11 ensure this important project has continued to reach
12 this point, and I look forward to seeing the port of New
13 Bedford expand its economic capabilities and continue to
14 strive to be a leader of offshore wind development in
15 conjunction with a significantly maritime industry.
16 Congressman, Barney Frank. Thank you.

17 MR. MURPHY: Okay. I am just going to call
18 folks who have signed in. If you could come up to the
19 microphone and speak first, and these are not
20 necessarily in -- we didn't number the pages, so it's a
21 little bit random, so be patient.

22 The first person is Roy Collins.

23 MR. COLLINS: Good evening. I want to thank
24 everybody for the leadership down here, the politicians,

1 the mayors, everybody who supports this. I'm with the
2 ironworkers. I'm the business manager of Local 37.
3 We've got quite a few members here who live in New
4 Bedford and for years they've traveled out of the city
5 to go to work everyday into Boston or, you know, into
6 Rhode Island or wherever you have to go and it would be
7 just great to get this going and get them to be able to
8 work here in their neighborhoods again. And I'm sure
9 they'll be very proud of that.

10 We plan on doing the best we can and make a
11 commitment to bring apprentices in the program as we
12 have been from New Bedford and Fairhaven and Dartmouth
13 and it's going to be a great opportunity for young
14 people. I just want to thank everybody and we look
15 forward to this project. Thank you.

16 MR. MURPHY: Steve Rodney.

17 MR. RODNEY: My name is Steve Rodney. I'm
18 vice president of Acorn Management Company. We've
19 invested about 75 million dollars in New Bedford over
20 the past decade. We developed a (indiscernible) and
21 Victoria Riverside, the old Manomet number two and are
22 presently working on Cliff Techs North. Two of the
23 three properties are directly on the water, and I really
24 do appreciate the fact that everyone in New Bedford has

1 welcomed us and supported us. The two properties that
2 are finished are full. The property that we recently
3 started will probably take about another year before we
4 start thinking about moving people in. But I'll tell
5 you one thing we picked up on right away when we started
6 doing business down here is the fact that so many people
7 are drastically underemployed, and there are still so
8 many people that are unemployed.

9 This is a great project for the city. The is a
10 great project for -- as I agree with Mayor Mitchell and
11 I didn't know about that, that catch phrase until
12 tonight -- this is a hundred year project. I don't
13 think you can determine the fault of this project's
14 ability to clean up the river of the PCB problem that
15 took hundreds of years to create. But I also don't
16 believe that the EPA and the Massachusetts DEP nor the
17 local (indiscernible) dignitary coalition that's
18 supporting this project would allow these PCBs be
19 contained if they believed it was going to be more
20 harmful for the people in this community. I think, at
21 worst, it's a containment of a very long-term problem.
22 And, I think at best, we can look at it as land bank.
23 We can approach those containment areas in the future
24 and completely remove them when we have the technology

1 and ability to do so. Maybe the ironworkers will build
2 us a pipeline out of here out of that stuff. We'll
3 (indiscernible) it on out. But it's an awesome project.
4 We're happy to support it, and we will do anything that
5 we can to help.

6 Right now, we are sponsoring a staging area on one
7 of our properties for the pumping that's going on to
8 support the dredging that is presently going on in the
9 harbor now. It isn't a real popular thing with a few of
10 the residents in the building, but we really felt
11 obligated to put out or shut up. It is in our backyard
12 and we are trying to help deal with it, and I hope all
13 of you help as well.

14 MR. MURPHY: Steven Martins.

15 MR. MARTINS: Thank you. And thank you, EPA
16 for this opportunity for this public hearing and giving
17 all of us an opportunity to express our voice with this
18 project. But for the people here who may not know me,
19 my name is Steven Martins and I'm proud to represent the
20 north end of the City of New Bedford as their Ward 2
21 City Councilor and this year as their City Council
22 President. I take great pride in the City of New
23 Bedford and I say this not just as an elected official
24 but as a citizen who was born, raised, educated and has

1 worked in this city all my life.

2 I find that myself, the product of the generation
3 that elected leaders before me and some currently, have
4 often talked about keeping our city youth after
5 graduation in New Bedford. How often it's said to bring
6 your knowledge right back here in the city and the city
7 needs you, and yes as an elected official in the city of
8 New Bedford, I have often used that same quote. But the
9 South Terminal Project which will benefit the City of
10 New Bedford significantly and enhance the economic
11 activity will be another reason for citizens to stay in
12 our city and invest.

13 We will have a chance to be the first in the nation
14 to have built a facility to support offshore wind
15 development which will be backed by billions of dollars
16 in investments and no other terminal facility on the
17 East Coast can support the offshore wind projects that
18 are planned in the coming decade as you heard here
19 today.

20 We will have a chance to support the multiple port
21 and shipping activities that will enhance the port
22 capabilities of our city. We will have an opportunity
23 upon creation of the Marine Terminal Facility capable of
24 handling cargo types that adds significantly to the

1 (indiscernible) for New Bedford to host major shipping
2 activities including bulk and containerized cargo in
3 short sea shipping activities.

4 As we also here today cannot forget that this
5 terminal will increase the likelihood that the port of
6 New Bedford will be selected by the offshore wind
7 developers such as Cape Wind and Deep Water Wind to host
8 their shipping fabrication and other activities for
9 their proposed offshore operations in the Atlantic.
10 This also increases the likelihood for long-term
11 maintenance activities for the operation. But most
12 importantly, probably for the reason that we're here
13 today in addition to the many other reasons, is that the
14 New Bedford Commerce Marine Terminal will bring much
15 needed jobs to our city.

16 In 2010, we have seen the city's unemployment rate
17 as high as almost 18 percent. In 2011, we almost saw
18 it at 16 percent, and in this year alone, as almost as
19 high as 15 percent and we're only half way there through
20 the year. It's unacceptable and we have an opportunity
21 here today -- an economic opportunity to get people back
22 to work. This project is tied to over 1100 jobs.
23 Almost 300 jobs created for the terminal and 800 created
24 for offshore wind turbine developments that are new and

1 high-waging jobs.

2 The City Council has worked collaboratively with
3 Matt Morrissey and his team from the New Bedford
4 Economic Development Office, the newly elected Mayor
5 Mitchell, former Mayor Lang who is here today who helped
6 spare this project. Our local and state delegation and
7 also many other city employees that have helped us with
8 the planning process, including EPA who have been always
9 open with these public hearings and also open with the
10 city council to come in and explain any other projects
11 or any other additional concerns that we may have on the
12 council. They have always had an open-door policy and
13 we appreciate that.

14 In ending, while New Bedford is an easy sell to me
15 and all of you, the city is so diverse and a culturally
16 rich community that is home to the best restaurants,
17 shops, and you can obtain a high-quality education right
18 here in the city. This project will add on to our
19 successes already and the citizens of our city will
20 benefit from the economic opportunities that come along
21 with the New Bedford Mariner Commerce Terminal for not
22 just now, but most importantly for the future of our
23 city. Thank you for this opportunity for letting me
24 speak.

1 MR. MURPHY: City Councilor, Henry Bousquet.

2 MR. BOUSQUET: Good evening, everybody. My
3 name is City Councilor, Henry Bousquet. I'm a Ward 3
4 representative and I'm here today to speak on behalf of
5 this terminal and it's construction here in the city of
6 New Bedford simply for the reasons that Councilor
7 President Martins put forward and after having done the
8 due diligence and sat in front of mounds and mounds of
9 paperwork and looked at the EPA clean up of the harbor
10 as it's going forward, this seems to me to be the most
11 pivotal point in our city here to obtain another area,
12 another industrial area which will open us to
13 opportunities for employment and that's what this city
14 needs more than anything.

15 As I go from neighborhood to neighborhood and I
16 meet with citizens in the city, the biggest thing that I
17 hear daily is we need jobs here and this is an
18 opportunity for that. And I'm here simply today to
19 support that, okay. And I appreciate the opportunity to
20 do so. Thank you, very much everyone.

21 MR. MURPHY: City Councilor Oaks.

22 MR. OAKS: Like my two colleagues before me, I
23 will agree with what both Councilor President Martins
24 said and what Councilor Bouskay said. This is about

1 the future of New Bedford. This is about high-end
2 quality jobs. This is about taking an area of the city,
3 both the Ward 4 and Ward 6, cleaning them up, taking the
4 old Dartmouth finishing site, rehabbing that site.
5 Taking the old -- the Stephen Shuster site which I
6 remember working with Matt Morrissey in (indiscernible)
7 development six years ago when we were trying to do the
8 test wind blade facility. This is about the future of
9 New Bedford. This is about taking what we have and
10 moving it forward. This is about giving to the kids
11 that are going to be studying at SMAST down the street,
12 that are studying at UMass engineering.

13 We currently have test CAD cells in this area. Am
14 I in full support of what they're looking for the upper
15 harbor, no. But in this case, in this situation and
16 what they're looking at doing, this is the best possible
17 thing for in New Bedford, for the continued future of
18 New Bedford and to move New Bedford forward. So I do
19 thank the EPA for the work that they have done. I do
20 thank them for giving me the opportunity two weeks ago
21 to personally meet with them to discuss my issues and
22 what I thought were ideal situations and I do appreciate
23 the work that you did and the time that you gave me.
24 And I thank Mayor Lang for the work that he did in his

1 tenure, Mayor Mitchell for all the work that he has done
2 and Matt Morrissey in Economic Development for
3 continuously moving this project forward and John Miller
4 the (indiscernible) for the work that he's done in this
5 project as well. Thank you.

6 MR. MURPHY: City Councilor, Bruce Duarte.

7 MR. DUARTE: I'm here actually to support this
8 project as noted by the Council President, my colleagues
9 because to me it's about jobs. I see a lot of folks who
10 in fact are looking for employment. The fact of the
11 matter is this once again puts New Bedford on the map as
12 far as renewable energy. Years ago, 100, 200 years ago
13 we were on the map because of -- we did whaling. This
14 is a different type of energy of renewable energy and I
15 think this is something that is going to be good for the
16 whole community. Again it puts us on the map.

17 I see folks in the room who support it and don't.
18 The CAD cells that we are using are different than the
19 one's as noted in the upper harbor as far as that's
20 concerned. And I want to thank the leadership of Mayor
21 Lang for getting this ball rolling. The Representative
22 Cabral, the current mayor, you know, Matt Morrissey
23 who's been very informative as far as the process and
24 what's going on and how it's going on. So certainly

1 this being in Ward 4 and me being the Ward 4 councilor
2 certainly support this and hope that this is something
3 that can once again put New Bedford on the map as far as
4 renewable energy is concerned. Thank you.

5 MR. MURPHY: Karen Falange.

6 MS. FALANGE: Karen Falange. I'm speaking as
7 an individual apart from my affiliation as someone who's
8 been born and raised in New Bedford on this side of the
9 bridge. I'm now in Fairhaven, just on the other side of
10 the bridge near the high school so I haven't moved very
11 far away. Naturally, my property is very close to the
12 river and I'm very concerned about a lot of things.
13 What I want to say first is, I strongly support this
14 project. I don't want anybody to be misunderstanding my
15 intentions when I talk about the issues that are very
16 important to me. I am someone who also has commercial
17 fishermen in my family, very close relatives, and I've
18 seen how the fishermen have been affected over the years
19 by the regulations and whatnot.

20 We have the prime opportunity to match our number
21 one fishing port with the number one international
22 marine terminal in this country. Likewise, we also need
23 to ensure that the project is done in a number one way.
24 We want to make sure that we cannot have the EPA allow

1 the permitting in a contradictory way where by the DEP,
2 the state will be burying the PCBs in the river. But
3 oh, on the other hand, our terminal is going to allow
4 these large bits of turbine to come in for renewable
5 energy. You know, one seems to negate the other. We
6 have to do things wisely. It's unfortunate that so many
7 people don't understand the nature of how lethal PCB
8 are, even one part per million. It's a dioxin.

9 You know, it's been noted that the PCBs were
10 manufactured at the time of shipment, they became
11 contaminated, creating a dioxin which, you know second
12 to, you know, some type of radiation of course it's the
13 most toxic chemical known to mankind. So we cannot have
14 this buried in our river. And, you know, I'm concerned
15 too about the cumulative effects because of the DEP
16 dredging, the army corps of engineers, the EPA. You add
17 it all up together and now this project is going to add
18 even more PCBs to our river making it a very tumorous
19 lethal river where these PCBs are buried. And I don't
20 want people to be misled either by the term CAD cell.
21 It just means confined aquatic disposal which is just a
22 hole in the bottom of the sea, not lined. Just dig a
23 hole, throw it in and that's it.

