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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of the Ansonia
2 Energy Improvement District Board public meeting, held at
3 the Ansonia Town Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia,
4 Connecticut, on January 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.
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9 CHAIRMAN FRANK TYSZKA: Call the Ansonia
10 Energy Improvement District to order. Would you please
11 stand for the pledge to the flag once again.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance to the
13 Flag was recited.)

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, tonight we're here
15 to review a proposal from Greenpoint Energy. We have three
16 technical people here or four technical people here, one
17 from Honeywell, a couple from Greenpoint, and if there's
18 anybody else here that I'm not aware of --

19 MR. TOM BRAYMAN: IDEA Engineering.

20 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- IDEA Engineering.

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1 What they're going to do is they're going to show you a
2 presentation for an anaerobic digestive facility. I ask
3 that you all pay attention, you ask questions at the end,
4 make notes, I'm going to be making notes, I'm sure you're
5 going to have questions, and just give them the opportunity
6 to speak and then they will be happy to answer all of your
7 questions.

8 And I thank you all for coming out. I know
9 this is an important thing so with that, Tom Brayman, would
10 you like to start and introduce yourself?

11 MR. BRAYMAN: Good evening everyone, I'm
12 Tom Brayman and this is my partner Chris Timbrell, and we
13 represent Greenpoint Energy Partners. We're a renewal
14 energy developer out of New York. We're here tonight to
15 talk about a proposal on an anaerobic digestion facility
16 that we've been discussing with the Mayor and the City for
17 almost two years now.

18 And just a little background, this first
19 arose by an introduction by one of Ansonia's energy
20 consultants, Mike Scarono (phonetic). And we met with the

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1 Mayor and with the Energy Board and discussed possible
2 options on creating a greener city for Ansonia. And one of
3 the areas that we're working on aside from just solar
4 energy, which Chris and I have actually some solar plants
5 in New York City, we're working in this anaerobic digestion
6 area which is basically -- I'll get to that and we'll talk
7 about the details of anaerobic digestion. But it came
8 about of the city trying to be a more green city, creating
9 jobs, which meshed very well with the State's initiative of
10 trying to sort of reduce food waste throughout Connecticut
11 and creating energy from that food waste rather than
12 throwing it in landfills.

13 So sort of a quick summary -- I just want
14 to kind of give you a quick summary of what we're going to
15 talk about tonight. So we'll tell you who we are, who the
16 team is that's been put together for this project. We'll
17 talk a little bit about what anaerobic digestion really is,
18 what our proposed project will be in the City. We'll talk
19 about the benefits to the City and probably we'll go into
20 some of the concerns that you all may have about what it

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1 means for the neighborhood. And finally, we'll talk about
2 some other issues such as the permitting process, timing of
3 the facility, with some reference sites that had been done
4 primarily in Europe of this technology's relatively -- I
5 wouldn't say it's not new, it's relatively new in the U.S.
6 It's been done in Europe for over 40 years.

7 So at the end of the presentation we'll
8 open it up to questions so feel free to ask whatever you'd
9 like to ask. But just for now we'll get through the
10 presentation, take some notes, and then fire way at the
11 end. So let's talk about the team. So again, I introduced
12 Chris Timbrell and I. We represent Greenpoint Energy. We
13 are developing the project. We put these parties together
14 to help on the engineering design construction to put this
15 project in place. And we have Dan Mori from Honeywell --
16 raise your hand Dan. Honeywell will be part of the
17 construction team design and they'll ultimately run the
18 operations of the plant in Ansonia.

19 We've got BDI, Thorsten Winkler, who's the
20 representative from the technology company and they're

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1 based in Graz, Austria and they've done a number of these
2 facilities throughout Europe. We've got Wally Reinecke,
3 who represents IDEA Engineering, which is a local
4 Connecticut engineering firm who's providing the
5 engineering services for the State of Connecticut. And one
6 party who didn't make it tonight was LPCiminelli, another
7 contractor. They're a Buffalo-based construction
8 engineering firm. So let's talk a little bit about what
9 anaerobic digestion is, and I'll tell you what it is in a
10 minute.

11 Anaerobic digestion is basically the
12 biological conversion of food waste in a non-oxygenated
13 environment. So basically what happens in a landfill, you
14 take food waste, you throw it in a landfill, you cover it,
15 it becomes deoxygenated. The bacteria that's already found
16 naturally in food starts decomposing and what happens is
17 there's a release of methane from the decomposed food.
18 What we're trying to do -- instead of throwing it in
19 landfills what we want to do is take it from the plate and
20 contain it in controlled actual decomposition in

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1 hermetically sealed tanks. So inside the tank you have the
2 same process going on where the bacteria is decomposing the
3 food waste into two components. You have a biogas, which
4 is primarily methane, about 65 to 75 percent methane, CO₂
5 and some other trace gases, and then you have a residual,
6 which is effectively kind of a wet, sludgy fertilizer, a
7 very nitrogen-rich fertilizer.

8 If you throw that in a landfill what you're
9 losing is is methane. You throw it in a landfill, methane
10 leaks out through the ground into the air and methane from
11 a greenhouse gas perspective is about 21 times more
12 damaging than CO₂. And what we're trying to do here is
13 capture all that and keep it contained and then use that
14 gas as you would a natural gas facility, use that to create
15 energy. And right now we've got -- pretty much 40 percent
16 of all food from farm to the supermarket to your table is
17 thrown into landfills, which is -- to be honest, it's
18 really a waste of energy and something we could use. Rather
19 than putting pipes in the ground and sucking natural gas
20 1,000 feet below we actually have that resource that we're

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1 throwing away, and what we're trying to do is capture that.

2 In a way it is sort of an accelerated
3 advanced form of composting as well because the byproduct
4 of this is, you can reuse what's left of the food waste. A
5 lot of it turns into gas, the rest of it is compostable
6 natural fertilizer. One of the big misconceptions of
7 anaerobic digestion, this is not burning food waste. We're
8 not an incineration plant. That is the Bridgeport plant,
9 they burn everything. They burn food waste, they burn
10 plastics, they burn metal, they do everything there. What
11 we're doing is actually taking the food waste, splitting it
12 into two things making effectively a natural biogas that's
13 run through an engine. So we're not burning food waste.

14 So what happens back at the Bridgeport
15 plant, you've got -- they're burning everything, you've got
16 a lot of toxic ash that comes out. We digest the food
17 waste, we burn it through an engine and we have a
18 compostable product you could put into gardens and golf
19 courses and parks and into other things. So when we go
20 full circle back to -- it's a circle of organic recycling

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1 from the food, it goes back to the soil so it will help
2 grow food again. So it's a full sort of recycling while
3 we're extracting the energy from that. So what are we
4 actually proposing at this Ansonia site?

5 So what we're looking at is a piece of
6 property on the north side of the water treatment facility,
7 and this is unused, dormant, vacant land. There's some
8 contamination from previous use where it was an actual
9 aerobic composting site where people dumped leaves and
10 grass clippings. What we'll do there is cap the
11 contaminants there and build the plant on the north side of
12 the waste treatment facility and we'll be bringing food
13 waste in there that will convert to methane. We use that
14 methane in the generators that will power the waste
15 treatment facility and other buildings in the area, and
16 I'll get to some of the actual layout of the transmission.

17 But the idea here is we're going to build a
18 \$30 million plant at the site, take about 150 tons of food
19 waste a day that will create about 60 tons or so of compost
20 material that will be shipped off-site, and it will produce

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1 about two megawatts of energy. Two megawatts is more
2 energy than the City actually uses. The City uses about
3 one megawatt or so. So we're producing more energy than
4 the City actually uses, which will make it one of the
5 greenest since they're going to be using the energy, one of
6 the greenest cities in the U.S. So here's a -- on the
7 right side you'll see -- this is a 3D depiction of what the
8 plant will look like at the north side of the building.

9 There's a couple of tanks that have several
10 stages of the digestion process, they're completely
11 hermetically sealed. You've got your 150 tons of food
12 waste providing two megawatts of what's classified in
13 Connecticut as Class 1, the highest rating for renewable
14 energy. So from the State perspective, anaerobic digestion
15 is a very good thing because it's up there with solar and
16 wind as far as very clean, Class 1 energy. Again, that's a
17 \$30 million capital project. I'll show you some pictures
18 in a minute of some different angles. Now how the actual
19 process works, we have trucks that come in with just pure
20 organic waste.

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1 Now this isn't waste that's coming off your
2 plate, this is stuff that's coming from grocery stores,
3 coming from restaurants, coming from food processors. Food
4 that's not been eaten, it's pre-consumer food and that's a
5 lot of it. Probably -- I've read studies where one out of
6 seven trucks that come to a grocery store, they have to
7 throw it out before it hits the shelf because it's already
8 rotting. So that's the type of food we would be getting
9 for now because it would be quite clean without
10 contaminants. You might have a little bit of plastics but
11 what happens is we bring this in and put it through the
12 pre-processing.

13 So a truck would come in and -- into a
14 building, enclosed building, the door shuts, they dump
15 their trash, they dump the food waste in, it's ground into
16 a pulp. This pulp is then moved into anaerobic digestion
17 tanks, the three tanks. We'll have another view shortly
18 but the three tanks will process this. As the food
19 decomposes methane will be taken out and run into a
20 generator. So we get compost coming out of the tanks and

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1 the electricity being sold to the City. And this is a
2 close up of what the actual plant looks like.

3 So we'll have the trucks come into a
4 building, it's enclosed, things are dumped. We'll get to -
5 - probably your biggest concern is one of an odor issue,
6 I'll get to that shortly. But as the food is moved as pulp
7 into the digester and through digester hydrolysis tanks,
8 that is where the conversation of methane comes. And the
9 compost digestate we call it, is moved back and then carted
10 off in a truck. The buffer tank is where methane moves in
11 to get cleaned up a bit because it will be -- it will have
12 water content, water vapor. You don't want water vapor
13 going through an engine, it's not a good thing. And then
14 finally we have gas storage, if we produce more gas in a
15 day we'll store it for backup in case we have fluctuations
16 in the delivery of the -- called the fuel source, which is
17 the food waste.