24 You know, I found it interesting tonight at the

1 slide presentation it was brought out that the old
2 (indiscernible) Mill site has some contamination. It
3 was not disclosed what the contamination was. However,
4 that contamination is going to be brought and disposed
5 of off site. I am certain that that contamination is
6 not more lethal than PCBs but yet it's going off site.

7 Please use common sense, you know, when it was
8 brought out to us tonight that tens of millions of
9 dollars and billions of dollars have been invested in
10 this South Terminal Project. Certainly 90 mill can be
11 squeezed out for off-site disposal of PCBs.

12 We need to protect our generations, ourselves, our
13 children, our grandchildren and future years to come.
14 We don't want to worry about it later on and have to dig
15 again. After we have more cancer facilities, after we
16 have more kids being born with neurological disorders,
17 after all the cancers that are reported, we do not want
18 to be the number one most sick community in the country
19 either. So again, it's important that this be done
20 right.

21 The PCBs contained sediment must be removed off
22 site properly, keep this in mind, we already have a
23 multi-million dollar (indiscernible) facility that
24 handles the upper harbor contamination. Certainly we

1 can use that if we need to to process this properly, to
2 have it removed off site. So, again, yeah for the
3 project. This is going to be a phenomenal project for
4 us here in the New Bedford area. And for those people
5 involved that are, you know, contractor, dredging
6 people, anybody that is in a position to hire, please
7 make sure you hire the greater New Bedford residents
8 because you know what, they are the number one people as
9 well.

10 MR. MURPHY: Edward Rivera.

11 MR. RIVERA: As my colleague here has talked
12 as a citizen, I'm going to talk as President of Hands
13 Across the River. I've been doing this for a while.
14 I've been doing this for a while and my view of this, I
15 want these jobs. I want the terminal. I want the
16 green. I want the wind energy. I want this for our
17 people in this area because we have a high unemployment
18 to get these jobs, but I will not sacrifice the health
19 and well-being of the citizens of the City of New
20 Bedford. Besides that, we have other methods of getting
21 rid of this pollution problem we have.

22 We should learn from the past, (indiscernible) now
23 recently that's been in the news Fairhaven Shipyard.
24 That's been polluting our river. These are things that

1 have come up and the worst thing of it all is this is
2 the number one fishing seaport on the Eastern seaboard.
3 Everybody talks about oh, okay, we're going to do this
4 for the flounders and that, what about the fish that go
5 up river and spawn. They have to swim through this
6 stuff. We have citizens that actually get in contact
7 with this water.

8 My position is we have the technology right now
9 sitting on our shoreline, which is called the Watering
10 Plant to get rid of this stuff. We have these big
11 companies that want to come in, invest in the City of
12 New Bedford. Let them invest in the right way of doing
13 this. We do not want to come 50, 60 years from now and
14 say oops, we made a mistake. The technology at the time
15 was sound, now we find it's not. I want the green jobs.
16 I want the railroad to come here because I want the Spur
17 line to come all the way down to the South Terminal. If
18 we get that Spur line that means we don't have to ship
19 by ship, we can also ship by rail. That's also green.
20 That means cars off the roads, trucks off the road.

21 I'm an environmentalist. My main concern is to the
22 citizen of the City of New Bedford, we do not want to
23 revisit this again. What happens in this river, with
24 the clean up operation of the federal clean up operation

1 is going to be standard for the rest of the country. So
2 let's do this right. We have a way of getting rid of
3 this and the business community wants to settle down
4 here and invest in our city, in our community which is
5 three communities. It's not just New Bedford. It's
6 Fairhaven, Acushnet. We have a shoreline that goes all
7 the way up. It's not just New Bedford. Plus we have
8 parts of Dartmouth that, you know, that have the
9 shorelines. This is our place. We want to do this
10 right. I'm with the South Terminal Project. I want
11 this South Terminal Project because our grandchildren,
12 most of us here aren't going to be around pretty soon,
13 but our grandchildren are going to be left with this
14 legacy.

15 I want this project, but I want it cleaned up
16 right. We have a place called Brayton Point which spews
17 out so much stuff. This green technology, the windmill
18 is going to take Brayton Point offline so we can breathe
19 better. There are other issues, but I want this done
20 right. We want Brayton Point closed down. We want the
21 river cleaned up right. As President of Hands Across
22 the River, I will fight anybody. I don't care who it is
23 to do this right. Let's not sacrifice the environmental
24 justice community for just a paying job. If you want

1 the paying job, let's team up and do this right. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. MURPHY: Ken Lamar. And I apologize if
4 I'm mispronouncing any of these names.

5 MR. LAMAR: You got that right. I'm with the
6 AFC Cable Systems up in the industrial park up in New
7 Bedford. We occupy two state-of-the-art facilities up
8 there. We have had a long successful relationship with
9 the community of New Bedford going way back to 1926. We
10 currently employ about 450 people in the New Bedford
11 area. Very proud of that. We manufacture an armor
12 cable. Some of you may know that it's technology
13 somewhat adjacent to the cables that are going to be
14 needed out here in the Cape Wind Project. So we
15 naturally have a very keen interest in pursuing this.
16 We also are always looking for innovation naturally like
17 a lot of companies. We've had several conversations
18 with some of the leading wind turbine manufacturers in
19 the world. So we see this as a job creator. We see
20 this as opportunity for the area and for those reasons
21 we wholeheartedly support the project. Thank you.

22 MR. MURPHY: Brendan Bowen.

23 MR. BOWEN: My name is Brendan Bowen. I'm one
24 of the executive fellows at the New Bedford Economic

1 Development Council, but I'm certainly here to speak on
2 my own accord.

3 I'd like again to thank everyone who made this
4 possible, federal and state officials alike, EPA. Thank
5 you guys for taking the consideration here. I've lived
6 in New Bedford for all my life. I've lived in the
7 downtown area. I've literally been able to look out my
8 bedroom windows since I was a little kid and watch this
9 whole area change and it's been pretty cool. It's
10 certainly a new place than it was when I was a little
11 kid. And I went away to school for five years, and like
12 most, I moved back home to look for another position,
13 look for a new job, new career. Unfortunately, that new
14 job's probably not going to be in New Bedford. It's
15 probably going to have to be in one of the major cities,
16 Boston, New York, somewhere else.

17 I'm a double economics major and one of my economic
18 majors is in research economics. So the instant I heard
19 about this terminal and all the great jobs that I
20 thought it could bring and all the environmental good it
21 could do at the same time, I was very interested. I
22 thought it could be great. Unfortunately, in New
23 Bedford there are places, there aren't many jobs for
24 people like me, but this could be a change, not just

1 necessarily at this terminal but what the terminal means
2 for the whole area, bringing in new companies, bring,
3 you know, new firms, new innovative firms, places that
4 need engineers, places that need lawyers, places that
5 need accountants, maybe an economist or two. That would
6 be sweet.

7 So try to set an example. You know, don't hold
8 this up for any longer that it needs to be. People like
9 me, we can't wait anymore. And if there's going to be
10 jobs in this area for people like me, I'd like it to be
11 soon. So I'd like to thank you all for being here
12 tonight and again try to set an example for people like
13 me. Saying that you want us to stay here and not lose
14 some of the best and brightest minds right out of
15 school. You raised us to be such good people early on
16 when we were young kids, but then when we get to this
17 point, there's nothing for us to be here until we can
18 maybe come back a lot later on, but I'd like to be here
19 now. Thank you.

20 MR. MURPHY: Lauren Costello.

21 MS. COSTELLO: Hello, everyone. My name is
22 Lauren Costello and I'm a student at -- well, actually a
23 recent graduate from the University of Massachusetts,
24 Amherst. I believe I'm only one of only a few here

1 tonight speaking on behalf of the student population
2 here in the area and I'd like to express my adamant
3 support for the new New Bedford Commerce Marine Commerce
4 Terminal. Grant it, my major in college was economics,
5 but I feel there are far more qualified individuals here
6 tonight to express to you the clear economic benefits of
7 this proposed plan, be it through job growth, real
8 estate development, and an increased tax base for the
9 city. I feel strongly about these benefits, but what I
10 truly know is this area having grown up here. I grew up
11 sailing in Buzzards Bay with family and I've been
12 fortunate enough to watch New Bedford develop into a
13 vibrant, creative, and truly fascinating city. I feel
14 really passionate about this. I love New Bedford.

15 The approval of this project at its core is about
16 offshore wind. It's about remaining economically
17 competitive while pushing the envelope for alternative
18 energy. From my albeit humble perspective, I can say
19 with confidence that if New Bedford wants to attract the
20 best and brightest amongst recent college graduates, we
21 must work to create jobs in a market that we find both
22 pertinent and progressive. I wholeheartedly support
23 offshore wind and other sources for alternative energy.
24 Let's put New Bedford in a position to be the hub, the

1 center for all of this to happen. Thank you very much.

2 MR. MURPHY: The next person is Tom K. I
3 can't read the last name.

4 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you. My name is Tom
5 Kennedy. I'm a resident of the City of New Bedford,
6 former city councilor. I just want to do a quick story.
7 Thirty years ago, I tried to put windmills on this very
8 site. I got my head handed to me. In 1996, I handed
9 then Senator Kerry a proposal for ocean zoning and I
10 never got any reply. Timing is important on this one
11 and the time is now, today, so we're grateful for the
12 public hearing.

13 My interest in this particular project like
14 everybody else is jobs. But also the mitigation and I
15 know a year go I was handed a proposal that had 5
16 million seeds that was going to be disbursed in the area
17 and tonight I look in this brochure and there's 24
18 million, 542 thousand 803 seeds being proposed. A
19 substantial increase. I'm grateful for that and I'm
20 grateful for the people that through a little bit of
21 nudging maybe decided to change that number because I
22 wasn't real happy with it (indiscernible) process. But
23 like most things that do unfold, like my idea of putting
24 wind systems down here back in the early 80s, like the

1 circular regulations that evolve over time, like the
2 Department of Interior not doing a damage assessment in
3 time and then proceeded a little bit further to put a
4 lot of people in a dilemma around here regarding some of
5 the things that happened in the harbor. What I noticed
6 is the evolution of time that comes apex and today's the
7 apex. So I'm here with total support and hope the
8 project goes through and thank you for your time.

9 MR. MURPHY: Buddy Andrea.

10 MR. ANDREA: Good evening. My name is John G.
11 Buddy Andrea with the New Bedford's Development Course,
12 but I'm not talking about from an organization point
13 today. I'm talking about the reality of the City of New
14 Bedford and where we need to go from here.

15 I want to thank Mayor Mitchell for the statements
16 that he made earlier and particularly the statements
17 that were made by Representative Tony Cabral. When we
18 talk about economic development here, we need to talk to
19 economic development, how it's going to impact the
20 neighborhoods that have lived around this harbor for its
21 eternity, from the time many of our immigrant parents
22 that came here and worked on that harbor, worked on that
23 waterfront and lived there and sent their children, and
24 fathers and husbands to the wars and all that stuff and

1 then talk about what do we get back in return. And this
2 is an economic project, yes, for a hundred years further
3 as we move forward. But what it is going to be is the
4 benefit of those who have been here and challenge EPA --
5 I can't challenge the state because they really don't
6 sit down with us to talk about what is the reality of
7 what's going on, but I challenge EPA with regards to
8 something they talk about all the time which is
9 community benefits and what is going to be the community
10 benefit. What is going to be the benefit of our
11 youngsters who -- and we have kids who are also in
12 college.

13 I have a young man working for me right now who is
14 a chemical -- he's at Syracuse University. He'll be
15 starting his second year in chemical engineering at
16 Syracuse. We have another young man that's going to be
17 doing civil engineering over at UMass Dartmouth. You
18 know, so we have those same kids in our neighborhood,
19 right across the street there at South First Street
20 area, right there on Benrow's Garden and Bay Village,
21 all of those projects, Temple Landing. We have those
22 kids and those projects -- this project is really for my
23 kids and my grandkids.

24 I'll be 62 on Monday, so I know it's not for me,

1 but I'm going to be here long enough to make sure that
2 our kids benefit from this project. That you can rest
3 assure of. Unemployment figures came out again today.
4 New Bedford came in second behind Lawrence, Methuen. We
5 have either been number one, number two or number three
6 for the last 30 years in unemployment that I know of or
7 I can remember and betcha if you go further, you'll be
8 able to find that that's probably longer than that.