18 Here's a couple of different angles of what
19 the plant will look like when it's built on the site next
20 to the waste treatment facility. So that's from the train

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1 tracks, this is from the river on the side angle, back side
2 angle. Now, when you talk about the transmission another
3 initiative the State has put into play -- you know, we've
4 all had a few storms in the last couple of years and
5 Connecticut has been without power in parts of the state
6 two to three weeks at a time. And this has happened two or
7 three times in the last year and a half. What they've
8 proposed is setting up what's called a microgrid, and that
9 is basically a mini utility grid for different cities that
10 would power critical infrastructure.

11 And what we're looking at designing is --
12 the critical infrastructure we would tick off would be
13 you've got the sewerage treatment plant. You don't want
14 that down for a week or two. We've got a Stop & Shop on
15 the parcel of property, there's a bank, there's a gas
16 station, there's a pharmacy. What we'd like to do is wire
17 all those up and these wires would be put underground,
18 insulated, so if there's an ice storm, a snow storm or even
19 a flood, if the rest of the power goes out in Connecticut
20 that little island will run for -- it's designed to run

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1 24/7 for four weeks until United Illuminating gets their
2 power back on.

3 So that means the City actually has access
4 to the grocery store, a gas station, a bank that's still
5 open, and you could still flush your toilets and it will
6 still work. So probably, you know, an important initiative
7 from the State. And they're trying to set these up around
8 the state in different cities so the next time a hurricane
9 rolls through we're not going to lose power for two or
10 three weeks at a time. So what are the public benefits?
11 First of all, this is a \$30 million investment. It's going
12 to be a year or so of construction, so there's going to be
13 dozens of construction jobs for the City and ultimately
14 when it's up and running eight to 10 permanent jobs running
15 the plant. Again, a \$30 million investment, it's going to
16 make Ansonia one of the greenest cities, if not the
17 greenest city in the country today.

18 We're going to produce more renewable
19 energy than the city actually needs so there's no city
20 other than perhaps Austin, Texas that has that amount of

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1 percentage of its energy usage coming from renewable
2 energy. And with that, you know, this could be used as an
3 economic tool for the city to attract businesses that want
4 to be associated with green energy, a green community, as
5 an economic development tool for Ansonia. More
6 importantly, with the microgrid, it will provide
7 significant cost savings directly to the City, to the waste
8 treatment facility, right off the bat. When you look at
9 your utility bill you've got a generation charge and you
10 have a transmission and distribution charge. The way the
11 microgrid works, we are actually wiring directly to the
12 buildings so they're not buying power from United
13 Illuminating, who's charging the City a transmission and
14 distribution charge. We're knocking that off and that
15 could be six, seven cents.

16 It sort of fluctuates but that's immediate
17 cost savings in terms of per kilowatt hour. They're going
18 to save many pennies per hour just by having this facility
19 onsite. Additionally, there would be a tax revenue coming
20 off the plant from different avenues. Again, with the

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1 microgrid it provides energy security. I mean, this will
2 be one of the first communities to have a microgrid set up
3 that will keep its critical infrastructure running. So
4 again, you get the supermarkets, the banks and the waste
5 treatment facility up and running. Now, what does it mean
6 for all you the neighboring community?

7 Well, this will have an increase in truck
8 traffic. We're taking 150 tons a day, it's 40,000 to
9 45,000 tons a year, that's equivalent to about one truck an
10 hour. And the operating hours are sort of 7:00 a.m. --
11 this would be run during commercial hours in and out where
12 there's already a transfer station. So there'd be extra
13 trucks coming in, on average about one an hour. The actual
14 route is quite short, it's less than a mile. So if you
15 come up Route 8 on Exit 16, take a right on Division, left
16 into the water treatment plant, that's less than a mile so
17 it's not a lot of traffic -- not any traffic really
18 directly in the City.

19 Another issue you all may have is noise.
20 Now again, these are generating engines so they're running

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1 on gas and there's some noise. You know, we're going to be
2 using caterpillar engines but what caterpillar does, what
3 I'm trying to show here is you got the generator outside a
4 soundproofing box. It's also protecting the engine as
5 well, but it reduces the sound to 65 decipals at 30 feet.
6 And that's basically the sound of chatter in a restaurant,
7 it's not loud. The big issue is the reduction of odors,
8 you know, questions afterward I think would be appropriate
9 to ask our technology provider from Germany who -- they've
10 had many experiences of dealing with this inside cities.
11 So what happens here is you bring the truck into a
12 building, the building closes, it closes the doors, and
13 they have a fan that basically sucks the air through a
14 biofilter. Thorsten can explain exactly a biofilter a
15 little bit, but that's taking out odors and any aerosols,
16 bio-aerosols that are in the food waste as it's dumped.

17 The truck leaves, the door shuts again. So
18 you're not having air leaving the building, it's staying
19 inside because there's what's called negative pressure.
20 You've got air sucked through the biofilter, cleaned up, so

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1 any air from outside is actually coming in it's not going
2 out. Now, there are air emissions from the engines because
3 you are burning natural gas here, biogas. It's a little
4 bit dirtier than natural gas, but you do have some air
5 emissions from the engines. And what we're trying to do is
6 make sure -- of course, we don't get permitted unless we
7 meet federal and state emissions laws. What we're using at
8 the top is the actual engine moving use, which is a
9 caterpillar engine. It's designed specifically to use
10 biogas and what it does is it creates the two megawatts of
11 energy.

12 It also creates the equivalent of about two
13 megawatts of heat. We're talking to the City about doing
14 something with the heat, we're still deciding what to do
15 with that. Perhaps trying sewage sludge, which was
16 actually the original reason -- one of the original reasons
17 we were talking about anaerobic digestion initially, to
18 help the sludge at the waste treatment plant as well as
19 providing energy. But with these engines to get down to
20 normal emissions standards. you're using a catalytic

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1 converter. So it's going to take out all, you know, the
2 bad stuff that comes out. Again, this is an example or an
3 estimate of what those engines would produce and of course
4 these will be -- these will meet the Connecticut
5 requirements under the permit.

6 And here are the permits, there are a
7 number of permits. The Department of Energy and
8 Environmental Protection has a series from waste hauling to
9 air emissions, water treatment to the soil, that are
10 specific to this plant and any anaerobic digestion plant in
11 the state. And then Ansonia has its own Planning & Zoning
12 Commission permits that we would need to get. There's a
13 couple sort of other State permits that are outside of the
14 Department of Energy and Environment, which is the Siting
15 Council that would need to approve the project to be at the
16 location at the waste treatment facility. And then FEMA,
17 we need to discuss with FEMA about the Army Corp of
18 Engineers given the levy with the river, but that shouldn't
19 be a terribly big issue. In terms of timing, you know, we
20 expect to have the plant completed, and it's really

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1 dependent on how long permits take, but by June 2014.

2 Construction takes eight to 12 months,
3 permits could take up to six months. We've started the
4 process with the State. We have not filed but we've
5 started the process, had the meetings with them, and
6 they've laid out sort of a map of what we need to do, when
7 we need to do it, for getting the requisite permits, making
8 sure we meet the standards of the State, meet the standards
9 of any federal air emissions for example. So basically
10 we're looking at kind of a -- hopefully a commissioning
11 date of June 2014.

12 These are just some examples of plants that
13 our technology provider has actually built in Europe and
14 these are just a selection of the plants that are kind of
15 similar to the size that we're using here. There's one --
16 you know, you've got Turkey and Germany, one in France and
17 you see it's 53,000 tons a year. This is 75,000 tons a
18 year and this is 167 tons, so that's probably around 50,000
19 tons a year but very similar in size. And finally -- and
20 basically this is Kristin, my contact, for detail if you

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1 have any questions after this.

2 We've left some handouts here if you want
3 to take some home with you. This actually has more detail,
4 there's more writing rather than the pictures here, but
5 we'll welcome any questions you may have. And please fire
6 away and we'll try to answer as best as we can. We've got
7 our team of technicians here that can give you the best
8 answers. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: If anyone would like to
10 ask any questions, and I'm sure many of you do, please come
11 up to the podium and just state your name and your address
12 and go ahead and ask your questions. So feel free to step
13 up please.

14 COURT REPORTER: Please state and spell
15 your last name.

16 MS. NATALIE BIASUCCI: Natalie Biasucci, 57
17 Rockwood Avenue, Ansonia.

18 COURT REPORTER: Spell your last name
19 please.

20 MS. BIASUCCI: B-I-A-S-U-C-C-I. I just

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1 have a question, where do you actually intend to get all
2 this biodegradable material and how -- what would -- and I
3 guess it's -- and at whose cost? Like because it's coming
4 into Ansonia, whose going to be paying for the trucks to be
5 coming in? That's just a starter question.

6 MR. BRAYMAN: The State enacted a law and
7 this is one of the reasons we could begin talking --
8 they're trying to eliminate food waste in the landfills.
9 And the Public Act 11-217 that was signed into law last
10 year requires anyone who builds a composting facility, and
11 this would qualify as a composting facility, within a 20
12 mile radius of that facility -- I think two are built.
13 There's one in New Milford, this would be the second one.

14 New Milford is an aerobic composting
15 facility, this is an anaerobic -- essentially anaerobic
16 composting facility. Anywhere within a 20 mile radius
17 people are required to produce over two tons of food waste
18 a week, so 104 a year, they will have to bring it to that
19 site. That is one avenue to get the food waste. The
20 second avenue is there are a number of waste haulers --

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1 MS. BIASUCCI: When was that instituted,
2 what year? This is --

3 MR. BRAYMAN: Last year. I couldn't tell
4 you the date it was signed but --

5 MS. BIASUCCI: So all this is relatively
6 new now.

7 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

8 MS. BIASUCCI: These are new laws being
9 implicated -- implemented.

10 MR. BRAYMAN: This was in the State House,
11 I couldn't tell you exactly when but it was floating around
12 for a year or so, and it was signed into law last year.
13 They're trying to eliminate food waste going into the
14 landfill -- well, food waste going into burn plants like
15 Bridgeport because one of the problems taking food waste
16 can do in an incineration facility, one you're literally
17 throwing away a resource. There's energy you can take out
18 of that and there's compost you could make out of that.

19 Second, throwing food waste and burning it,
20 food waste is 80 percent water so it's really difficult to

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1 burn food waste. It's mixed with cardboard and other
2 things that they throw into the incineration plant that
3 actually could light up pretty quickly and heat up pretty
4 fast so it boils the water off and burns it. Again, this
5 is not a burn plant this is actually decomposing this and
6 then taking the gas out of it. So the State instituted
7 this law and the goal is to try to eliminate food waste
8 going in landfills. Part of the problem is you throw it
9 into a landfill or you burn it and partly when you throw it
10 in a landfill it stinks. That's methane coming off of the
11 landfill.

12 MS. BIASUCCI: But how do they judge? I
13 mean, do they -- I mean, hospitals throw away food waste, I
14 mean homes, there's so many homes. I mean, so like are you
15 just going to be getting them from like farmers or --

16 MR. BRAYMAN: Supermarkets --

17 MS. BIASUCCI: -- supermarkets, restaurants
18 --

19 MR. BRAYMAN: -- restaurants, hospitals.
20 It's not going to be a household. It's two tons a week,

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1 that's a lot of waste.

2 MS. BIASUCCI: Well, I'm thinking of the
3 housing too. There's a lot of people with houses and they
4 throw their stuff into the regular trash. I just -- I'm
5 questioning the -- you know, the amount of money we're
6 going to be making on this for what we're going to be
7 spending, you know. I just --

8 MR. BRAYMAN: There's not a spending --

9 MS. BIASUCCI: -- and I'm just wondering --

10 MR. BRAYMAN: -- there's no spending from
11 Ansonia. The trash -- you have to pay to get rid of your
12 trash as a restaurant. Stop & Shop here has to --

13 MS. BIASUCCI: I mean -- and I also -- oh
14 okay, alright.

15 MR. BRAYMAN: -- I'm just saying --

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: It's at no cost to the
17 City is what he's saying. This energy source is coming
18 into the City --

19 MS. BIASUCCI: I find that -- Frank, I find
20 that hard to believe that there's no cost to the City. I

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1 trust --

2 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Believe me, when we
3 started this off that's the first thing we asked. That's
4 why these people are here, to make sure that everyone
5 understands that that's what we're doing. This is no cost
6 to the City.

7 MS. BIASUCCI: I mean, this seems to be
8 relatively new in Germany and wherever it is now, in the
9 Netherlands and --

10 MR. BRAYMAN: It's very old in Europe.
11 There's 9,000 plants in Europe from farm anaerobic
12 digestion systems, to major cities -- in Paris and Madrid
13 and Berlin, they all have these and inside the
14 neighborhoods in major cities to deal with their food
15 waste. They don't have land to put landfills.

16 So the economics here -- there's not a lot
17 of land in Connecticut and most of the landfills are pretty
18 much shut. So you're sending it to Bridgeport or one of
19 the other incineration facilities and the store owner who
20 owns a supermarket has to pay a lot of money. I don't know

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1 what the numbers are, \$60/\$70 a ton, to go send it to an
2 incineration plant. All the State is doing is redirecting
3 that to something that's more beneficial than throwing it
4 away.

5 MS. BIASUCCI: So the cost will be on the
6 supermarkets and --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: It's on the -- yeah.

8 MS. BIASUCCI: -- as it is already.

9 MR. BRAYMAN: It's on the producer of food,
10 yeah, the food waste.

11 MS. BIASUCCI: Will we be able to use the
12 sewer sludge that was mentioned?

13 MR. BRAYMAN: We're exploring -- I mean,
14 we're exploring the options of drying that. We've gone
15 down a path and we're still exploring that option.

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: And that's a separate
17 issue. Right now that's not part of this plan.

18 MR. BRAYMAN: The reason we can't put the
19 sewage sludge through the anaerobic digestion, there's a
20 State law. You cannot mix food waste and human waste and

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1 use that as compost. You can't put it on any land in
2 Connecticut. In other states you can, you can't do it in
3 Connecticut. So that's why we sort of separated the two
4 issues.

5 MS. BIASUCCI: And even though it's sterile
6 when it comes out? Supposedly it's sterile and --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: Ask your Legislature.

8 MS. BIASUCCI: -- when it's finished, you
9 know what I mean?

10 MR. BRAYMAN: That would be great if we
11 could, but we can't. Right now the law doesn't allow us to
12 do that. So again, all we're doing is creating another
13 waste treatment. If we mixed that with the sewage sludge
14 and the compost, you're just creating another waste
15 treatment where the compost as -- is using food waste, is
16 actually reusable and recyclable.

17 MS. BIASUCCI: I've got some other
18 questions as far as the food waste and the methane. You
19 mentioned, you know, like is the 30 -- the cost of rewiring
20 throughout the City to lighten up the towns if there

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1 happens to be another disaster, is that within the \$30
2 million --

3 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

4 MS. BIASUCCI: -- is that added on, no?

5 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes, the State is providing
6 some grant money. We don't know if we've got it, we've
7 applied for grant money to do that. But that's a
8 significant cost to bury all the wires. Again, it's not
9 wiring the City it's just wiring this piece of property.
10 That's where we're restricted to.

11 MS. BIASUCCI: Just a certain area, just
12 certain stores to certain --

13 MR. BRAYMAN: Yeah, just within that little
14 grid.

15 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: You really couldn't see
16 it up there but he had like a dotted line around a certain
17 area, it was a grid. So that's going to be the energy
18 grid.

19 MS. BIASUCCI: So it would be like in the
20 north end only or --

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1 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, just for the --
2 where the sewage treatment plant is, Stop & Shop and some
3 other things. There's a little -- what's that?

4 MR. BRAYMAN: Public Works.

5 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Yeah, the Public Works
6 complex basically. But that will be a separate energy
7 improvement grid. And like Tom said, the big cost of
8 producing or paying your energy bill, if you look you've
9 got a transmission line charge. For the City, if we
10 produce enough energy from that facility -- we spend over
11 \$400,000 a year now. So if we can cut off that
12 transmission line charge we'll save a significant amount of
13 money so that's the plus side.

14 MS. BIASUCCI: Alright, I'm going to let
15 someone else --

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I'm going to shut up
17 because these guys are more than happy to --

18 MS. BIASUCCI: -- I'm going to let somebody
19 else come up with questions. I probably have some more,
20 but thank you.

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1 MS. BIASUCCI: Well, please feel free to
2 ask questions because we want to make sure people are
3 comfortable when they leave.

4 MR. SCOTT NYHILL: Good evening, Scott
5 Nyhill, Berkshire Road, Ansonia, 6th Ward Alderman. I
6 think this is a great opportunity for the City. The
7 biggest thing that people questioned you I think you
8 already answered. Just to reiterate, the trucks going in
9 and out of the plant, you're talking about in the average
10 of about 10 a day, okay.

11 And my question, I started thinking is the
12 energy you produce, how you going to disburse it? What are
13 you going to do with it? Are you selling it back to the
14 City, are you putting it on the grid and selling it?

15 MR. BRAYMAN: We're creating the microgrid,
16 we're going to sell to the waste treatment plant, the
17 Public Works on site, and then the remainder to the Stop &
18 Shop, the banks, on that property. Now, we'd like to sell
19 the rest -- the remainder. There's going to be some
20 remainder, to City Hall and other buildings, the Ansonia

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1 municipal buildings that Ansonia owns. Right now there's
2 some restriction from the State in terms of metering it,
3 how UI -- United Illuminating would allow us to do that.

4 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

5 MR. BRAYMAN: If not, we'll sell kind of
6 wholesale the remainder to United Illuminating.

7 MR. NYHILL: Okay. What's the life
8 expectancy of a plant?

9 MR. BRAYMAN: Thorsten.

10 MR. THORSTEN WINKLER: Roughly 20 years.

11 MR. NYHILL: Twenty years.

12 MR. WINKLER: Ahum.

13 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, identify
14 yourself please?

15 MR. WINKLER: Yeah, Thorsten Winkler from
16 BDI Bioenergy, basically from Germany. The lifetime is
17 approximately 20 years for such a plant.

18 MR. NYHILL: Okay. And the timeframe you
19 expect from the first shovel going into the ground to
20 production of energy?

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: We're estimating 10 to 12
2 months.

3 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

4 MR. BRAYMAN: It could be sooner. Part of
5 the holdup will be ordering, you know, the engines.
6 There's a backlog of engines so the actual construction
7 could be done, we might be waiting on certain pieces of
8 equipment to be delivered --

9 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

10 MR. BRAYMAN: -- so it's 10 to 12 months.

11 MR. NYHILL: And what types of waste and
12 wastewater do you produce? And our wastewater treatment
13 facility would be able to handle this without any
14 additional construction?

15 MR. WINKLER: We build a digestive
16 treatment facility at the end of this plant to produce a
17 fertilizer, a compost material to use on the fields,
18 wherever, and the liquid stream would be treated and it can
19 be used or it can be treated in the excess in the
20 wastewater treatment plant.

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1 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

2 MR. WINKLER: So no additional things to be
3 built by the existing plant.

4 MR. NYHILL: Okay. And I don't know a lot
5 about your technology but you said something about
6 producing a biofuel. Now, is that something you could --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: No, no, no, that was
8 biofilter.

9 MR. NYHILL: -- biofilter, okay.

10 MR. BRAYMAN: That's to reduce odors.

11 MR. NYHILL: Okay, so when this digests
12 there's no kind of usable fuel that --

13 MR. BRAYMAN: What happens, so that the
14 methane is all the fuel --

15 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

16 MR. BRAYMAN: -- so the bacteria is
17 actually taking all the carbon, all the organic material
18 out of the food --

19 MR. NYHILL: Okay.

20 MR. BRAYMAN: -- and converting that into

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1 methane and CO₂ and what's left over is this nitrogen rich
2 almost a fertilizer. It's very similar to chemical
3 fertilizers.

4 MR. NYHILL: Okay, so basically the
5 byproduct after all this is digested and burned is
6 basically a compostable fertilizer?

7 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes --

8 MR. NYHILL: And what do you do with that
9 sell it to -- do you sell that off? What do you do with
10 it?

11 MR. BRAYMAN: We can sell it off. You
12 know, anyone can use it.

13 MR. NYHILL: Okay. Alright, thank you.

14 MR. BRAYMAN: You can put it in your
15 garden, put it in a farm, put it in a golf course.

16 MS. FRAN DiGEORGI: Good evening everybody,
17 I'm Fran DiGeorgi, Ansonia. Have there been any
18 preliminary land or ground studies done or ground boring
19 tests done yet?