9 Community benefits has to be discussed in regards
10 to real timetables and real numbers. We want to make
11 sure that our brothers in the labors' union, the
12 carpenters' union, the ironworkers or whatever are
13 working with us to make sure that our kids who are
14 coming out of the high school can have a job on that
15 waterfront, whether it's in the union or out of the
16 union. We have the local longshoreman's union here. We
17 want to rebuild that union, bring in more members to
18 that union. We can't do that if the big boys are going
19 to come in here and try to run everything. And I can
20 tell you, big boys, we're not going to allow you to do
21 it. If you're coming in from New York or any of the big
22 cities, you know, we will use whatever is in our power
23 to make sure that the economic impact meets and fits
24 into our communities. Right across the street, like

1 Representative Cabral was talking about, right from Ruth
2 Street to South First Street, Acushnet Avenue. There
3 are areas that have been inundated with high crime,
4 drugs, gang violence and what is the solution to all the
5 stuff, economic development. And we're no different
6 from Philadelphia or New York or Compton or any other
7 major cities across the country, but we do have an issue
8 here where the field is not a level playing field.
9 There are still a lot of issues of discrimination and
10 exclusion, and EPA has played a big role in that and so
11 has the state.

12 This is an open hearing. This is probably the
13 first time they ever had an open hearing. Other people
14 will say, "Oh, I've been to one." Well, yeah, you all
15 have been to one, but when they talk about stakeholders,
16 well, we're supposed to be stakeholders too, but we
17 don't get invited to these kinds of public hearings.
18 We'll have the dog and pony show that they'll put on but
19 not the public hearing where it's really important that
20 everybody's voice is heard, where everybody's position
21 is listened to and dealt with and have a fair
22 opportunity to work it out.

23 I can tell you that we (indiscernible) oil spill
24 was here, our office trained 200 men and women to work

1 that oil spill. The BP oil spill, we sent two bus loads
2 down there. Michigan oil spill just last year as well,
3 we sent many people up to Michigan. So we have
4 qualified men and women here to do the work. We've got
5 women who are working on highway construction projects
6 through our office. We've got young men and women that
7 are working with the youth building other programs, the
8 trainers prepare themselves for their future. But the
9 field in not level, and I'm urging all the brothers here
10 from the unions to work with us. We want apprenticeship
11 programs. We want internship programs. We want
12 business development for local contractors, minorities,
13 and women contractors. But this can't be happening if
14 when you guys go meet tomorrow, we're not at the table,
15 and you guys will be meeting tomorrow. It maybe even
16 tonight, but we won't be there, and I can tell you that
17 will be a big mistake, because I will be there sometime
18 soon and we will deal with it. But we want to make sure
19 this project goes forward.

20 I believe it was in 2004 the City of New Bedford
21 -- I went to a Brownfield conference with EPA out in
22 Portland, Oregon and the City of New Bedford was
23 designated there as a ports field, one of three in
24 country; Portland, Oregon, Tampa, Florida and New

1 Bedford. Three port field cities part of the Brownfield
2 programs which helps to bring all kinds of economic
3 development and other kinds of issues to assist with
4 developing the city and cleaning it up.

5 Well, we have gone further than that now. Our
6 office is dealing with and has been dealing with the
7 weatherization programs. Our office has been dealing
8 with it as part of the 150 million solar energy program
9 going on in this city. We are big time supporters of
10 the, yes, for the windmill project, but there was a
11 bigger thing that happened I believe a week ago or so
12 where the City of New Bedford and Tuxpan if I didn't say
13 it right, Tuxpan, and I'm sure we'll know how to say it
14 right in the near future. Tuxpan, Mexico signed an
15 agreement with the City of New Bedford to bring goods,
16 produce, coffee, fruit, all the way from Mexico to --
17 the gulf of Mexico right into New Bedford which will be
18 distributed throughout New England and Canada. That's
19 mega, mega, mega, mega stuff for us.

20 This is the new future for New Bedford. I want my
21 living grandchildren to have an opportunity to have a
22 career on that waterfront. I want them to be able to
23 buy their homes in the neighborhoods that we live in
24 right now and grow up with their children. This is what

1 we want. I don't see that in the horizon because even
2 with all the work that Matt Morrissey and the mayor is
3 presently doing, we're still not at the table and we
4 need to be at that table so that we can help design,
5 carve out and make this plan work so that everybody in
6 New Bedford, not one section, not one area, and, of
7 course, our neighbors in Dartmouth and New Haven and
8 Acushnet to benefit from this project or Wareham.

9 You know, we used to be called the greater New
10 Bedford area at one time. Now we're south coast and
11 that has really determined what New Bedford can do with
12 regards in being a real economic hub. Now, I always
13 look at New Bedford as being the capital of this area
14 and it is. And now with this new thing with the short
15 sea shipping is very, very important. The windmill
16 stuff, I'll tell you out of all four is really, really a
17 big idea. It's been the catalyst to get this going on
18 like with the (indiscernible), but the short sea
19 shipping stuff it's mega. These are jobs for the next
20 hundred years for all of our kids, all of our
21 grandchildren and their children. But are we all going
22 to work together? Are we going to make it a level
23 playing field for all of us to be there or is it going
24 to be just your guys or is it going to be just the big

1 business guys or the special interest or just the ones
2 who vote? And I can tell you, ladies and gentlemen,
3 that's the wrong way to go.

4 I think if we really, really -- are really serious
5 about a real new New Bedford rail, we lit the world. We
6 did all those other things. We have a multi, multi
7 diverse community, many languages. We have a fine
8 university. We got a good community college. Our
9 school system is on its way of being fixed and going
10 forward. We're going to be seeing our kids coming out
11 of the high school to go where? Like the gentleman and
12 the lady said in the back there, they don't want to
13 leave again. Well, we want our kids to stay too. What
14 are they going to stay for if they're not going to be
15 part of the process?

16 If we don't do this, what I'm talking about, you
17 know what's going to end up happening in this area?
18 Back in the 60s, there was a program called Urban
19 Renewal. If we, our communities, the environmental
20 neighbors, the port neighbors who are situated and
21 there's certain census tracts that are talking about and
22 you can find those census tracts in the Census Bureau
23 information, if we don't look at those census tracts and
24 make sure that we're building those communities,

1 economically investing in those community, what's going
2 to happen is that we'll have a second urban renewal
3 which will demolish the rest of city, the south end to
4 make way for what? A bigger port?

5 Housing for those who are going to be coming in on
6 the train that will now be built, probably come down
7 here and build a McDonald House versus the comfortable
8 living houses that we have now. The wonderful
9 neighborhoods that we have now. The real kind of
10 village kind of living. That will be wiped out if you
11 try to wipe out those communities and that's what I see
12 happening with this economic plan. Because one, we're
13 not at the table, so our voices are not heard. And,
14 yes, we do have a city council. They do a lot of good
15 work for us, but the politics is so deep here because
16 now we're talking about mega money. Mega, mega, mega
17 money. And I urge everybody here, particularly EPA, who
18 has an economic innovation office and all that kind of
19 stuff.

20 We're meeting with some people on Thursday to talk
21 about some training programs here in Boston. We're
22 meeting in Boston to talk about training programs here
23 that will talk about cross-industry training, cross
24 industry development. When you look at that waterfront,

1 it's not just a ship coming in and who's taking stuff
2 off. It's all the other stuff that goes with it. The
3 warehouses. The refrigeration. The transportation.
4 The shipping and the receiving. Those are all heavy
5 paying jobs. And I'm not talking 10 and 12 bucks an
6 hour. I'm talking these jobs are going to be 20, \$30 an
7 hour. So that means our kids will be able to buy homes
8 in five years if they're on the job there and now
9 they're going to be there for the rest of their lives.

10 More homes (indiscernible), more development will
11 happen within the community. We have streets and roads
12 here in New Bedford that are deplorable. We should be
13 ashamed. But, of course, we're not because they're not
14 in our neighborhoods and so this is a real, real
15 economic program here -- a plan that we need to be part
16 of, and I just can't emphasize how important it.

17 The issue of CAD cells, we've never had a public
18 hearing on CAD cells. We've only had dog and pony
19 shows. Never had a public hearing and the state was
20 going to try and tell you they did one, but they didn't.
21 It was a fluke. It wasn't honest. There was no
22 transparency or accountability to it. And without that
23 kind of transparency, then again our communities are
24 left out. For instance, this meeting here. I called

1 the Civil Rights Office at EPA this afternoon. This
2 meeting should have been held in the community, downtown
3 in the neighborhoods where more of us would have been
4 there. The bus stops at six o'clock, so there's no
5 public transportation. So where the community is, we're
6 not. We're way down here in this beautiful area. This
7 is a beautiful part. I'm a Vietnam veteran so I love,
8 you know, I come down here because of the museums here.
9 And when Karen was talking about dioxin, let me tell you
10 what dioxin is. It's agent orange. Does anybody know
11 what agent -- any Vietnam veterans here? Agent orange.
12 That's what it is. The stuff they sprayed and that's
13 what in the PCBs. That's what's in that harbor and we
14 want to bury it there for our kids to come here 40, 60
15 years from now to have some accident that will bring
16 that stuff back up. But, of course, EPA don't want to
17 hear that. And it wasn't part of the original raw
18 decision to have CAD cells. It was not part of the
19 original raw decision.

20 MR. MURPHY: Pierre Bernya. If people would
21 keep their remarks brief, but it's up to you. We could
22 be here all night.

23 MR. BENYA: I'm (indiscernible) I would like
24 to thank the EPA for this opportunity to speak here

1 tonight. My name is Pierre Bernya. I work with Maritime
2 Terminal --

3 MR. MURPHY: Could I ask people to keep it
4 down if you're not speaking. Thank you.

5 MR. BENYA: Again, my name is Pierre Bernya.
6 I work with Maritime Terminal. I have been handling
7 freighters in this port in many capacities as a
8 (indiscernible) ship agent, cargo broker, import and
9 export, freight (indiscernible) since 1981 so most of
10 the vessels that are coming to New Bedford in one way or
11 the other I got involved in the commercial level and
12 only support the building of this South Terminal.

13 From my point of view, it's about time the cargo
14 facility in New Bedford are upgraded. For years to
15 come, this (indiscernible) that are talking about 50,
16 100 years will bring cargo to New Bedford. There's the
17 windmill projects which may last ten years and there's
18 other projects that are going to come about, containers,
19 aggregates, (indiscernible) bulk, such as steel cargo,
20 heavy-lift cargo. That's all going to develop with the
21 new terminal and I'm just glad that we're proceeding
22 with the building of a modern facility in New Bedford.
23 That's a great thing. Thank you very much.

24 MR. MURPHY: Jeff Growbrowski.

1 MR. GROWBROSKI: Good evening. My name is
2 Jeff Growbrowski. I'm with Deep Water Wind. We're the
3 developer of offshore wind farms. I want to first thank
4 you for this opportunity to speak tonight. Also thank
5 Mayor Mitchell and Mayor Lang for this leadership on
6 this area as well as the leadership of Governor Patrick
7 who we all know is a national leader in developing
8 offshore wind in the Commonwealth.

9 Deep Water Wind has spent tens of millions of
10 dollars developing offshore wind projects here on the
11 east coast. We have chosen to invest those dollars here
12 in the Northeast, in the Massachusetts, Rhode Island
13 offshore areas in particular and we're very confident
14 that this is the part of the country where offshore wind
15 will be built in the United States first and it will be
16 built at a large scale.

17 We've talked tonight about several projects and we
18 are confident that there will be several projects at a
19 very large scale built here in the northeast and it's
20 for a very simple reason because New Bedford is
21 extraordinarily close to the best wind resource offshore
22 on the East Coast. This is the perfect place to build
23 offshore wind farms and because of New Bedford's history
24 as a marine commerce city, this is a perfect place for a

1 port that can serve the offshore wind industry.

2 Now, this is not a pipe dream. All we have to do
3 is look to Northern Europe where hundreds of wind
4 turbines have been installed in the last 20 years and
5 tens of billions of dollars have been invested to build
6 those wind farms. And in the countries and areas where
7 those wind farms have been built, huge ports have been
8 developed and many, many of thousands of people have
9 been employed over the years to build and then service
10 those wind farms. We at Deep Water Wind are very
11 confident that that is going to happen right here in the
12 northeast as well.

13 We are committed to building a large wind farm
14 right off the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
15 about 20 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard which
16 makes New Bedford an ideal location for port facility to
17 serve our project. We are committed to bringing jobs to
18 Southeastern New England and we're very likely to need
19 more than one port. We are very likely to use a port in
20 Rhode Island, but also very interested in what's going
21 to happen here in New Bedford because we think that this
22 terminal project will really put New Bedford on the map
23 and will make a number of offshore wind developers look
24 very hard here in New Bedford.

1 We have been here to New Bedford to look at the
2 plans and we're very happy that the plans that have been
3 developed will be suitable for our industry. So we
4 really encourage the leadership to keep working on this
5 plan. We think it really will put this city on the map
6 with respect to offshore wind and we're happy to be here
7 tonight. Thank you.