20 MR. WINKLER: Yes.

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1 MS. DiGEORGI: Yes.

2 MR. WINKLER: Of course.

3 MS. DiGEORGI: And what are the results?

4 MR. CHRIS TIMBRELL: Chris Timbrell from
5 Greenpoint Energy Partners. We're discussing with the
6 local engineering company, United International
7 Corporation, they had access to some previous boring
8 samples that they've done on the site. And I think the
9 results were was that there were some contamination on the
10 site. And the proposal is to just do away with the site so
11 we'll be capping the site and building on top of the site
12 so the contamination, what is there, wouldn't be disturbed.

13 MS. DiGEORGI: But you still have to dig
14 into -- you would have to put some kind of footings in
15 below the frost line and you'd still have to dig into the
16 ground. So you're still disturbing the ground, am I not
17 correct?

18 MR. TRIMBELL: Yeah, I mean, there'll be
19 some disturbance but the -- I mean, Wally --

20 MR. WALLACE REINECKE: No, we've minimized

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1 and we've done this at numerous cap sites where it's more
2 of a scrape than a dig. We can use mat foundations on
3 capped sites, it's fairly common. I mean, our background
4 is chemical plants and pharmaceutical plants all over the
5 country, specifically in Wallingford at Cytec where they
6 have those type of issues. And we mitigate that by sound
7 engineering.

8 MS. DiGEORGI: Okay, thank you very much.

9 MS. MARIE DIRIENZO: Marie Dirienzo, I live
10 in Ansonia. If the plant is --

11 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, your name
12 please?

13 MS. DIRIENZO: Marie Dirienzo. If the
14 plant is built it's going to be on public land. Are you
15 going to lease the land from the City?

16 MR. BRAYMAN: Lease the land.

17 MS. DIRIENZO: And what are the terms of
18 the lease, have you negotiated that yet?

19 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

20 MS. DIRIENZO: Can you tell us?

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: It's a 25 year lease at \$1.00
2 a year.

3 MS. DIRIENZO: \$1.00 a year?

4 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: But --

5 MS. DIRIENZO: But what?

6 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- they are going to pay
7 property taxes on that land, which is now doing nothing for
8 the City. And they're going to reduce the energy costs.

9 MS. DIRIENZO: What are the property taxes?

10 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: And they are going to --
11 it's nothing because the City owns it. But if they put a
12 building on there that's worth \$30 million, I don't know
13 what it's going to work out to.

14 MS. DIRIENZO: Oh, I understand okay.

15 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: But they're going to be
16 paying property taxes and I want to make sure you
17 understand that.

18 MS. DIRIENZO: If this is built is it going
19 to be privately run or will it be part of the Public Works?

20 MR. BRAYMAN: Privately run.

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1 MS. DIRIENZO: By who?

2 MR. BRAYMAN: We're in discussions with
3 Honeywell to operate --

4 MS. DIRIENZO: So in other words no
5 employment will come for the City of Ansonia out of this
6 program?

7 MR. BRAYMAN: That's not necessarily the
8 case. Our intention is to hire local hires.

9 MS. DIRIENZO: Okay.

10 MR. GREG PATAKY: Hi, Greg Pataky of North
11 State Street. The question I have is, I still don't really
12 see a benefit to the taxpayer. From all the research I've
13 done on these in the United States they were all failures,
14 and there's tons of them on the internet. Gainesville,
15 Florida, electric rates are going up eight percent from
16 their biomass plant.

17 Four towns in Washington, people are
18 complaining that their biomass plant is giving off more
19 pollutants than their normal plant. How is this going to
20 benefit us, and when I say us I'm not talking the City, I'm

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1 talking me? I mean, are we getting reduction in property
2 taxes, are we getting reduction in electrical, because
3 there's a lot of promises that oh yeah, this will bring
4 jobs in, this will bring -- well, what if it doesn't? I
5 mean, have we discussed an exit strategy? I mean, those
6 are very common now.

7 If five years down the road if we don't get
8 those investments, what happens? Or if you're not making
9 the money you want, can you walk away from the lease and
10 we're stuck with this plant?

11 MR. TRIMBELL: Yeah -- hi, it's Chris here
12 again from Greenpoint. First of all, we're going to -- or
13 the investors are going to be putting in their own \$30
14 million to build the project. So with that kind of money
15 no one is going to be walking away after five years. And
16 in fact I think one of the permits we need to obtain from
17 the State is the waste reduction permit.

18 And part of the conditions of that permit,
19 it's designed specifically to ensure that you don't walk
20 away from the facility because the State specifically

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1 doesn't want what you've just suggested where, you know,
2 someone walks away and leaves someone else to clean up the
3 mess. And yeah, honestly, \$30 million is a big enticement
4 to make sure that the facility does work. As far as the
5 facility -- other facilities that you mentioned not working
6 in the U.S., I'm not familiar with those facilities but
7 they're not anaerobic digestion because there are no other
8 anaerobic digesters in the U.S. operating at the moment.
9 In Europe there's I guess 9,000 similar facilities and
10 Thorsten, perhaps once I finish, can talk about the track
11 record of waste plants operating or whatever -- please feel
12 free to --

13 MR. BRAYMAN: I know about the Gainesville
14 plant, that's actually a woodchip burning facility. That
15 has nothing to do with biomass, it is not biogas. So
16 they're burning woodchips so it's very different.

17 MR. PATAKY: Right, but the point in that
18 is again, the electric rates are going up and that's the
19 concern --

20 MR. BRAYMAN: Why are the electric rates

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1 going up?

2 MR. PATAKY: -- they said -- it's right in
3 the paper, an article. They did an investigation and rates
4 are going up eight percent.

5 MR. BRAYMAN: Well, with what we're doing
6 we're signing a long-term power purchase agreement with the
7 City and locking rates in. So you've got very stable rates
8 for a very long time. So we can't raise rates.

9 MR. PATAKY: Have you -- can you tell me,
10 and I'm not sure in the State of Connecticut, are the
11 electric companies required to buy this electricity?
12 Because that also is another thing that I've seen time and
13 time again in Indiana and Montana, these places want to do
14 biomass plants and the electric companies don't want to buy
15 the electricity. So, I mean, is there a requirement that
16 they have to buy the electricity or -- and if they don't
17 what do you do?

18 MR. TRIMBELL: Well this -- we're going to
19 be producing Class 1 renewable energy. And the way the
20 State is heading and the way the country is heading is that

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1 they want more renewal energy. It's cleaner, it's better
2 for the environment. So we have been talking to UI about
3 them purchasing the residual power from the facility and
4 yeah, because they want Class 1 renewable energy
5 themselves, because they have their own requirements to
6 fulfill to the State insofar as how much renewal energy
7 they procure. So we're very confident that what the City
8 doesn't buy from the facility or what we don't sell to the
9 market grid will be purchased by UI.

10 But that is our risk it's not your risk or
11 it's not anyone else's risk. If we build the facility and
12 we are not able to sell the power to anyone, worse case
13 scenario, we're the ones that suffer it's not going to be
14 you. It's not going to affect your rights, it's not going
15 to affect any individual in this room apart from these
16 people here. As far as what the project means to you
17 specifically, you know, I think we've gone through some of
18 the issues like the truck traffic. You know, there will be
19 some visual aspect of the facility, there will be some
20 noise. But, you know, the facility is going to be bringing

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1 into the City \$30 million of investment in the green tech
2 sector.

3 There'll be jobs created. It's all about
4 local jobs, local recycling, local energy. Yeah, we made a
5 commitment to the City when we first presented to the
6 Aldermen two years ago or 18 months ago that we would be
7 hiring local people. I think that the number we talked
8 about was eight or 10 local hires. There'll be other
9 follow-on jobs in the composting side. So, you know, just
10 by Reaganomics, whatever you want to call it, just by the
11 means of this investment occurring in the City people will
12 put more money in their pocket and buy more things at
13 stores, having jobs. You know, hopefully it will -- you
14 know, it might not benefit you directly but hopefully it
15 benefit your neighbors and other people in the --

16 MR. PATAKY: Okay, just one last question
17 and I don't know if someone else has to answer. I was
18 reading the notes about the initial presentation and I --
19 Mr. Blume, I think you were the President at the time?

20 MR. STEVE BLUME: Ahum.

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1 MR. PATAKY: You had that the plant would
2 bring I think 30 to 50 jobs, and now we're down to eight. I
3 mean, how did we lose 35 jobs and it hasn't even started
4 yet?

5 MR. BLUME: This is a different process.
6 This started out as a transfer station and it's a totally
7 different process. It was going to make diesel and
8 biodiesel and we followed them for -- those people for
9 about a year. They went to South Carolina, they broke
10 ground -- they left a hole in the ground, they never did
11 it. That process never came about. So from there we went
12 to this anaerobic digester hoping, on my part anyway, that
13 we would get rid of the sewage.

14 At that time we were spending \$700,000 a
15 year to haul the sewage out. Now because of the new plant
16 we're down to about \$300,000, somewhere in there. So the
17 new plant has helped a lot but at that time it was almost
18 \$1 million to get rid of it. So that's where this started.

19 And then of course the State stepped in and said that we
20 couldn't use the compost here in Connecticut. So we

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1 couldn't mix the sewage with the food because that would
2 ruin it and then what would we do with it. And then they'd
3 have to haul it out of state, it just became a terrible
4 mess. I still talk to them about the sewage and we're
5 still spending a quarter of a million dollars to get rid of
6 it.

7 The guy tried to put those turbines as the
8 heat and that's fine, I said something to the Sentinel that
9 I'd like to capture this heat. Some kind of deal with them
10 that we would have -- it was on the heat. Perhaps
11 Blumenthal could get a federal grant, loan, or Linda and
12 Joe could get a State grant or something. Then we would
13 build a drying facility and we would have free heat sent to
14 the drying facility and finally finish the sludge problem.

15 That's how -- and it was a totally different process to
16 start with. Like I said, we followed it for a long time,
17 thought it was a good deal. The guy in South Carolina --

18 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, excuse me. The
19 deal with the sludge is it's got a lot of liquid in it --

20 MR. BLUME: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- and it weighs a lot.
2 And when we get rid of sludge we pay by the ton, so that
3 would significantly reduce the water content. That's --
4 but that's a separate issue.