8 MR. MURPHY: Ed Latome. Jim Gordon.

9 MR. GORDAN: Good evening. My name is Jim
10 Gordon, and I'm president of Cape Wind and I would like
11 to thank you for coming to New Bedford tonight. I would
12 like to thank you for coming to New Bedford tonight and
13 listening to the thoughtful comments and heartfelt
14 comments of everybody in this room. There are no
15 perfect solutions. Let me give you an example. In the
16 80s and 90s, there were a number of coal fired power
17 plants proposed for this area going through the
18 permitting process right here in New Bedford, in
19 Taunton, and East Providence ringing this area with coal
20 fired power plants that would have created significant
21 pollutant emissions health problems.

22 What our company did because we'd been thinking
23 about environmental justice. We've been thinking about
24 energy and the economy for the past 36 years. What our

1 company did is we joined with people in this room, my
2 friends in the back of the room, and we decided to
3 propose building natural gas fired power plants because
4 we believed they were orders magnitude cleaner and more
5 efficient than coal fired power plants.

6 I want you to know that in helping to fulfill your
7 mission there isn't anybody in this room that doesn't
8 want a cleaner, healthier environment, a better future
9 for their children. You've heard that tonight. We're
10 all foot soldiers in trying to uphold your mission. We
11 got together and we built natural gas fired power
12 plants in the next community in Dartmouth,
13 Massachusetts, right over here in Tiverton, Rhode
14 Island, in Dighton, Massachusetts, and Pawtucket, Rhode
15 Island, and by providing that path and those solutions,
16 we were able to defeat coal fired power plants that
17 would have been raining down emissions in this area.

18 At the same time -- and not only improving the
19 environment, we were able to create thousands of
20 construction jobs and permanent high-paying jobs for
21 the citizens in the greater New Bedford area, and that
22 is fact and that is history. Now, it's only fitting
23 that tonight I see so many pioneers in the offshore
24 wind industry here in this room tonight supporting this

1 terminal project because as you've heard at one time
2 New Bedford was the energy capital of the world. It
3 did light the industrial lamps and lubricated machinery
4 all throughout the world. And as I listen to the
5 students tonight who have talked before you that are
6 looking for jobs for the future, I can tell you that it
7 was people from New Bedford, Cape Cod and the Islands
8 that managed whaling fleets from here to as far as the
9 Pacific Ocean. They honed their crafts. They had the
10 courage and the determination to go out and build this
11 industry. And do you know at one time this community
12 was one of the most prosperous communities in the
13 world. It was the banks of New Bedford that financed
14 the expansion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

15 Today this region has an opportunity and this --
16 the approval of this offshore Marine Commerce Terminal
17 can help catalyze and make this area the center of
18 gravity for the offshore wind industry. There are
19 companies already coming from Europe and setting shop
20 up in Eastern Massachusetts to go after this industry
21 to help cross pollinate the experience that they have
22 to help teach us this industry so that we can emerge
23 and become global leaders in this industry. I have to
24 thank the foresighted leadership of not only the

1 Patrick Administration, our congressional delegation,
2 but the incredible work that Matt Morrissey of the
3 Economic Development Commission, Mayor Mitchell, and
4 Former Mayor Lang have done in helping push this
5 forward.

6 So I hope tonight that we all recognize that there
7 aren't perfect solutions, but I believe that the
8 approval of this terminal will really help catalyze the
9 offshore wind industry whose contribution to reducing
10 pollutant emissions will be far greater than what we
11 accomplished in the 80s and 90s by building a number of
12 natural gas fired power plants, because obviously with
13 offshore wind -- because if we have -- there's no fuel
14 cost, it will get dispatched before the more heavily
15 polluting power plants in New England. That's how the
16 NEPOOL dispatch system works, so we're talking about
17 reducing arsenic and mercury. We're talking about
18 reducing CO2 and SO2, the types of things that create
19 harm to our health.

20 So, please, we hope you will approve this project.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. MURPHY: We have Chuck from Neptune Wind. I
23 can't read your last name, Chuck.

24 MR. DEGADI: My name is Chuck Degadi from Neptune

1 Wind. Neptune Wind is a Winchester, Massachusetts
2 based offshore wind developer. I've been coming down
3 here for the last three years back and forth and
4 watching the offshore wind story unfold. I've spent a
5 lot of time, yes, in public hearings with commercial
6 fishermen, with task forces of (indiscernible) of
7 different stakeholders from all over this state, and
8 the islands and the cities, and watching the energy
9 bill around turning New Bedford into a whole new city.
10 And Mayor Mitchell, you might want to think about
11 rebranding New Bedford as the offshore wind city from
12 the Whaling City of New B from New Beige from Secret
13 City, all the names your city has had over the
14 centuries because it could very well be the capital of
15 offshore wind, but to do that, this terminal has to go
16 in.

17 We as an offshore wind developer much like Deep
18 Water, much like Cape Wind and eight or ten other
19 companies just like us have really high aspirations,
20 would like to build 500 or 1000 megawatt utility scale
21 offshore wind projects off the coast of Massachusetts
22 and Rhode Island over the next 10 to 15 years. So it's
23 not just Cape Wind with 800 jobs. It's 8 to 10 other
24 companies with 8 to 10 to 12 additional projects over

1 the next 8 to 10 to 12 or 15 years. So it's
2 accumulative effect. There's tons and tons of
3 construction jobs, and then after that is permanent
4 jobs for operations and maintenance along the south
5 coast for real engineering job talent, for real
6 management job. It's a big industry opportunity and
7 then all the supply chain that will follow as Jim
8 Gordon said.

9 So I will keep it brief. Please agree with this
10 project. Thank you.

11 MR. MURPHY: Anthony Sapienza.

12 MR. SAPIENZA: My name is Anthony Sapienza. I am
13 the chairperson of the New Bedford Economic Development
14 Council and I'm a private sector employer, the CEO and
15 president of Joseph Abboud Manufacturing Corporation
16 here in New Bedford.

17 My New Bedford Economic Development Council hat is
18 on right now. We, the council, and the board of
19 directors of the council endorse this project. We have
20 been party to the work that the mayors, our current
21 mayor and the past mayor, and our director, Matt
22 Morrissey, have done over the last six years to endorse
23 this project. We have -- we have talked about it at
24 the board level for a number of years and have vetted

1 all of the issues that we think are so important to the
2 economic development strategy for this city, and so we
3 wholeheartedly endorse this project.

4 As a private sector employer, I would just like to
5 say to you that I have 500 employees in this city in an
6 industry that once had in this area 20,000 employees.
7 The apparel and textile sector no longer exists in New
8 Bedford and in Fall River on the South Course -- on the
9 South Coast. This opportunity is the future of New
10 Bedford, and unlike the apparel industry and unlike the
11 textile industry, this industry, offshore wind, a port
12 and a marine terminal that will generate thousands of
13 jobs and business activity are the -- is the
14 cataclysmic kind of event that we need to make this
15 city grow and to return to those days that others have
16 referred to when we were the City of Light.

17 So having had the experience of being in an
18 industry that has died, I will tell you that we need to
19 support the industries that will grow. This is one.
20 Please endorse and support this project. Thank you.

21 MR. MURPHY: Steven Lynch.

22 MR. LYNCH: It's tough to follow those last couple
23 of speakers. Steven Lynch, I'm representing Mass Tank
24 Manufacturer -- Tank Manufactures, Middleboro, Mass.

1 We're an 80 year old manufacturing company that
2 basically rolls, bends, and welds steel tank
3 constructions. We're here for support of this terminal
4 because we see this as an ability to expand into a new
5 business. Just like everyone who preceded me is
6 talking about and we'd like to be able to support the
7 ten developers that are going to build the offshore
8 wind.

9 We also really are looking at this terminal to help
10 us into the land based or the (indiscernible) towers --
11 just starting to manufacturing those and one of the
12 first things that we've run into is the difficulty here
13 in New England of transporting these structures. We
14 see this terminal to help us on that end of the
15 business also.

16 So someone said earlier in the evening that this
17 was a game changer. I absolutely see it as a game
18 changer. It's -- it's being supported by the
19 administration, by the congressional delegation, by the
20 City of New Bedford, by everyone that we've run into.
21 So Mass Tanks are looking for a supportive role in this
22 industry. We think that this terminal will definitely
23 help us. If it goes to another state, all those jobs
24 and this whole industry goes with that because you're

1 talking about huge investments. We would be thinking
2 about a 20 to 50 million dollar investment for a
3 facility along the water to support the offshore wind,
4 and if this type of terminal went to Rhode Island or
5 New Jersey, you'd have to live there. You know, it's a
6 huge investment and the opportunity is now.

7 I've heard a lot of people here tonight talk about
8 growing up here in New Bedford and what has passed. I
9 happen to have grown up in the City of Brockton, and at
10 one time that was the Shoe Capital of the World, and I
11 can tell you this, Brockton would love an opportunity
12 for a game changing terminal or business or an
13 industry, and so New Bedford should grab this
14 opportunity and run with it. Thank you very much.

15 MR. MUPRHY: Ken Pruitt.

16 MR. PRUITT: Good evening. My name is Ken Pruitt.
17 It's spelled P-R-U-I-T-T. I'm from the Environmental
18 League of Massachusetts which has been around since
19 1898 before wind farms and green jobs were even a
20 concept. I'm here to speak strongly in favor of this
21 project. I hope that the EPA will make the draft
22 determination final and approve this proposed project.

23 We're a strong supporter of Cape Wind and offshore
24 wind in general. This project will obviously support

1 that creating thousands of -- hundreds of good jobs in
2 addition to generating clean, carbon-free electricity.
3 The project is obviously very important to New Bedford,
4 as we've heard all evening, generating hundreds of jobs
5 here.

6 But I want to just mention something about the PCB
7 contamination. At the Environmental League, we take
8 toxic pollutants very seriously. We work very hard on
9 trying get bills passed and regulations enacted that
10 will reduce toxic pollutants in the environment and
11 that's one of the reasons that we support this exact
12 project because the PCB levels in this sediment are too
13 low to be required by the EPA for clean-up under a
14 Superfund. This project, however, will get those
15 sediments cleaned up. It's debated over whether it's
16 the gold standard for clean up, but at least it's a
17 clean-up. It's better than nothing. We should go
18 ahead and do this. It's a win/win. We strongly
19 support this and urge you to make this determination
20 final. Thank you.

21 MR. MURPHY: John Miller.

22 MR. MILLER: Good evening. My name is John Miller.
23 I'm the director of the New England Marine Renewable
24 Energy Center. I'd like to thank you for the

1 opportunity to speak tonight. If we look at the
2 estimates today of marine renewable energy, which is
3 wave, wind, and tides, there's enough energy in the
4 waters off our shores to meet all the electrical
5 demands of New England, but we've got to develop it,
6 and NEMREC is all about the sustainable development of
7 those energy sources in a way that minimizes the impact
8 on the environment and other uses of the ocean.

9 So we're very much in favor of this terminal
10 because of what it will do in advancing these
11 industries. As the only terminal in the U.S. that
12 would be dedicated to offshore wind -- the only
13 incomparable is the City of Cuxhaven in Germany, and if
14 you go there you're struck by two things. One, the
15 immense scale of what this is all about. These are
16 huge devices. It takes great space to lay them out, to
17 assemble them and deploy them and this terminal will
18 provide that space. But the other thing is just
19 incredible scale of jobs. In Cuxhaven and the
20 surrounding area, they created 2400 direct
21 manufacturing jobs in three years. They had to train
22 350 welders in three years. That doesn't include all
23 the indirect jobs making steel and uniforms and all
24 those kind of things, just the direct manufacturing

1 jobs. That's the kind of scale. That's the kind of
2 impact this could have, and so we're very supportive of
3 it. Thank you very much.

4 MR. MURPHY: Doug Nelson. Is there a Doug
5 Nelson who wants to speak? I believe it's Doug. Mark
6 Rasmussen.

7 MR. RASMUSSEN: Thank you for the opportunity to
8 speak. Mark Rasmussen with the Buzzards Bay Coalition.
9 I will be brief and do written comments as well
10 (indiscernible). Just a quick summary, it's been said
11 by so many people before tonight, I have never seen a
12 project in a city that so well marries environmental
13 benefit and economic development as this one. I can't
14 imagine I ever will see one that does that job so well.

15 Regarding the project's environmental benefits, Ken
16 Pruitt just mentioned it, this is sediment in the
17 harbor that will not be touched by Superfund. We are
18 getting the chance to clean up materials on the harbor
19 bottom that would be sitting there were it not for this
20 project. That's a very large environmental benefit,
21 one. Two, Buddy Andrade mentioned the contaminated
22 sediment -- the contaminated material that's sitting on
23 the land on this site that's been there for years and
24 years. This is a chance to get that material out of

1 here, get it out of that neighborhood and get that
2 cleaned up. That's an amazing benefit.