5 MR. BLUME: Right, yeah, it was separate.
6 It's two different processes. The first process was wood -
7 - they take everything in and make biodiesel. That never
8 happened and we never bought into it. You know, they came
9 here three times. They flew out from Las Vegas three times
10 to see us and it just never materialized. So from there,
11 again, chasing the sludge I went to the anaerobic digester,
12 which at that time I knew very little about and I got a
13 quick education. So that's where we are. So we're still
14 chasing the sludge.

15 In the meantime the Public Works complex,
16 the sewage treatment plant, it would ultimately reduce cost
17 to energy. There's a piece of land that's not being used,
18 never going to be used. It's their dime, the \$30 million
19 is their nickel. Renewable energy, the State is on a fast
20 track now with the permits. The State loves us. I went to

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1 the State, I met with DEEP, all the Commissioners were
2 there. They loved us, I mean, we're a big deal in the
3 State. This is a big deal, big deal. I know there's a lot
4 of concerns. I was concerned about the smell and the
5 noise. This seems to be an answer for us. Nothing is
6 coming here. There's no economic development here.

7 MR. PATAKY: Just so you know, I'm not
8 concerned with anything. That's the least of my worries,
9 the smell or the noise. My concern is, again, for every
10 one plant you see that works there's probably 40 that have
11 been a disaster.

12 MR. BLUME: You're talking about something
13 different though. This is different, this is an anaerobic
14 digester.

15 MR. PATAKY: No, I understand that. But
16 the benefits -- the benefits are the same. It helps the
17 City, it helps this and every time you read something you
18 hear these prices went up, this went up. There's always -
19 - again, I'm just trying to see --

20 MR. BLUME: No, that's okay.

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1 MR. PATAKY: -- you know, how is it going
2 to help my pocket. That's -- I mean, I think that that's
3 what most people want to know. I mean, this is good being
4 green, I'm all for that. But if it ends up costing us more
5 in the long run --

6 MR. BLUME: Well like he said, the rates
7 are locked in, the UI rates and utility rates anyway. The
8 utility rates are going to be locked in. It would be
9 cheaper, maybe half of what we're paying now in utilities.
10 The Town public works complex and sewage plant, that's a
11 lot of money.

12 MR. PATAKY: Sure.

13 MR. BLUME: It's over a half million
14 dollars, so maybe that -- we're still talking about it. I
15 think it's going to be cut in half. That's up to the --
16 that was according to the numbers. So if we don't spend -
17 - you know, if we spend, spend, spend, nothing is coming
18 here. So I said a long time ago, if we just reduce what
19 we're spending and not spend as much then we reap the
20 benefits in taxes in just what's left over.

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: And residential rates are
2 regulated by the State. We don't have any influence on
3 that.

4 MR. PATAKY: No, actually they're not. If
5 I'm not -- we had deregulation that -- someone sold a bill
6 of goods to Hartford and everybody's rates skyrocket. So
7 we have no regulation and that's the other concern. If
8 we're going to create electricity -- and again, I know
9 you're saying it's different. But you see these green
10 plants creating electricity and rates are going high.
11 They're already high enough.

12 MR. BRAYMAN: Well again, with the City
13 we're locking in a long-term rate for long-term stability.

14 MR. PATAKY: Right, okay. Thank you.

15 MS. LINDA GENTILE: I guess now is a good
16 time to go. Good evening, I'm Linda Gentile. I'm here
17 wearing two hats this evening. If I could follow up on Mr.
18 Blume's comments I'll put on my State hat first.

19 As State Representative, I have to tell you
20 that he is in fact correct. The State of Connecticut,

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1 particularly Commissioner Dan Esty and Deputy Commissioner
2 Macky McCleary, are extremely excited about this project.
3 Class 1 renewable energy is a big deal for the State of
4 Connecticut. We recently passed, and it was in 2011, the
5 Clean Air Act, and we've really gone a long way to clean up
6 our air. This is not a burn facility, this is not going to
7 produce anything that's going to ruin our air. So I have
8 to tell you that from my perspective, particularly now as
9 Chairman of the Environment Committee and the fact that I
10 have so many conversations with DEEP, this is really a big
11 deal.

12 It's a responsible project and it's a
13 progressive project and it's going to move us forward. One
14 of the things that I hear as I talk to small businesses
15 throughout the State is one of the biggest cost for them is
16 energy. That's one of their biggest driving costs. This
17 is an opportunity for us to do something to help reduce
18 those costs, so I also believe very firmly and after
19 numerous conversations, believe that this is a good
20 economic development tool. Now, if I could put my hat on

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1 as a taxpayer here in the City, a lifelong resident, one
2 thing that has concerned me for awhile is the slow, if any,
3 growth of our grand list.

4 Now, this could be a significant addition
5 to our tax rolls. And why do I say that? I say that
6 because number one, it's a \$30 million private investment
7 which will have a \$30 million or close to a \$30 million
8 plant on land that is producing nothing for the tax rolls
9 now. So we'll be able to tax the facility, we'll also be
10 able to tax all of the machinery and all of the equipment.
11 Now that's good money for the City and that's a wise
12 investment. So I strongly support it, I look forward to
13 working with all of you on this project. I look forward to
14 my continued conversations with DEEP and in particular
15 Commissioner Esty and Deputy Commissioner McCleary and I'm
16 certainly open to any ideas, suggestions, comments as well
17 from any of the people here. But I do have two hats this
18 evening and I just wanted to say that. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you Linda.

20 MR. ROBERT TURSCHMANN: Robert Turschmann,

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1 I live at 40 Hotchkiss Terrace in Ansonia. I just have a
2 couple of questions. Number one is does Greenpoint own
3 this technology?

4 MR. BRAYMAN: No.

5 MR. TURSCHMANN: No, okay. And how do they
6 --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: BDI.

8 MR. TURSCHMANN: -- BDI owns it.

9 MR. BRAYMAN: We own the --

10 MR. TURSCHMANN: Then how does Greenpoint
11 benefit from this?

12 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, we're developing the
13 project and we put the parties together and hopefully we'll
14 make some money at the end of the day. We're using -- you
15 know, we're playing mediator for the technology.

16 MR. TURSCHMANN: Okay. We talked about the
17 plants in Europe, okay. Are they strictly just food waste
18 or are they a combination of food waste, farm waste?

19 MR. WINKLER: There are different types of
20 plants there, plants just running on food waste --

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1 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah.

2 MR. WINKLER: -- food leftovers, food waste
3 and all that stuff and there are plants running just on
4 farm leftovers, crop -- energy crops waste.

5 MR. TURSCHMANN: They don't combine?

6 MR. WINKLER: Not in every country because
7 it depends on the regulation. For example in Germany you
8 have just running on energy crops and the other side just
9 running on food waste. And in Luxembourg for example, you
10 have a combination of both so there are a couple of plants
11 running on half food waste and half energy crops for
12 example, depending on the country.

13 MR. TURSCHMANN: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: And Luxembourg is very,
15 very small too. Very small.

16 MR. WINKLER: Very small but they have a
17 big industry in that.

18 MR. TURSCHMANN: Okay. I guess this
19 originally started from the disposal of our sludge, the
20 \$700,000 a year cost. Now that that's basically been cut

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1 well in half with the new sewage treatment plant plus the
2 fact that we can no longer combine this, where does that
3 really put the project now? I mean, as a cost benefit to
4 the City.

5 MR. BLUME: Well, that's what he was
6 saying. You're going to get -- well not quite. I mean, we
7 get the electricity bill, the bill that you're paying for a
8 Public Works complex and for the sewage treatment plant,
9 you guys know the numbers. It's going to be significantly
10 reduced to start with. They're going to pay property tax
11 on this thing.

12 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah.

13 MR. BLUME: I'm not happy about losing the
14 sewage idea but we're talking about taking the heat from
15 them.

16 MR. TURSCHMANN: Will there be further
17 public hearings on this where we will have a chance to look
18 at those figures?

19 MR. BLUME: I don't know.

20 MR. TURSCHMANN: I mean, I think the

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1 taxpayers should have a chance to look at the figures
2 before it goes any further.

3 MR. BLUME: I don't know. This is the
4 first public hearing we're having.

5 MR. TRIMBELL: I mean, we're happy to
6 share. There's nothing to hide so we're happy to share
7 whatever numbers --

8 MR. TURSCHMANN: Well, wouldn't that be a
9 part of the original -- the proposal when it comes up, I
10 mean so that everybody would have a chance to look at it
11 and comment on it?

12 MR. TRIMBELL: Yeah, and I think probably I
13 think the wastewater plant uses about 400 kilowatt hours a
14 year.

15 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah.

16 MR. TRIMBELL: And so the transmission cost
17 is eight, nine cents.

18 MR. TURSCHMANN: Well, the transmission
19 costs are more than what the electricity costs are. That's
20 kind of a fact in the State of Connecticut. That's what

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1 deregulation has done for us.

2 MR. TRIMBELL: Yeah.

3 MR. TURSCHMANN: I mean, is this -- I know
4 the City has signed a letter of intent with Greenpoint. Is
5 that as far as it goes, there's no referendum or anything
6 on this before we allow this to happen?

7 MR. BLUME: You got to talk to the Council.
8 I have nothing to do with that.

9 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah.

10 MR. KEVIN BLAKE: You know, they've got to
11 go through the process to get the contract that lets them
12 use the property.

13 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah.

14 MR. BLAKE: And we'll go through that but
15 also go through all the planning and zoning and any other
16 Commissions for their permitting.

17 MR. BLUME: I understand what you're
18 saying, how much are we going to save in electricity?

19 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah, how much are we
20 going to save? Is it worth to bring this in here because,

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1 you know, reading through the documents -- I mean, it's not
2 totally without odors. I mean, that's one of the
3 byproducts, it's not totally without odors. And the
4 Commissioner of our DEEP has told us that, he said so right
5 in that document.

6 And just one other thing, are we going to
7 consider when we consider this total cost of what it's
8 going to cost the City and do we know how much water is
9 going to have to be treated at our wastewater treatment
10 plant?

11 MR. WINKLER: We know exactly the number,
12 yeah.

13 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah, any idea what that
14 would be?