3 As part of the mitigation, we're able to do some
4 more capping on the outer harbor area of Superfund
5 contamination that is still sitting there exposed to
6 marine life outside the hurricane barrier. That would
7 not be happening at this pace were it not for this
8 project. I can go on and on. There are a number of
9 environmental benefits that make this very, very well
10 worth doing.

11 With regard to the CAD cells, the material that
12 we're talking about in average concentrations that are
13 going to be handled by this project are 20 times
14 smaller than the CAD cells being talked about by the
15 EPA for the middle part of the harbor and more than a
16 100 to 200 times smaller than what is north of
17 (indiscernible) Street. We're talking about very
18 dramatically different scales of levels of
19 contamination. The Mayor said it, CAD cells are -- one
20 CAD cell is not the same as others. For this use and
21 this location, I think this can be done in an
22 environmentally protective way to manage this material
23 at this site for the South Terminal Project. For
24 the bigger picture, you know, Buzzards Bay for the last

1 century has been the host to two billion gallons of oil
2 transported every year. We move the region's oil.
3 That is our -- what people know Buzzards Bay for
4 because of the Cape Cod Canal. It means that we're
5 also known for the frequency of oil spills we have in
6 this region. Moving fossil fuels and oil through
7 Buzzards Bay is not the future. Developing clean
8 energy is the future for Buzzards Bay. I would love
9 for the last century be known as the oil century for
10 Buzzards Bay and this next century be known as New
11 Bedford being the exporter of clean renewable energy
12 throughout the entire region. I urge your very strong
13 support of this project.

14 MR. MURPHY: Scott Lang.

15 MR. LANG: I'll be very brief. I am Scott Lang.
16 You can put me on the last six years I had the
17 privilege of serving as the Mayor. This was a project
18 that began quite frankly as our attempt to work with
19 the state to get test -- a test blade facility into New
20 Bedford, and it had a tremendous amount of support from
21 the congressional delegation. We worked very hard on
22 it, and we were a finalist and we lost out.

23 At the time, I had asked Matt to look at other
24 possible uses for this area of the city, and Pat --

1 Matt rather and Kristin Decas worked very hard and came
2 back with a number of different alternatives. One was
3 to begin developing a commerce terminal, and a commerce
4 terminal that is needed in New Bedford at the present
5 time. We have State Pier, but State Pier quite frankly
6 won't meet the needs of the 21st Century.

7 The interesting thing about this is New Bedford is
8 not Newport. It's never going to be Newport. We love
9 Newport, but we love New Bedford the way it is. It's a
10 working waterfront and the area that we are talking
11 about right now is an bulkheaded area in the working
12 waterfront that qualifies in many square feet of it.
13 It's a Brownfield site. The area continuous to it is a
14 Brownfield site, and the area that is directly
15 waterfront to this area happens to have a low level
16 contamination and needs to be dredged. If we're going
17 use that part of the harbor, we'd be working very hard
18 on a water sheet program and planning for the city's
19 waterfront. We know what makes us different from any
20 other middle city is that we have this unbelievable
21 harbor. So we needed a commercial waterfront where we
22 can actually do marine commerce.

23 We're governed by DPAs. We're governed by Chapter
24 91. We also know we have the number one fishing port

1 in the country, and we wanted to do absolutely nothing
2 to inhibit our ability to continue to maintain that
3 status and have it grow. So at the same time we're
4 looking at how we begin to expand marine opportunities.
5 We also have the opportunity to become the staging area
6 for offshore wind and other offshore energy-type
7 projects, as John just mentioned.

8 So the answer to this was putting together a team
9 and beginning the work to see if it could happen. I
10 can tell you that this has been vetted out over a six
11 year period. That the champion of this project was
12 Matt and Kristin Decas. That every day they worked hard
13 on their normal responsibilities, but every day
14 something came up regarding this particular project,
15 and I questioned it, and I'm sure the new Mayor, Mayor
16 Mitchell, questions it every day as to how it's going
17 to unfold. How we put the parcels together. What the
18 use is going to be and about how it's going to be paid
19 for.

20 I have heard -- I've been here now since Tony
21 spoke. I have heard no one say that they don't want
22 this project because we all understand how important it
23 is to move forward into the 21st Century for a mixed
24 use type of theme for this deep water port, and the

1 fact of the matter is that the EPA has worked at the
2 first meetings of (indiscernible) on this was three
3 years ago, and I know they've worked hard and I know
4 DEP has worked hard on this. We're at the point now
5 where we're almost at permitting. There have been some
6 very interesting and important points made tonight.

7 Points have been made for people concerned about
8 handling of contamination. I can assure you that
9 everyone when you say you want the health and welfare
10 of the people of this city protected, we've only moved
11 forward on this project every day with that as the
12 mantra and health. And welfare means everything from
13 environmental justice to the jobs that you go
14 throughout this community to the -- I'm no stranger
15 talking to the unions about opening up apprenticeship
16 programs and making sure people in New Bedford and
17 people of all our communities are involved in these
18 projects, and I'm sure that Mayor Mitchell won't be a
19 stranger to it, and I know no one in this room will be.
20 If it's not good for New Bedford, projects like this
21 shouldn't go forward.

22 This is a very important project for our city.
23 It's one of many very important projects, but this one
24 changes the game as far as our ability to have

1 re-entered that waterfront highway that reaches around
2 the world. This will allow us the service, whether
3 it's Deep Water, whether it's Cape Wind or anyone else
4 who comes down the pike or if it's Title or whatever it
5 might be in the future, it will allow us to service the
6 staging area, the assembly area and then the
7 maintenance facility for these parts. That is an awful
8 lot of jobs, an awful lot of revenue coming in to
9 enhance the quality of life for the people in this
10 city.

11 The other thing it allows us to do for the first
12 time will be heavy lifts. We will get shore cranes.
13 We will allow the Longshoremen's Union the Teamsters
14 Union, all the different people who work on the
15 waterfront the ability -- a pier -- I started working
16 on the waterfront in 1978 representing the
17 Longshoremen. I started working with the Teamsters on
18 Fishermen in '79, the Lumberers back in '78.

19 I understand each and every job that takes place on
20 the waterfront. You need a deep water facility if
21 we're going to be a 21st Century port. And the fact of
22 the matter is when we're not doing staging, assembling
23 or maintenance we're going to be loading and unloading
24 international cargo. We're going to be loading and

1 unloading short sea shipping, which is national cargo.
2 We're going to be loading and unloading direct shipping
3 which may mean everything from -- if we ever got it,
4 which we've been talking about for 30 years, a banana
5 contract. Back in 1980 -- '88 to '91, we had 50,000
6 man hours per year coming in and out of this port.
7 That supported 25 families in the minority communities
8 of New Bedford at full-wage jobs and full benefits. It
9 also meant that another 50 families got benefits. We
10 can easily get over 200,000 man hours or people hours
11 now on these projects, and this is something that we
12 will do, but we need this particular facility.

13 Every environmental issue will be addressed. I
14 have no doubt. I've worked with the EPA now, its
15 finest staff, and they hold your feet to the fire. I
16 don't have any doubt that Buddy and many, many other
17 people will be in every day saying we want the jobs to
18 be distributed throughout the people in New Bedford.
19 We want the education, the apprenticeship programs. We
20 want our share. They will get it, but it's important -
21 - this is the type of opportunity that comes, the
22 timing is right, the stars are aligned, the city has to
23 jump on this and then move forward.

24 This also brings rail. This brings rail, a

1 completely fully functional rail system that includes
2 passenger and not for 1.8 billion dollars and not on
3 the back of a casino industry or economy. This is a
4 whole new notion on rail. This is high-speed freight
5 rail which leads to high-speed passenger rail. So the
6 answer to this is this unlocks the door. We need this
7 project. We need this permitting to go forward.

8 We also need the financing, whether it comes from
9 through the Seaport Council or is bonded out by the
10 state in other forms. We need the financing to move
11 this forward. Three hundred people start working
12 almost immediately. That's pretty darn good job to
13 begin with. Eight hundred people will work in and out
14 of this particular facility, but the fact is permitting
15 is the key now. We all ought to unite, get together,
16 support the Mayor, support the delegation, support the
17 congressional delegation, support each other in
18 resolving the issuing and move this forward.

19 If you heard Mark indicating that this is a great
20 way to clean up low level PCBs and contamination and we
21 have differences on CAD cells along the way, we'll
22 fight about CAD cells at another time at another place.
23 Right now though the way to resolve contaminants that
24 would not have been moved is through a CAD cell system

1 that everyone can agree on and then we'll worry about
2 where we go from there.

3 Last thing I'll say to the EPA is here's what I
4 realized when I studied up on EPA. They were supposed
5 to be out of the city on the Superfund clean-up in June
6 of 2011. That means they were 11 -- they were 13
7 months overdue. That would be acceptable, but my
8 understanding is they also have another 16 years to go.
9 We need to work closely with them to get them out.
10 It's the equivalent of your uncle coming and saying
11 he's going to stay in the living room on the couch and
12 14 years later he's still there. He's got to go. But
13 we will work with them. This isn't the time to be
14 fighting the CAD cell issue. That's next go around.
15 There will be public hearings on it, and we'll all get
16 together and look at CAD cells again.

17 I happen to have a tremendous amount of faith in
18 science after doing the number one clean-up in the
19 United States on an educational piece of property, so I
20 have a pretty good understanding of it, but I have an
21 open mind always if someone raises an issue regarding
22 health and welfare on the environment.

23 So, please, we're all together on this. We all
24 agree. You know, we're fighting right now with little

1 wooden swords. This is a project -- let's let the EPA
2 know let's go. Everything can be resolved. This is
3 the name of jobs, our kids, the environment, research
4 and development, a whole new era for maritime commerce
5 in the city. So that's why I support it. I'm sure
6 that's why the Mayor supports it. That's why everyone
7 in this room supports it. Don't take our family -- our
8 family discussion here tonight as anything other than
9 full support for the City of New Bedford for EPA
10 permitting this and getting us going. So thank you
11 very much.

12 MR. MURPHY: Jim Hannon.

13 MR. HANNON: Good evening. My name is Jim
14 Hannon. I work for TPI Composites. We are a
15 manufacturer of the wind blades for several turbine
16 companies including offshore companies. We have two
17 facilities in this area that represent about 100
18 employees. Most of our production activities is in the
19 Midwest where we support land-based turbines. Most of
20 the land-based turbine business is in the western part
21 of our country. This port represents an opportunity
22 for growth in the offshore wind, which is a New England
23 business, and we would greatly support this port and
24 the opportunity to grow -- grow our business in the

1 offshore wind industry. Thank you.

2 MR. MURPHY: Drew Granday.

3 MR. GRANDAY: Hello. My name is Drew Granday.
4 I'm an organizer here with the Sierra Club here in
5 Massachusetts. Thank you to the EPA and City of New
6 Bedford for hosting this hearing here tonight. The
7 Sierra Club is very supportive of clean energy and
8 clean -- and the jobs that come along with the clean
9 energy development. We're also supportive of the South
10 Terminal Project, but we do have concerns along with
11 some members of the community with some of the clean-up
12 aspects of the PCB contamination of the river. Our
13 concern is that we want to make sure that as this
14 project moves forward we're also cleaning up the river
15 to the extent that it is acceptable to the families and
16 residents of New Bedford and is done in such a way that
17 it doesn't put future generations at risk and it's also
18 done in such a way that it complies with all aspects of
19 the clean air and clean water act.

20 As we start moving forward with this process and
21 the written deadline is coming up on August 21st, the
22 Sierra Club will be taking a closer look at the South
23 Terminal Project. We will be submitting some more
24 detailed written comments that you can look forward to,

1 but thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak
2 here tonight.

3 MR. MURPHY: Paul Vigeant.

4 MR. VIGEANT: My name is Paul Vigeant. I work
5 as assistant chancellor for Economic Development at the
6 University of Massachusetts and the letter -- I'll try
7 to paraphrase the letter that I've just handed to you
8 which is fundamentally a letter of support for the
9 Commonwealth's proposal for the confinement area, and
10 I'd also just like to offer some comments about the
11 clarity and the (indiscernible) of the agency's review
12 of the information submitted. You know, when I looked
13 at the report and we're trying to go through it with a
14 pretty fine tooth comb, it is impressive to me the
15 depth of analysis included in a report. The
16 conclusions were presented I thought fairly and
17 clearly, and I think that they -- the draft report is
18 certainly support the draft determination and we would
19 also encourage the agency to move very rapidly forward.

20 In my judgment, I don't think there's a whole lot
21 of more analysis that needs to be conducted. As a
22 result of this input from the hearing and as a result
23 of the conclusions presented in the draft report, so I
24 too would like to support the project in general for

1 many reasons. It's evident what the economic benefits
2 are. You need to walk that balance between
3 environmental justice and economic development, and
4 it's fortunate that you do have the authority to
5 balance those things. It's clear in this project that
6 you have plenty to hang your hat on in building an
7 economic argument to justify any potential adverse
8 mitigation facts, but it's clear to me, and I think
9 your report was very good in pointing this out that
10 this project is consistent with the harbor clean-up
11 plan. It is consistent with the efforts to clean up
12 the health and the environment of the harbor and the
13 union, so I support the project. I think you guys did
14 a good job on the draft. I would encourage you to
15 proceed to final.

16 MR. MURPHY: John Fernandez.

17 MR. FERNANDEZ: Good evening, thank you. My
18 name is John Fernandez. I'm a New Bedford resident. I
19 live in the Butler's Flat area, so I'm directly
20 impacted by some of the work that's being done here.
21 I'm also the vice president -- the mutual vice
22 president of the Greater Southeastern Mass Central
23 Labor Council. So I'm here tonight with my labor hat
24 on. I don't think you ever take your labor hat off. I

1 speak in support of this project.

2 In addition to the 800 jobs that have been
3 mentioned earlier, sustained jobs, that's the key.
4 These are not quick jobs, something someone will do for
5 a little while. These are sustained jobs. We're
6 looking at -- the former mayor brought it up, almost
7 40,000 hours a week. That's a lot of money coming into
8 the area. What we really want to have here is that the
9 construction jobs take place and the wages are paid
10 fairly. They're good union jobs for good union people
11 and for other individuals from the region. The
12 maintenance and support jobs that this project will
13 develop will be huge. The service jobs that will be
14 taking place with this.

15 An element that was left out, our regional airport
16 will benefit from this. One of the great advantages of
17 New Bedford, now I'm speaking like a citizen, one of
18 the great advantages of New Bedford is we have a deep
19 water harbor. We have a rail system, and we have an
20 airport, and you can ride your bicycle from one to the
21 other very easily, so it's not a long ride. That is
22 going to help a lot.

23 In addition to that, new training opportunities for
24 our employed and our unemployed. You listened to the

1 person from the career center earlier talk about the
2 unemployment rate in this region. One of the big --
3 big issues we face constantly is training people to go
4 to work. We also face a major issue of retraining
5 people who are working so that they can maintain a job
6 and keep a job or move into a new job that affords them
7 a living wage, a healthy wage.

8 Our apprenticeship programs, we're blessed in
9 having an assortment of regional vo-tech schools in the
10 region who all participate in apprenticeship training
11 programs. Our trades people are very active. The
12 state leader for apprenticeship training happens to be
13 housed in New Bedford by the way. So I'm sure we'll be
14 able to get some good healthy apprenticeship training
15 programs here.

16 Educational enhancement for the region, our
17 university -- Paul was speaking earlier, our
18 university, our community colleges, our regional vo-
19 techs. I hate to say this but now maybe we can get
20 some regional
21 vo-tech kids who really want to play the trade, rather
22 then be looking at other things as well. We need to
23 advance our voc trades for this type of work. Our
24 engineers. I'm in science and engineering at the

1 university. Our engineers need this kind of work for
2 this region, so that we can keep young people believing
3 in the future of this area. We hemorrhage young
4 people. We hemorrhage young, trained young people in
5 this region giving them skills, giving them the
6 potential for a future to buy a home here, invest in
7 their neighborhood, someday send their own kids to
8 college is where I'm hoping this will go. And finally,
9 I hope that this project will encourage others to
10 invest in our workforce and invest in our region.
11 Thank you for the opportunity.

12 MR. MURPHY: Rodney Aveva (phonetic).

13 Richard LaFrance

14 MR. LAFRANCE: Thank you. I'm here tonight --
15 I'd like to thank everybody that made this possible,
16 this public hearing. I'm here tonight speaking as a
17 commercial fisherman. I'm the fifth generation, and
18 today I have one son, one son-in-law and three
19 grandsons out in the ocean. I'm here in support of the
20 New Bedford Maritime Commercial Terminal.

21 I have been a commercial fisherman and boat owner
22 working out of New Bedford for 47 years, and I know how
23 important jobs are to families who depend on the
24 working waterfront as their livelihoods. I served 12

1 years as a voting member of the New England Fisheries
2 Management Council protecting and crafting regulations
3 that make New Bedford the number one fishing port on
4 the East Coast, and hopefully it will be in the future.

5 I will do everything I can to preserve fishing jobs
6 in this area for future generations, so that when you
7 look at our great harbor, the fishing fleet and those
8 who support it will be on the forefront. But the next
9 thing of importance is protecting the working nature of
10 our waterfront no matter what it may entail. I don't
11 find that the offshore wind project would affect this
12 in any negative way, as it presents opportunities for
13 maritime families to work on the water, and that's what
14 they want to do. There are a myriad of jobs that can
15 be brought here when they are transfer -- transferable
16 skills of our water men and women would be invaluable.

17 It takes generations to learn and past knowledge of
18 working on the ocean. It would take much less time to
19 teach these people working on our waterfront to adapt
20 to working on this terminal. Their skills would be
21 invaluable with this new technology and support roles
22 associated with off shore wind.

23 This piece of land and bulkhead on the waterfront
24 can be a productive engine that drives the working

1 waterfront for the next generation and transforms parts
2 of our city into a clean manufacturing powerhouse that
3 will not only generate new well-paying jobs, but an
4 industry that the working waterfront community can take
5 pride in.

6 Here again, I'm speaking as a commercial fisherman
7 who have made my livelihood on the ocean, and I fully
8 support this project. Thank you.

9 MR. MURPHY: Richard (Indiscernible).

10 SPEAKER: He's gone.

11 MR. MUPRHY: Ed Washburn.

12 MR. WASHBURN: Good evening, my name is Ed
13 Anthony Washburn. I'm the acting executive director of
14 Port New Bedford, and I want to talk a little bit about
15 some of the other opportunities that this terminal can
16 provide for the port of New Bedford.

17 First, is over the last six years the port of New
18 Bedford has substantially grown its international
19 import and export trade. During the 2011/2012 winter
20 fruit season, the local sea (indiscernible) company,
21 Maritime International, using local (indiscernible)
22 labor had three international vessel calls with the
23 economic impact of \$250,000 per vessel.

24 Currently impeding the ports economic growth is a

1 lack of adequate infrastructure. The ongoing
2 structural issues with the (indiscernible) port
3 (indiscernible) State Pier means there is no facility
4 or berth that is deep, long or strong enough to capture
5 a significant quantity of new cargo.

6 Because of New Bedford's role as the nation's
7 number one fishing port and the related cold storage
8 industries we have here, fresh produce is an ideal
9 cargo to import. Currently, most of the foreign grown
10 produce that comes into New England and Eastern Canada
11 arrives by truck from Wilmington or other ports on the
12 Delaware River. If we can capture a portion of the
13 produce that is consumed in New England, it would
14 create hundreds of well paying jobs in the
15 (indiscernible) trucking, distribution and service
16 industries.

17 On July 11th, the port of New Bedford signed its
18 first ever international sister port agreement with the
19 port of Tuxpan in Mexico. Our ports and private
20 companies like Maritime International are working to
21 create a new refrigerated international coastal
22 shipping service between the port of Tuxpan and the
23 port of New Bedford. The initial focus will be on
24 importing fresh produce. We know that the refrigerated

1 (indiscernible) cargo ships that (indiscernible) the
2 route will maintain significant costs and environmental
3 savings, and on a similar timeframe as trucking would.

4 The second big opportunity on the horizon is the
5 expansion of the Panama Canal. That's currently
6 underway. The Journal of Commerce predicts container
7 vessels with capacities of up to 12,000 containers will
8 be able to sail on all sea route from East Asia to the
9 East Coast of the United States. While New Bedford
10 will never be able to handle these huge larger vessels,
11 the hub and spoke feeder system that is currently in
12 use throughout the world will likely develop on the
13 East Coast and it will certainly be beneficial to East
14 -- to smaller ports. As they expand their network, New
15 Bedford is poised to benefit from these containers if a
16 suitable facility is built.

17 In closing, I'd like to remind everybody that while
18 the opportunities of offshore wind staging at South
19 Terminal are hugely -- are hugely positive, the future
20 cargo opportunities for a terminal this size, depth and
21 load capacity and upland area are also great. This
22 terminal is perfect for a port like New Bedford because
23 of its vast versatility. South Terminal will handle
24 bulk -- break bulk containers and project cargo with

1 ease opening up new opportunities for local businesses
2 and residents. Thank you very much for your time, and
3 I urge your support of this -- EPA --

4 MR. MURPHY: Reverend David Lima.

5 REVEREND LIMA: Good evening. I'm Reverend
6 David Lima. I'm the executive Minister of the Church
7 Council of Greater New Bedford representing about 48
8 churches from Westport to Wareham, but more importantly
9 here tonight I'm also a citizen of New Bedford for my
10 entire life, and I have been here since the fifties
11 days, although I don't remember them. But the fact of
12 the matter is you have heard all the data of how much
13 we need the jobs. How much this can affect and change
14 lives. You have heard everything about how great a
15 port this would be. What a great situation that we
16 have here, one of the best areas to be able to do this,
17 so I'm not going to reiterate a lot of that. Nobody
18 wants to hear any more, but you do need to hear this.
19 The one thing that you can do here tonight is help
20 restore a spirit back to this community. A spirit that
21 was here back in the 60s and 70s and 80s when we had
22 prosperity. We had the jobs. We had manufacturing. We
23 had the capability of doing so much together, and one
24 of the things that has been lost with all that is hope.

1 We have not been able to even think that we had a
2 future. That's one of the things that is always
3 stated, what could possibly happen here in this
4 community.

5 I want to thank Mayor Lang and Matt Morrissey and
6 Kristin Decas for the foresight to even start putting a
7 project like this together, which probably in many
8 sectors they were being laughed at because that
9 couldn't come here. Nobody sees New Bedford as that
10 kind of success. But you've heard here tonight from so
11 many sectors that it can happen here, that it should
12 happen here and that it will happen here.

13 The concerns do need to be addressed about the
14 contaminations and things like that, but I also want to
15 point out the fact that we are talking about addressing
16 contamination that if this project wasn't to go through
17 is going to sit in that river, stay where it is or on
18 the shore, and is not going to be taken care of, and we
19 need to see that and be grateful for what we can get.
20 That isn't going to happen without it. And I think
21 that again when we look to the possibilities and the
22 political will of Mayor Mitchell to keep this at the
23 forefront, one of the highlights of his administration
24 so far. We have a political will amongst here that we

1 have not seen working together in many years.

2 So I tell you that you have an opportunity here not
3 to just acknowledge a project, not to just continue a
4 process that's going to make change in life, you
5 actually have the capability in permitting this to go
6 through and continuing this process to bring a future
7 and hope back to this city that it has not seen in a
8 lot of years.

9 MR. MURPHY: Just folks, some information. We
10 still have about 15 people left. Sally McNeeland.

11 MS. MCNEELAND: Thank you, Sally McNeeland. I
12 work with Fugro, F-U-G-R-O. We're an international
13 geotechnical engineering firm out of the Netherlands,
14 and we have worked on better than 80 percent of the
15 European offshore wind projects, and we're currently
16 working on the Cape Wind Project. What you will see in
17 Europe is where those ports that have supported the
18 offshore wind industry have developed a lot of
19 auxiliary businesses. The diagram up there shows
20 blades, monopoles, those sorts of things. There is a
21 tremendous amount of other business-related activity
22 and just to let you know that currently there are
23 discussions going forward between Fugro, Mr. Morrissey,
24 and other business entities in the New Bedford Harbor

1 area regarding staging the G and G work that we're
2 working on for Cape Wind right now, and I expect that
3 those activities will begin taking place in the New
4 Bedford area very shortly, and a port like this would
5 make it -- or a facility like this would make it much
6 easier for us to come in and proceed with these
7 activities without having to kind of pull things
8 together. But we want to use New Bedford, and if the
9 offshore wind industry develops -- continues to develop
10 off Massachusetts, Rhode Island area, Fugro and
11 companies like us will be putting land base onshore
12 support for our offshore activities, which will include
13 business, our offices, as well as field operations. So
14 we strongly encourage your support of this.

15 MR. MURPHY: Jason Lannigan. Is Jason
16 Lannigan still here? Jim Pimental.

17 MR. PIMENTAL: For the record it's Jim
18 Pimental. I'm a representative with the Bricklayers
19 Union and I'm also with the Southeastern Massachusetts
20 Building Trades Council. For us it's plain and simple
21 it's all about jobs, good paying jobs with benefits.
22 That's what we stand for. The same thing Buddy stands
23 for. The same thing the Reverend was talking about.
24 We want to bring spirit back into the community. The

1 best social program ever created was a good job.
2 That's what we fight for on a daily basis. We as
3 bricklayers, we know that we're not going to get much
4 work out of this project or the offshore work. The
5 work at South Terminal is going to be minimal for us at
6 best, but we're supporting our brothers in the other
7 trades who the work will be exclusive to and also the
8 maritime building trades that will do work offshore.