15 MR. WINKLER: I do not have the number here
16 with me. We can e-mail it.

17 MR. TURSCHMANN: Okay, thank you.

18 MR. JAMES PRESTIANO: Can I just -- I want
19 to piggyback on what you were asking. I think very simply,
20 you know, we're talking about many benefits to the City

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1 talking about tax rolls and whatnot. But your question on
2 energy is something very simple that I think can be
3 answered.

4 We pay X amount of dollars right now to
5 United Illuminating per kilowatt hour, transmission
6 distribution charges and everything else, demand charges.
7 So I think it's a fair ask to say this is what we're paying
8 now, what is going to be the projected savings in energy?
9 What is going to be the projected income to the tax rolls?

10 And that being said, that's something that I as a resident
11 would want to know.

12 MR. TURSCHMANN: Yeah, because I --

13 MR. PRESTIANO: We as a Committee did come
14 into this with the understanding and the clear knowledge
15 and the confidence that this is something that would be
16 turning a positive cash flow obviously, and that's why we
17 entertained this whole concept.

18 MR. TURSCHMANN: -- well, yeah --

19 MR. PRESTIANO: But these kinds of
20 questions are very simple and can be answered very simply.

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1 MR. TURSCHMANN: -- yeah, what I wanted to
2 say was what we're going to see with taking out that
3 savings of \$700,000 --

4 MR. PRESTIANO: Ahum.

5 MR. TURSCHMANN: -- that's a big chunk.

6 MR. PRESTIANO: Yup.

7 MR. TURSCHMANN: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you.

9 MR. ANDREW ADAMCZYK: Andrew Adamczyk from
10 Hill Street in Ansonia. Your food waste coming in, that
11 can come from anywhere?

12 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

13 MR. ADAMCZYK: Okay, and it's up to you to
14 get enough of it so even if you can't fill the 10 trucks
15 that you want you're not going to turn around and say oh,
16 sorry City we can't provide you with the electricity that
17 we promised you? I mean, you'll still --

18 MR. BRAYMAN: Well as I mentioned earlier
19 the Public Act 11-217, within the 20 mile radius there's
20 about 50,000 tons of food waste, 25 tons qualifies for

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1 that. That's just within a 20 mile radius. So that covers
2 pretty much, you know, 60 percent of what we need. And
3 we've been in discussions with a number of haulers that
4 haul organic waste specifically and working towards
5 contracts to top up the rest of that.

6 MR. ADAMCZYK: And your suppliers have the
7 quality control so they don't mix in styrofoam and plastic
8 forks and that sort of stuff, it's just strictly food
9 coming in?

10 MR. BRAYMAN: Generally part of the -- to
11 address the technology of the front end, there will be some
12 contamination. But a system at the front end of BDI's
13 technology strips out a lot of that.

14 MR. WINKLER: Especially when you get food
15 waste from hotels, from hospitals, you have a lot of that
16 in there like forks, spoons and stuff like that. But the
17 pretreatment part, we have special kinds of machines in
18 there which -- yeah, separates the inorganic fraction from
19 the organic fraction and this is the most important thing
20 because all we want to put within the digester is the

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1 organics.

2 MR. ADAMCZYK: And if you don't have enough
3 food waste coming in the City still gets the promised tax
4 revenue and they still get the promised amount of
5 electricity and they're not going to come to me and say
6 Andrew, you have to put an extra bin at your curb and your
7 neighbors have to put an extra bin at your curb to collect
8 all your food waste?

9 MR. BRAYMAN: Well, the property tax won't
10 go away that's for sure.

11 MR. ADAMCZYK: And finally aesthetics, this
12 is along side our newly built River Walk. And we've been
13 trying to clean the whole area up. How much control are
14 our Town Boards going to have over the physical appearance
15 of the plant as well as controlling the odors and noise
16 when we're trying to build a park down at the end of the
17 River Walk?

18 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, I mean part of the
19 approval processes will be to applying the permits from the
20 Planning & Zoning Commission. So the actual design of the

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1 plant, we'll comply with it. So we'll be, at the right
2 point, talking to the Planning & Zoning Commission. What
3 was your other question sir?

4 MR. ADAMCZYK: Well, the aesthetics as far
5 as the outward appearance of the plant and the smell and
6 the noise to make sure that it's going to be something that
7 we want next to the River Walk.

8 MR. TRIMBELL: I mean, we obviously -- you
9 know, we have to comply with all State laws and regulations
10 and permits and -- you know, the last thing we want to do
11 is spend \$30 million and have the EPA show up and shut the
12 thing down because of smells or odors or whatever. So, you
13 know, it's in our own interest to be responsible managers
14 and custodians of the site.

15 MR. ADAMCZYK: Well, it can smell the way
16 it's supposed to smell but still be ugly is what I'm
17 getting at.

18 MR. TRIMBELL: Yeah, I mean -- you know,
19 we're on the same side but it's not in our interest to put
20 an ugly facility.

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1 MR. ADAMCZYK: And you'll -- have our Mayor
2 and key people touring of your facilities? Can they, will
3 they be able to?

4 MR. TRIMBELL: If they want to -- Thorsten.

5 MR. WINKLER: You're always welcome to
6 visit such a facility, sure.

7 MR. ADAMCZYK: Alright, thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you.

9 MR. NOEL LAFAYETTE: Good evening, my name
10 is Noel Lafayette --

11 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Excuse me what's your
12 name, Noel?

13 MR. LAFAYETTE: Lafayette.

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, thank you.

15 MR. LAFAYETTE: I'm a solar developer and I
16 just want to -- I come to these hearings all the time and I
17 hear a lot of questions and that sort of thing and I want
18 to help put some people in perspective. I don't know too
19 much about anaerobic digesters. I know how they work; I
20 know they've been successful in Europe. I know that the

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1 investment community likes them. I know that the DEEP is
2 very pro of this project for a lot of reasons, but I want
3 to put some things in perspective that people haven't
4 brought up.

5 Now I've been in Connecticut since 1975,
6 born and raised, okay. Our state has 250 closed, capped
7 landfills. That means for 20 years they have settled, they
8 are dead properties, we can't put anymore garbage in there.

9 There's 96 municipalities in the state so you've got two
10 landfills per city not including the ones that are
11 operating, okay. Brownfields, there's probably triple that
12 number, okay. These are dead properties that cost towns
13 money, that make no money. Even when real estate was good
14 there was no developers rushing to remediate these
15 properties, okay. So in terms of alternatives solar and
16 anaerobic digesters, other technologies that are coming
17 down the pike, are heaven sent to these municipalities who
18 are starving for new revenue.

19 Tax revenue, energy savings which are out
20 of control and people say our electricity is going down,

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1 that's a misrepresentation. The commodity is going down,
2 the distribution is going up six percent a year for 10
3 years running. Why? We generate no power in this state.
4 Its all got to come from Canada and every time CL&P puts up
5 a high transmission line it cost \$1 billion, it takes 10
6 years to do it, eminent domain lawsuits, not in my
7 backyard, all of that. And guess what, we all pay for it.
8 We pay for it and we're going to keep paying for it until
9 we start to look at other alternatives.

10 Regarding odor, I live in a town with a
11 landfill. It smells. It's pretty, it's got grass and
12 trees and they did everything else, but it still smells
13 because there's a row of dusters there full of garbage that
14 we have to pay more garbage bills for because now they have
15 to be hauled away because the landfill is closed, okay.
16 So, you know, I can appreciate the City of Ansonia but this
17 is a bigger problem, this is a state problem, this is a tax
18 revenue problem. These properties aren't going to be
19 developed. What these gentlemen are offering is money,
20 savings and a property that the Town is just sitting there

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1 looking at. It's not a Brownfield next to a wastewater
2 treatment plant.

3 Trust me, no one is putting a hotel up
4 there, okay. They're not going to. They're not, okay.
5 Donald Trump is not going to put a casino there, alright.
6 So when you look at that big picture it's really -- it's
7 almost like well, why aren't we doing it and why aren't we
8 doing a -- and the DEP and the Governor have this in their
9 plan. These gentlemen are unfortunately in the position of
10 being first, okay, and it's always hardest to be the first,
11 alright. Let somebody else do it first and if it works
12 then we'll try it. Well, as a solar developer if I had
13 \$100 for every time I heard that I could retire, alright.
14 So, I hear some really great things here coming from there
15 but when you put it in that perspective, even if you don't
16 look at this from an energy standpoint, we've got to start
17 doing something with our garbage.

18 So if you think oh, we're going to pay more
19 here, well, wait till your garbage bill starts going up
20 because it's all got to go on a barge to go out into the

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1 ocean like New York and nobody wants it, okay. So there's
2 much larger issues here and my only question, and I
3 wouldn't even call it a concern, is why is it so small in
4 terms of output? And one of those reasons is law, is you
5 can only sell within this microgrid, which by the way
6 microgrid, other savings because when another storm comes
7 all the Fire Departments and everybody who's connected to
8 this grid are unoperational. You know, once a Town Hall
9 goes down we're losing money as taxpayers because of lack
10 of whatever. You know, people aren't working or this or
11 that, and we've seen that in the latest storms.

12 So that's another protection for the City
13 of Ansonia, okay. I don't know how to quantify that in
14 dollars but we know it has some value, okay.

15 MR. BART FLAHERTY: And Ansonia folks --
16 I'm going to speak please.

17 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Bart, you can speak but
18 let him finish please.

19 MR. ADAMCZYK: I think I'm making some key
20 points sir --

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1 MR. FLAHERTY: Well that's fine but --

2 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Let him finish and then
3 you can speak, please. What I said at the beginning, let
4 people speak --

5 MR. ADAMCZYK: Here's -- my point is --
6 whatever, I'm not going to get into that. My point is with
7 the footprint as it is as you've currently designed it,
8 without expanding it can output be increased simply by
9 adding another motor or engine as you described or it can
10 never -- so it doesn't have to be expanded but let's say
11 the City of Ansonia puts up two high schools, you can put
12 another motor in and tie those in without any visible
13 issue?

14 MR. WINKLER: Yes, but depending on the
15 material and depending also on the signed contract for the
16 material because you need to have security.

17 MR. ADAMCZYK: So in summary, the output of
18 the plant can grow with the City but doesn't necessarily
19 grow to footprint?

20 MR. WINKLER: Yes and no. I mean, it's not

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1 just input it's also the size of the digester. You know,
2 you have to have additional capacity in there. It's in
3 there, it's not endless on the top, you know, but it's easy
4 to add another engine on that plant, yeah.

5 MR. ADAMCZYK: Great. Well gentlemen, I'm
6 sure there's other towns but I hope this works out. Thank
7 you for your time.

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, thank you very much
9 for your input.

10 MR. FRANK TREBOLA: Frank Trebola,
11 Moulthrop Street. I just have a couple of questions. The
12 previous gentleman talked about, you know, expanding the
13 grid to more parts of the City. But in fact right now the
14 only part that's being considered is the microgrid in that
15 shopping center correct?

16 MR. TRIMBELL: Correct.

17 MR. BRAYMAN: Correct.

18 MR. TREBOLA: And you're talking about two
19 megawatts of power being produced each day roughly?

20 MR. WINKLER: Per hour, megawatt

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1 electricity per hour.

2 MR. TREBOLA: Oh, per hour.

3 MR. WINKLER: Per hour.

4 MR. TREBOLA: And the City uses basically
5 one megawatt per hour?

6 MR. TRIMBELL: Correct.

7 MR. WINKLER: Correct.

8 MR. TREBOLA: So that -- and Mr. Blume was
9 talking about that the benefits of the City would be the
10 projected savings that we would -- the citizens would be
11 paying onto the tax rolls, did I understand that right?

12 MR. BLUME: Say that again?

13 MR. TREBOLA: That the present cost we have
14 for sewage treatment or whatnot because of the investment
15 and the effect of the biofuels in the plants, those costs
16 would drop which would reflect in our tax --

17 MR. BLUME: Cost of money -- cost of
18 electricity.

19 MR. TREBOLA: -- right. So that one
20 megawatt per hour that the City will not be using, that

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1 would be the return on the investment for the private
2 investors, the sale of that one megawatt? You're talking
3 that megawatt back to UI of whoever correct?

4 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

5 MR. TREBOLA: And that the income from that
6 sale would go where, to the investors of the original \$30
7 million?

8 MR. BRAYMAN: As would the energy sales to
9 the City.

10 MR. TREBOLA: Okay.

11 MR. TRIMBELL: And there's three revenue
12 streams. There's the empty sales, there's the tipping fees
13 for the prewaste and thirdly there'll be whatever we can
14 make on the compost, the compost sales.

15 MR. TREBOLA: Is there any projected plan
16 to -- besides reducing the cost to the residents of the
17 City on what they pay in taxes -- I'm not even saying this
18 right. To take some of that profit and to affect the tax
19 roles other than -- in other words, the profit from the
20 sales from that one megawatt, is any of that going to come

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1 back into the City?

2 MR. BLUME: That's theirs. Whatever we
3 save on electricity, that's what we're going to get. They
4 own this we don't own this.

5 MR. TREBOLA: Right, I understand that and
6 it sounds great. On its merits as you've presented it, it
7 sounds great but -- well, I guess it's my only question.

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Yeah, it's a return on
9 \$30 million. It's a return on their investment --

10 MR. TREBOLA: Right.

11 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- so that's why they're
12 pursuing that.

13 MR. TREBOLA: I understand that, yeah. I
14 just want to make sure I understood that correctly. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you Frank. Anyone
17 else from Ansonia like to speak?

18 MR. EINAR JOHNSON: I would if I could.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Are you from Ansonia?

20 MR. BLUME: Are you from Ansonia?

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Well, I'm actually from
2 Bethany but my family owns --

3 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Hold on one second.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Is there anybody else
6 from Ansonia wishes to speak right now? Okay sir.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Well, my family's got
8 property over here so they told me that that qualifies for
9 me to --

10 MR. PRESTIANO: It certainly does.

11 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, go right ahead.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I just want to make sure
14 that I give other people the opportunity that were local.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Einar Johnson, my family owns
16 the --

17 COURT REPORTER: Can I get your first name
18 again?

19 MR. JOHNSON: Einar, E-I-N-A-R. My family
20 owns HM Industries and one of the properties that is in the

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1 microgrid area here. And just a couple of business related
2 type of questions for the folks that are making this
3 investment.

4 First off, since the State government is so
5 deeply interested in this I have to confess that it makes
6 me suspicious right away. I've never -- well, I shouldn't
7 say never but it leaves me to wonder about a project like
8 this. But more importantly my concerns are that I don't
9 see any real financial connections from the private -- the
10 investments being made here. You know, one of the most
11 important things to me would be for example ensuring that
12 this operation is successful. The last thing that Ansonia
13 wants or needs is a bankrupt plant five or 10 years down
14 the road. So to me, the sensitivity of various parameters
15 that make the project successful is important. What are
16 they for example? You know, what could make this thing
17 fail?

18 I assume you have strong investors that
19 know what they're doing, but I don't see a track record
20 from your company here with other sites in the U.S. for

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1 example. So yes, it is a pioneering effort here in
2 Ansonia, but that to me causes certain risks that need to
3 be understood. The life expectancy of a plant like this at
4 20 years seems almost impossibly short to me. Twenty years
5 goes by in a hurry and what exactly do you have then after
6 20 years if that's the lifetime of a plant? What do you do
7 at that point?

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Can you answer that
9 question please?

10 MR. JOHNSON: I'd be interested in --

11 MR. WINKLER: Yeah, the business plans
12 normally we calculate for 20 years. So that doesn't mean
13 that the plant stops after 20 years.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Is there an operation like
15 you have to refill --

16 MR. WINKLER: You have to refill it, you
17 have to reinstall a new engine for example, new mixers, new
18 pumps, it's not dead after 20 years. But the business case
19 -- the business plans shows you 20 years.

20 MR. JOHNSON: But that is all on the owners

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1 of the plant?

2 MR. WINKLER: Yeah, sure.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Their expense, okay. Well
4 like I said, I'd like some kind of a discussion I guess on
5 the -- number one as people have mentioned before, what
6 does this actually bring economically, quantifiable
7 economically to the Town of Ansonia, number one.

8 And number two, the financial -- the
9 economic proposal that you're doing for yourself. I mean,
10 in other words this is a company that's putting this
11 forward but the financial connections to that operation
12 need to be put forth so that they can be either challenged
13 or understood because again, this needs to be successful
14 for the investors otherwise it's going to be a huge issue
15 for the Town of Ansonia down the road. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you. Is there
17 anyone else that has any questions? Mr. Cassetti?

18 MR. DAVE CASSETTI: Good evening, Dave
19 Cassetti, 3 High Acres Road. Whose responsibility is it to
20 get you the waste?

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1 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, we're going to be
2 working with numerous places. We've followed a three-
3 pronged approach. We've been working with the local
4 haulers, City Carting & Recycling out of Stamford, we've
5 met with (indiscernible) Refuse up in (indiscernible).

6 MR. CASSETTI: But you're not doing it --
7 it's not going to be the City's responsibility to get the
8 waste?

9 MR. TRIMBELL: No --

10 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: It's their
11 responsibility.

12 MR. TRIMBELL: -- it's our responsibility.

13 MR. CASSETTI: It's your responsibility to
14 get the waste, okay.

15 MR. TRIMBELL: Yes.

16 MR. CASSETTI: Alright. And of that \$30
17 million there isn't one penny that's going to be -- that
18 we're going to be responsible for in taxes through the
19 taxpayers of Ansonia.

20 MR. TRIMBELL: No, there'll not be one

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1 penny from the City.

2 MR. CASSETTI: Now, you looked at the
3 property and the property is big enough for this plant?

4 MR. TRIMBELL: We've already finished some
5 design and engineering of the plant with the site. We're
6 working with Wally and Thorsten's companies and, you know,
7 it's tight but we can fit it.

8 MR. CASSETTI: It's tight okay, thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you. Are there any
10 other questions from anyone?

11 MS. TARA KOLAKOWSKI: I have a question.
12 Do you want me to go up there or do you want me to stay
13 here?

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: You can stay up there,
15 just speak loudly. Tara, you could have stayed there.

16 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Oh, I'm sorry --

17 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Just speak loudly.

18 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Tara Kolakowski, 14
19 Farrell Drive, Ansonia, Connecticut. I have a question,
20 you said there's guaranteed rates for 20 or 25 years?

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: We would lock in rates for --

2 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Are they locked in at a
3 fixed or is it a sliding scale?

4 MR. BRAYMAN: -- no, it's a sliding scale
5 CPI.

6 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: So there's a sliding
7 scale, is there a percentage -- the CIP, I don't know that
8 term so is it a --

9 MR. BRAYMAN: Consumer Price Index.

10 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: -- okay, so it could go
11 up. Is there a max that it caps out at?

12 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, the Consumer Price
13 Index changes every year, so --

14 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Right, so that --

15 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- so it's tied to
16 inflation.

17 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: -- it could go up
18 substantially every year based on that CPI.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, it always goes up
20 it never goes down.

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1 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Okay, so if we're locked
2 in we're not locked in to a fixed rate like he said
3 earlier.

4 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, I can't answer
5 that. What we could do is we could have a fixed rate for
6 so many years and again renegotiate it based on the CPI for
7 a fixed rate for so many years, and that's how it would
8 work. You're not going to get a 30 year rate up front.

9 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Right, but it's like in
10 the mortgage industry where people are losing their houses
11 because they've gone into a 3/27 and it was fixed for three
12 years and then it skyrocketed --

13 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: No, these are good
14 points. I'm just trying to explain.

15 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: I'm saying if we're in for
16 20 or 25 years or 30 years, could it be negotiated where we
17 get a 10 year fixed rate, a 10 fixed rate and a 10 year
18 fixed rate so we know as a City what we're getting so there
19 is no variable? Because variables cause problems.

20 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: That's all going to be

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1 negotiated. You know, right now we're not there yet but
2 that will be negotiated.

3 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: It just -- it seemed that
4 he was there with the fixed rate so it's not defined --

5 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, said that he's
6 tying to the Consumer Price Index is what he said.

7 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Okay, so if we can
8 negotiate it out of the Consumer Price Index?

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I'm not here to
10 negotiate. I can't answer that. That's -- when you sit
11 down and write a contract, they can't lose money on the
12 electricity. If the UI bill goes up 10 percent, theirs
13 goes up eight percent, that's more than fair. I mean,
14 they're not going to lose money.

15 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Well, they're creating
16 enough energy if I understand it correctly, to do the
17 microgrid for their entire facility and then have one full
18 megawatt --

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Ahum.