9 We also have the foresight to understand that there
10 are going to be tremendous amount of spin-off generated
11 from the South Terminal, lots of construction jobs
12 coming down the road. We hope to benefit from those.
13 So we see this as a win on many levels. The
14 construction jobs, the future jobs in many sectors.
15 The boom to the local and regional economy and from a
16 national standpoint if you ever want to move towards
17 energy independence, we have to invest in these clean
18 energies. Thank you.

19 MR. MURPHY: Frank Ramos. Jan Koish. Joseph
20 Joe Joe Fortes.

21 MR. FORTES: Good evening. My name is Joseph
22 Joe Joe Fortes, and I'm going to speak with two
23 different hats. Right now, I'll speak from the hat of
24 being a longshoreman. First of all, I want to thank

1 the Patrick Administration and Scott Lang and Barney
2 Frank in their efforts in the foresight in having this
3 pier developed. I had the opportunity of unloading a
4 windmill vessel in Fall River. The windmill was placed
5 in the Fall River Industrial Park. I'm here along with
6 my president from the ILA, 14, 13 and I'm the vice
7 president also Billy Mack from New England Dock
8 Council. Again, I also want to thank Cape Cod Wind for
9 looking to come to this area and supporting this
10 initiative.

11 But as I say from the longshoreman, I've had the
12 opportunity to see the rising of the tide at Davisville
13 where is in Providence Port right now. There are three
14 windmills currently placed there and they're getting
15 ready to do some things. They just had full
16 construction in the harbor area with shore cranes and
17 also put in a rail. Sorry to see that maybe we
18 couldn't put the rail all the way continuously running
19 from where it currently ends in the downtown area all
20 the way down to where we're looking to develop this
21 pier, because that would have been something great.

22 Little familiar with the railroad because we work
23 on the railroad currently, and this also brings a great
24 opportunity to bring in other agents and other

1 industries to develop our waterfront area, and so as
2 from the longshoreman end we are in support of this. I
3 support this. I'm someone who holds at least four
4 books from different locals. So when we talk about
5 jobs, I feel as though jobs are very, very important
6 for the economic engine for people to have gainful
7 employment and the quality of life.

8 Now, I'm going to change my hat a little bit and
9 speak from the community, because when I look here I
10 can see about three people from the neighborhood where
11 I come from. First of all, my opinion, this meeting
12 should have been held in the community where it's being
13 developed. As we heard earlier, again, the access and
14 egress to have transportation or to get here, and this
15 is some of the reason -- sometimes we're reluctant and
16 sometimes, you know, we're upset at the process.

17 As being a former elected official, I give the
18 respect to some of them to have their due and speak,
19 but again this is a meeting. We want to hear from the
20 people of the public who are looking to address some of
21 these concerns because most of those people have an
22 access and way to get in touch with the EPA and the
23 state and so on and so forth, and they cut and run and
24 they're not hearing some of the comments that are left

1 to be heard and those are the important comments.

2 So coming from the neighborhood, I want to thank
3 Scott again because one of the concerns we have -- I
4 know when I was in office we looked to have Standard
5 Times Field developed, and we were being told it
6 couldn't be done, and he did that. As we heard tonight
7 from Buzzards Bay, that some of the area that's going
8 to be cleaned up and some of the area that would
9 normally not be addressed, we are proud to see that
10 that area is being addressed because when those jobs
11 and that area becomes developed there are some people
12 here and some people elsewhere who are going to look to
13 come and (indiscernible) in our neighborhood and come
14 back into our neighborhood because we've seen that time
15 and time again from the waterfront area all the way to
16 the current community at this point in time.

17 My concern is in being in public office, is saying
18 to EPA and the various other agencies that we look to
19 protect us. I want you to come out of this and say,
20 you know what, we raised the bar that much more that
21 we've given, you know, the protection, the quality of
22 life and the safeguards were put in place to have this
23 development go forward, and I hope -- and I hope the
24 next time when we have hearings and wherever they're

1 impacted in, they're in those communities so those
2 voices can be heard. You know, we're not out in -- you
3 know dead tone is a silent tones, and my community is
4 not a silent community. We don't have dead tones, and
5 we're going to speak up, and we're going to look to
6 make sure that these areas are being addressed
7 properly. We want to make sure -- again, about the
8 jobs, the safekeeping of jobs because we've seen this.
9 We've seen sometimes how we're moved out of the phase,
10 and we want to protect those jobs from not only for the
11 ILA, we're going to protect some of the jobs of
12 apprenticeships for the people that live in that
13 community who deserve an opportunity, and that's how we
14 create the rising of the tide. Thank you very much.

15 MR. MURPHY: I'm not sure how to say this.
16 Sometime like Kate (indiscernible) at New England
17 Carpenters.

18 MR. RHEAUME: Good evening. My name is Ron
19 Rheaume, R-H-E-A-U-M-E, and I'm a representative for
20 the New England Carpenters Union, as well as a member
21 of the Southeastern Mass Building Trades and the labor
22 council as well. I'm here tonight to speak about --
23 Councilor Martin spoke about unemployment -- spoke
24 about the unemployment rates. I know nationally we're

1 probably eight percent unemployed. Statewide we're a
2 little better with seven percent. But in the
3 communities of Fall River and New Bedford, we're at 16,
4 17, and 18 percent.

5 In the building trades, in particular we, myself
6 being a union carpenter for -- since 1971, we're at the
7 worst time of employment right now. We're at least 30
8 percent unemployed in the Local, and there isn't a
9 better time than now and these jobs are jobs that my
10 guys will be doing. Pile drivers or an affiliate of
11 the Carpenters Union, and we had the opportunity to --
12 I personally had the opportunity to work on the
13 waterfront in New Bedford for the place that does the
14 remediation of the PCBs. So I do realize that this
15 could create jobs for my members, and at a time where
16 bi-weekly hearing horror stories of people who are, you
17 know, a week or two away from ending unemployment, who
18 have been on unemployment for over a year. Many guys
19 that I know have lost their homes. Others have, you
20 know, just left the union period and gone on to do
21 something so -- something else.

22 So if we're going to create opportunity, and I know
23 my colleague here, Buddy, and some other people that
24 talk about opportunity, I want to create an

1 opportunity. I want to create good jobs. I want to
2 create futures for our kids, and if we're going to do
3 that, then we should be doing this under a union
4 agreement or some kind of guarantee that, you know,
5 people are going to get paid what they're supposed to
6 get paid. Too many times in our industry we see people
7 getting cheated. Employers exploit, you know, people
8 and that's not what we want to see.

9 So I'm all in favor of this project. I hope it
10 happens very shortly. You know, that and the other
11 issues that we have with the gaming industry, we hope
12 to, you know, get something like that going on in
13 Taunton too and create jobs for the town because we are
14 desperately in need of jobs. Thank you.

15 MR. MURPHY: Eric Stevens. Chuck Dade.

16 MR. DADE: I'm Chuck Dade. I'm a citizen in
17 the area for most of my life except for a couple of
18 years in the Southwest and three years in the Army. In
19 summary just -- anything with the wind power
20 environment stuff I'm certainly behinds. People know --
21 -- that know me know I've been an advocate for that kind
22 of stuff for quite some time. So I certainly -- I want
23 whatever mechanisms that makes that happen happen, but
24 I do think that perhaps there needs to be a little bit

1 tweaked on just a couple of things, and I think those
2 are things are within the office of EPA anyway when
3 they're the ones hosting the meeting.

4 It was mentioned that, you know, certain
5 archeological considerations were pondered in this
6 process. We often forget that we're part of history
7 and hence we yield anthropological artifacts ourselves.
8 Burying PCBs in submarine vessels where they can never
9 be biologically remediated seems an extremely negative
10 archeological vestige for the future to discover later
11 on and will certainly say something about the society
12 that left it. I find it very ironic, paradoxical,
13 hypocritical even to be asked to accept permanent
14 contamination on PCBs to foster a green future. The
15 funding the EPA said they would not -- they said they
16 weren't providing any funding for this project. The
17 state doesn't know where the funding is coming from and
18 ABX Corporation is the responsible party for everything
19 that they did.

20 You know, so this is the state making a commitment
21 without -- with unknown funding, and I assume -- I
22 don't think the investors should be -- should have to
23 pay the brunt of this. I'm sure that we could have
24 some tax -- some tax things to figure out, but they

1 don't seem to be involved with this until after it's
2 already built. So I wouldn't ask Cape Wind or any wind
3 development to have to foster this in any way. But I
4 think the government should really step up here. You
5 know, through deficit spending or whatever they need to
6 do, pay for immediate and complete clean-up, you know,
7 by hauling it away to a toxic approved site for less
8 than the cost of just one week in Afghanistan which
9 perpetuates an endless war on oil we could do it.

10 It's two million dollars a week for Afghanistan and
11 that's less money than the short term plan, the
12 original plan. So I think the government, U.S.
13 Government ought to step up this project and want to
14 make Cape Wind a -- it's a federal interest. It's a
15 national interest. The government should say we're
16 going to clean it up right. We're going to clean it up
17 the way the community wants it and, you know, we're
18 just going to spend deficit. We're going to pay
19 everybody to get it done right, and we're going to move
20 forward from there. We'll figure out who to bill later
21 on, but let's get it done right. Let's not bury PCBs
22 subterraneously where they could pop up at any time.
23 Where they can't bioremediated. PCBs can be remediated
24 to various technologies that are constantly improving,

1 but if you bury them you're increasing the cost.
2 You're going to have to pull it up later. So that's
3 what I think you ought to do. I don't think you should
4 hold up what needs to be done on the harbor side, you
5 know, up against the dock. There are certain things
6 that can be done. You can tweak what's going to get
7 done on what's in front of what and to make it happen.
8 But I think -- I think the CAD cell aspect of this will
9 be abandoned and it should be all the way from Michigan
10 or wherever the (indiscernible) facility is. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. MURPHY: Mary O'Donald.

13 MS. O'DONALD: Well, I think everyone has
14 plenty to say tonight. It was really a pleasure to be
15 here. Thank you for being here. I think you only left
16 out two things. One, is you have the most attractive
17 mayors in the country, I have to say. It didn't go
18 unnoticed. Number two, my -- the name of my company is
19 No Fossil Fuel, so you certainly know where I'm coming
20 from, and I just finished building six megawatts of
21 wind in Kingston. That's enough to take care of 6,000
22 homes. So I'm certainly an environmentalist.

23 The gentleman from the Sierra Club I had to chase
24 him outside to say listen you, when a baby is born

1 there is an extra carbon footprint. Does that mean we
2 don't have any more babies? So the point is we have to
3 put the PCBs there. It was really interesting to hear
4 the people that are in the industry that are really
5 environmentalists that the commission -- whatever his
6 name was, who said how insignificant it was. And it's,
7 I don't know, 10 or 15 years ago when the MBTA was
8 going to come to my land for the commuter line for the
9 train station and one of the big environmentalists, oh,
10 I'm concerned, and when I hear that concern word, I
11 know I'm in trouble. How about the eardrums of the
12 squirrels from those trains coming. Okay, so it's kind
13 of like the eardrums. Get the job done.

14 All these people, this town, this city is so
15 beautiful, has so much to gain from this, get up and
16 forget about the deficit spending. Would you please
17 just get the job done. You study it. You study it.
18 You over study it, and that's what's wrong with the
19 economy. That's why nobody has any jobs, any work.
20 Get to work. Stamp it. Thank you.

21 MR. MURPHY: James Toland.

22 MR. TOLAND: Thank you for the opportunity to
23 speak this evening. My name is Jim Toland with SGURR
24 Energy, and for the record that's S-G-U-R-R. SGURR for

1 a Scottish company, specialize in renewable energy.
2 Our firm has been active in the offshore wind sector in
3 Europe and we are engaged in offshore wind industry in
4 North America and Asia. A substantial amount of our
5 company's success has been as technical advisors in
6 offshore wind. We are pleased to say that we opened
7 our offices in the U.S. in 2009, and that's in
8 anticipation of the offshore wind market. We've slowly
9 been building staff, hiring U.S. engineers and our
10 experts in Scotland have been training our U.S. people,
11 so as these projects begin to ramp up, we'll have
12 qualified people ready for the task.

13 I can speak to our firm's experience in Europe
14 ports that have engaged in offshore wind industry have
15 seen substantial economic development in heavy
16 industries and the local supply chain. These offshore
17 wind ports -- these offshore wind projects involve
18 tremendous amount of capital and operational
19 expenditures that fuel manufacturing, construction,
20 marine trades and general support industries.

21 Offshore wind project lifetimes are generally
22 considered to be approximately 30 years from project
23 inception to commissioning, thus providing a long term
24 stable base of employment for services in ports. The

1 early movers in Europe's regional markets have enjoyed
2 success. Asperg in Denmark, and as mentioned earlier,
3 Bermen then in Cuxhaven have captured market share and
4 seen significant economic benefits. Location, port
5 infrastructure, and lay down area are the key
6 prerequisites to support the offshore wind market.

7 The proposed expansion of the New Bedford South
8 Terminal addresses these key attributes. I would urge
9 you to move quickly to approve the terminal to help
10 jump start the offshore wind industry in Massachusetts
11 and the U.S.A. and then be in a position to become a
12 regional hub for future projects.

13 On a more personal note, I'm a graduate of the U.S.
14 Merchant Marine Academy. I value the opportunities
15 that ports provide. I see them as critical
16 infrastructure to the region and the nation. Marine
17 commerce has been a life blood in the New England
18 region. I believe the vibrant offshore wind industry
19 will provide opportunities both onshore and offshore to
20 the maritime industry.

21 Just lastly, just to emphasis, I recommend you
22 approve the construction of the New Bedford Marine
23 Commerce Terminal expeditiously, to hold -- take hold
24 of the opportunity of the regional hub and this would

1 also support the DOE's goals for offshore wind in our
2 region. Thank you.

3 SPEAKER: Garston Jenson.

4 MR. JENSON: Good afternoon. My name is
5 Garston Jenson. I'm heading the operations for K2
6 Management of North America over here in Massachusetts.
7 I've been within the offshore wind industry for more
8 than ten years, starting with (indiscernible) in the
9 year 2000. Since then, the harbor and organization
10 needed for the support for the offshore projects has
11 grown with tremendous speed. I wanted to share a
12 lesson learned with you here today. For Northeast
13 (indiscernible) harbor (indiscernible) I believe they
14 had sufficient area for the support of offshore wind.
15 Therefore, they did not invest in their upgrade or
16 infrastructure in the harbor for long term offshore
17 wind support. This resulted -- this result was -- the
18 result was that projects started moving to other
19 harbors with the right set and sufficient set up.
20 (indiscernible) were actually moving (indiscernible).
21 Offshore wind projects they continue and they found
22 (indiscernible) solutions. After X number of years,
23 the harbor realized that an investment in an upgrade
24 was necessary for them in order to secure future work.

1 Today Asperg Harbor among others, (indiscernible)
2 projects which is the world's largest offshore project
3 and it's quite similar to Cape Wind Project.
4 (Indiscernible) is also a main port for presentation of
5 components for the wind industry.

6 As extra benefits which nobody really foreseeable
7 small businesses being local shops, fabricators, vessel
8 owners and all the various supplies, they started
9 supplying and became a part of the supply chain. As
10 you can imagine, the city benefited from the rapid
11 growth in the wind industry and all this helped
12 retaining and sustaining business and workplaces.
13 Offshore wind not only create jobs, it also retained
14 jobs. This is not unique for (indiscernible). It goes
15 for all harbor in Europe. So for instance, in UK we
16 have (indiscernible). We have (indiscernible). We
17 have (indiscernible). We talked about early about
18 German harbors, (indiscernible), but the similarity
19 with those harbors is they all have X number --
20 numerous projects going on at the same time. You can
21 do the same here.

22 So based on what I told here tonight, it is
23 needless to say, but I'll say it anyway, my and our
24 recommendation is to move forward on the development

1 and the construction of New Bedford Harbor, not only
2 for the Cape Wind Project, but also for the support of
3 future offshore projects. Thank you very much.

4 MR. MURPHY: Kasper Vincent.

5 MR. VINCENT: I think I better spell that
6 afterwards, but I'll help you with that. I'm
7 representing Siemens Wind Power. We have a head office
8 in Orlando, Florida. I'm a (indiscernible) of the
9 regional and I moved my family to U.S. August last year
10 because I believe in offshore wind in the U.S. I
11 joined offshore wind back in 2008, and I've been
12 executing projects, offshore projects, ever since.

13 Siemens Wind Power is number one in manufacturer of
14 wind turbines offshore, and we have obviously done
15 array and other big projects going on at the moment in
16 U.K. and Northern European waters. When we evaluated
17 harbors for whether they're suitable for offshore wind
18 and all the sort of the preassembly work that we do
19 within the harbors, we go for key access. We go for
20 accessibility to the site either from the rail or road.
21 We go for local employment, support from local
22 businesses. We go for storage facilities, area's need
23 and from what I know within acres around 28 acres of
24 this one that would be suitable for project like Cape

1 Wind. We also know that from this (indiscernible)
2 before we have at the moment, I believe, four, five
3 project going on at those premises, and we could
4 easily, I would say, fit two to three projects,
5 depending on the size, from -- from a location like New
6 Bedford.

7 On a personal side, I obviously brought my family
8 here with great wisdom of believing that offshore wind
9 will once blossom here in the U.S. I have yet to see
10 the first turbine in the water, but I'm here to support
11 it and I'm also sure that Siemens Wind Power be here
12 for the years to come, but we will be supporting the
13 project.

14 MR. MURPHY: Andrew Rocket. Okay, well,
15 those were the last folks who signed up. Is there
16 anyone else who is present who would like to make a
17 public comment before we close down the hearing?

18 MR. WHITMAN: Good evening. My name is Joel
19 Whitman. I'm a chief executive of a company called
20 Global Marine Energy. It's the American subsidiary of
21 a British company which is the largest installer of
22 offshore cable in the world. We're about 160 years
23 old, and we've been involved in offshore transmission
24 installation for the last 15 years. Much of what I

1 might say has already been said, but I thought it might
2 be useful at this point given the focus on jobs in this
3 conversation to speak a little -- with specificity
4 about the kind of jobs that result. You've heard a lot
5 of my European colleagues mention the growth that
6 they've seen over there.

7 In our industry, which is often not thought of, we
8 think about turbines. We think about the things that
9 you can see, when you think about things like cable,
10 when you think about cable installation and offshore
11 transmission -- for example, the British government has
12 committed to building over 20 gigawatts, which is a
13 massive amount of power. To that end, the projects in
14 round one and round two have been going underway for
15 the last 12 to 15 years. German government equivalent,
16 12 gigawatts of offshore wind. They have less than one
17 in the water right now. The industry itself is
18 struggling, but it's struggling to grow.

19 As a result, a company like ours it has been around
20 for a significant period of time, has been able to
21 accelerate our investment. The reason we've been able
22 to accelerate our investment, for example, some of the
23 facilities that were mentioned, other harbor
24 facilities, just in the last month we opened up a new

1 facility in the Northeast of England. In that facility
2 we employed literally overnight 50 people. From zero
3 to 50 people just back office staff to handle the book
4 of business that we already have for this year and the
5 next two years. This year is the busiest year we have
6 on date and next year it looks to be even a step
7 forward.

8 This -- earlier this spring we launched a new
9 vessel. That vessel cost us 50 million dollars to fit
10 out. It was specifically designed to lay a certain
11 type of cable into the water. A cable that's in very
12 high demand for these types of projects. That vessel
13 is working 24 hours a day right now off the coast of
14 Wales. The investment to do that was made not in China
15 or not in Southeast Asia, but we actually used yards in
16 Denmark and we used yards in the Northeast of England
17 to do that work, localize that.

18 We spent a significant amount of money having
19 equipment built in the back deck of that vessel. I
20 just came back two weeks ago from a staff meeting, an
21 executive staff meeting with my colleagues in which we
22 did our four month forecast for our own growth
23 planning, and we identified outside those 50 people we
24 just mentioned we need 300 back deck and marine staff

1 just to fill, again, that book of business that we
2 currently have. That's 300 new jobs.

3 I am -- you're looking at the token American in our
4 business. So all of those jobs right now are being
5 filled by people from other countries and other places.
6 We have facilities in the Philippines. We have
7 facilities in Japan. We have facilities in China. You
8 get the picture. We do not have anything here except
9 for our small project office in Boston and some guys
10 located around the country because the projects have
11 struggled to get off the ground.

12 So what has been -- and just this morning, I don't
13 know if any of you saw it, but the Japanese government
14 made a huge commitment to renewable energy, huge
15 commitment to renewable energy. The Chinese government
16 has already done that in their five year plan.
17 Tomorrow morning, if you're interested, the British
18 government is going to restate its commitment,
19 hopefully, knock on wood, to its taxation policy
20 relative to the next round of offshore wind. If that
21 goes forward, as we all anticipate it will, that will
22 launch the biggest investment to date in this industry.
23 It should be -- God willing, it should be good news
24 tomorrow.

1 What those things all have in common and what we
2 have here at the state level and at the -- clearly the
3 city level here in New Bedford, what we lack at the
4 federal level is government support. We don't have
5 government support. So for companies like ours -- my
6 job is corporate strategy for our company beyond
7 running North America, so when I go and make the pitch
8 they ask me, well, this is a -- this energy business it
9 requires government support just to get the permit
10 done, just to get permissions. Forget even tax policy,
11 just letting projects go forward, as our friends have
12 seen in Cape Wind, that so much government can be used
13 to -- government policy and methodology can be used to
14 stop projects. And so I guess my I ask of you guys,
15 and I really appreciate the opportunity to come here
16 and wave a flag a bit, is to do whatever you can to get
17 the federal government, your level, to say yes to
18 things. To get out of the way, so to let us and
19 companies like us come into a place like this. When
20 all those jobs that I mentioned, those are all local
21 jobs. When you look up -- look up Middlesboro, U.K.
22 It's no different than New Bedford. It's an old --
23 it's an old -- in that case it was a ship building
24 community and it basically went dry after the Second

1 World War and nothing has happened there ever since.

2 When we brought our vessel in, it was like -- it
3 was like Christmas. The entire -- I had never been
4 there before. The entire community came out and we
5 put -- we had put our office right up on the key side
6 and now we're going -- we're negotiating for marine
7 facilities and there will be -- somewhere in that area
8 will be our marine facilities in the northeast because
9 they're in proximity, just like New Bedford, to the
10 project.

11 So up here we've got the Holy Grail. You've got
12 prototype project that's ready to roll. God Willing.
13 You've got the five plus gigawatt zone south of
14 Martha's Vineyard, which actually I think is a poster
15 child for -- it's not exactly how they do it in
16 Europe, but it's a great model of how two states can
17 work together to get a project zoned to design. And
18 then you have local proximity and a commitment from the
19 governor and from the local leadership to build a port
20 here, and this is actually good because I'm -- my guys
21 are the ones that calculate fuel burn. So if our
22 vessels need to go far, the project cost goes way up.
23 If our vessels can't even come because there's no
24 modern port facilities, which there are none today in

1 America on the East Coast to do this kind of work, then
2 we're working at sea and all those jobs that everyone's
3 been talking about, they don't come ashore. We don't
4 want to do that. I've got -- we're already short over
5 there. What I want to be able to do is have a port
6 facility in proximity to projects, have big projects
7 going forward and then take our chances. Us, our
8 competitors, I think we're all come here to do
9 business.

10 So I guess that's my appeal is do what you can and,
11 yes, the political side of the federal government has
12 its own issues, but certainly from a policy point of
13 view the idea of supporting alternative energy in New
14 England, a place -- Massachusetts or places -- billions
15 of dollars out of state every single year to bring in
16 fuel that doesn't do a thing for us as far as moving us
17 off of that kind of Victorian age dependence, move us
18 towards the future and the kind of benefits that you
19 guys talk about tonight and the benefits that we have
20 seen time and time again everywhere but in America
21 actually could be right here. So anyway sorry for the
22 late -- I appreciate your time.

23 MR. MURPHY: Anybody else present that cares
24 to comment? I'm going to just turn it over to Carl

1 Derger so we can close out the hearing. Thanks for
2 coming.

3 MR. DREGER: So, first of all, I want to thank
4 you all for coming. You've been a very patient
5 audience and stayed late. We wanted to get all the
6 comments and we will respond to those comments in the
7 response of comment document. Thank you all for
8 staying focused on the project at hand and not getting
9 sidetracked on many other projects that are going on in
10 New Bedford that the EPA is involved with.

11 And, finally, I wanted to remind folks that the
12 comment period does run until August 21st. So comments
13 need to come in. For those of you who testified
14 tonight, we have your comments. If you'd like to
15 supplement them in writing, that's fine. If not, we've
16 got those comments in transcript and for anybody else
17 who wants to give comments you have until August 21st
18 to get those in. Thank you, and with that I'll declare
19 this hearing closed.

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