20 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: -- per hour extra. Based

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1 on that we couldn't get a fixed rate?

2 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: It would be a fixed rate
3 for a period.

4 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: Not a period of one year
5 though, a longer period. And again, I know it's negotiable
6 but I'm putting it out there because all of a sudden two
7 years down the road we'll be in a one year fixed and it
8 will be a variable every single year. It's not truly a
9 fixed rate, it depends on that CPI.

10 Yes, no, maybe? That's all I had.

11 MR. PRESTIANO: If I could just respond to
12 that just as a benefit. I'll put my -- I work with
13 Connecticut Light & Power, Jim Prestiano, so I'll put my
14 professional hat on. All of us are utility rate payers.
15 We happen to be UI rate payers, I work for Connecticut
16 Light & Power, a different company. But no rates are
17 fixed, and I'll look to Linda Gentile, who is very familiar
18 with utility rates.

19 We all pay utility rates based on whatever
20 the particular docket in the rate year that we're in or the

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1 rate cycle that we're in. So again, going into educating
2 the residents, and I'll put my resident's hat on, these are
3 all things that we as residents need to know going in based
4 on what we're paying now, what our potential savings are.
5 And I wouldn't think that any investor would lock into a 25
6 year rate because --

7 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: I didn't say that, I said
8 10 year.

9 MR. PRESTIANO: -- no, and that's -- and
10 I'm not -- and I'm using that as an extreme. But I think
11 that what we as taxpayers should be allotted a reasonable
12 lock-in rate based on the type of rates that we would be
13 paying to our local utility company, because our UI rates
14 aren't locked in for extended amount of times. So I think
15 if we kept within -- so we could do comparisons, kept
16 within the same cycles that we're in I think it would allow
17 us at least up front some realistic savings that we'd be
18 realizing based on our current way we buy power, so.

19 MR. BLUME: I have a question. Will we
20 always be less than the utility rate?

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: You're not paying
2 transmission and distribution charges right there.

3 MR. BLUME: So we will -- that was a good
4 question then.

5 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

6 MR. BLUME: So we can't lock this in for 30
7 years, is there a guarantee that we'll never pay what we
8 would have to pay to UI? And the answer is?

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: You're not paying for
10 distribution and transmission.

11 MR. BLUME: I know, but the answer is --

12 MR. BRAYMAN: You're paying for --

13 MR. BLUME: -- I understand transmission so
14 I want somebody to say --

15 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: So you're saying yes or
16 no?

17 MR. BLUME: -- the answer is yes, we will
18 never pay what we would have to pay to UI?

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I see where you're coming
20 from.

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1 MS. KOLAKOWSKI: You can't say that, it's
2 not a guarantee.

3 MR. BLUME: Are you sure -- why not?

4 MR. TRIMBELL: Well -- you know, I guess we
5 can. I mean -- you know, the people that invested of the
6 project made some surveys as to their revenue stream so we
7 can on day one sit down and agree what the rates would be.
8 But being up front about this, no investor in their right
9 mind is going to get themselves into a transaction where in
10 five years down the track the agreement can be completely
11 renegotiated because things have changed.

12 If this is being a problem, I mean we can
13 -- on day one we can sort of -- if you're paying eight
14 cents generation to UI, we can sit down and say well, we'll
15 offer to sell you at six cents.

16 MR. BLUME: But my question is very simple.
17 Will we get -- will we always -- no matter what you do will
18 we always pay less than we would have -- if you guys didn't
19 come here and we were paying UI, with you guys here would
20 we always pay less?

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1 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, you'll always pay less
2 because --

3 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: That's the question.

4 MR. BLUME: That's the question, yeah. I
5 don't know what the number is but whatever the hell it is
6 it will be less than we're paying to UI. That's all I
7 mean. I'm not holding you to a number but it will always
8 be -- somewhere in the contract it's going to say we will
9 always pay less than we would have no matter what UI is 20
10 years from now.

11 MR. WINKLER: By default.

12 MR. BLUME: Alright, thank you. That's --
13 you know.

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Any other questions?
15 Thank you Tara.

16 MS. RITA ST. JACQUES: I have a question.
17 Rita St. Jacques, Ansonia. In one of the articles I
18 believe you were interviewed, and what concerns me is you
19 said the plant was going to be running fairly green. What
20 does that mean? We were talking green, green, green, but

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1 what does fairly green mean?

2 MR. TRIMBELL: I mean, the plant is very
3 green. I can't -- it would be quite out of context but I
4 was talking about the project itself, it's a green project.
5 We take food waste, we compost it anaerobically, trade
6 methane, which is used to derive electricity, and there's a
7 digestate which is used to create compost. It's as green
8 as it comes.

9 MS. ST. JACQUES: Okay, and then another
10 concern is the -- did anybody do a traffic study? I know
11 the gentleman, I don't remember your name, but you said it
12 wasn't going to affect us coming in off of Route 8.

13 But that's in a very congested area as it
14 is when you come off of Division Street and I don't know
15 how many tractor trailers or whatever and how many
16 thousands of pounds come in the tractor trailers of the
17 trash, the garbage -- the garbage if I'm not mistaken, and
18 how many of them will be coming in daily or on the hour.
19 And is it five days a week --

20 MR. BRAYMAN: It's at one an hour.

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1 MS. ST. JACQUES: Pardon?

2 MR. BRAYMAN: About one double tractor.

3 MS. ST. JACQUES: One extra an hour?

4 MR. BRAYMAN: Yes.

5 MS. ST. JACQUES: And they'll be coming in
6 off of --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: We assume off of Exit 60.

8 MS. ST. JACQUES: And you don't believe
9 that that's going to create a problem down there, going in
10 and --

11 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, we'll obviously have
12 to do a traffic study there. I mean, we have -- there's a
13 list of permits that we need to apply for and, you know,
14 the traffic could be one of them.

15 MS. ST. JACQUES: Ahum. Okay, and with the
16 garbage coming in is -- who's going to be responsible for
17 separating it, the garbage versus the other stuff that's
18 within it? And once it gets separated who's responsible
19 for processing that? Do you have anywhere down there to
20 process that or does that become our responsibility?

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1 MR. WINKLER: It's an automatic process at
2 the beginning. It's automated. The truck is driving into
3 this reception hole, dumps the trash, the garbage, and
4 leaves the hole. That's it.

5 MS. ST. JACQUES: Right and then --

6 MR. WINKLER: And the rest is automated.

7 MS. ST. JACQUES: And once the automated
8 process is done and we've got our garbage that we're going
9 to be used for the green process and then we've got our
10 garbage that we can't use --

11 MR. WINKLER: Yup.

12 MS. ST. JACQUES: -- what do we do with
13 that garbage that we can't use? Who is responsible for
14 that?

15 MR. BRAYMAN: We are.

16 MS. ST. JACQUES: You are?

17 MR. BRAYMAN: Whatever residual is left
18 over. Now, what we will be getting is generally all food
19 waste.

20 MS. ST. JACQUES: Okay.

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: There will be bits and pieces
2 but we're not talking about what you threw out in your
3 garbage, cartons and all. That's not going to be coming to
4 our plant.

5 MR. WINKLER: We're not talking about
6 municipal solid waste. We're talking about organic
7 fraction out of municipal solid waste and food waste, so
8 it's completely different. But with municipal solid waste
9 you have bicycles, computers in there and, you know, a lot
10 of that stuff.

11 MS. ST. JACQUES: Right.

12 MR. WINKLER: But we're talking about the
13 --

14 MR. DAVE KNAPP: She's talking about the
15 spoons, the plastic spoons and plastic knives and plates
16 that come in --

17 MR. WINKLER: Yup, that's a small fraction
18 of inertz --

19 MR. KNAPP: -- well that's what she was
20 asking, what's going to happen to that.

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1 MS. ST. JACQUES: And you take care of
2 that, the City is not going to be responsible for that?

3 MR. WINKLER: No.

4 MS. ST. JACQUES: Okay, thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you Rita.

6 MR. JOE JEANETTE: Joe Jeanette, I'm
7 Alderman of the 3rd Ward. I've just got one question. Is
8 it fair to say you'll never charge more than UI charges us?

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10 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Did you just walk in?

11 MR. JEANETTE: No, no, it's a good question
12 because -- I understand, but I just wanted to make it
13 clear. You know, I mean charge us less or charge us even
14 but we're still making tax money so it's still a win.

15 MR. BLUME: I just went through it. I had
16 them say that we will never pay what we have to pay UI. We
17 will always pay less then what we would have to pay UI.

18 MR. JEANETTE: I understand that, I think
19 it's a great thing. I just wanted people to know you won't
20 be paying any more than what you're paying now.

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1 MR. BLUME: No, less -- less.

2 MR. JEANETTE: Less.

3 MR. BLUME: Less.

4 MR. JEANETTE: But even if you paid the
5 same you're still winning with the taxes.

6 MR. BLUME: Less.

7 MR. JEANETTE: That's where I'm trying to
8 get my point to. Thanks Steve.

9 MR. BLUME: Thank you Joe -- less.

10 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you Joe.

11 MR. JEANETTE: It's a winner.

12 MS. JOAN RADIN: My name is Joan Radin, I'm
13 a 5th Ward Alderman, I live in Ansonia on Wakelee Avenue
14 and I also own a business. I'm also a woman who owns a
15 business, which is unusual. But one of my interests is --
16 and you're telling me nice things about the plant. I'm
17 interested in the area. I'm interested in the fact that I
18 don't happen to be -- I'm on a busy street. Wakelee Avenue
19 is a busy street but where you're talking about on Division
20 Street is completely -- the whole street is eating places.

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1 There are restaurants, there are walk-ins, there's grocery
2 stores, there's a fast food, there's all of those things on
3 that street.

4 Now you're going to be bringing in
5 approximately 10 trucks a day, 10 trailer trucks a day. I
6 understand across the street from where you're going in,
7 Beard sold their place to somebody who's going to be a
8 contractor in cement and there's going to be cement trucks
9 also coming on Division Street. But my main interest is
10 the fact that you have eating places down there. You're
11 going to be having trucks coming in. Even if they only
12 have a slight odor and if this place only has a slight
13 odor, it is going to be a problem for those people, those
14 businesses on that street. But actually, that isn't what I
15 wanted to tell you.

16 I was here two years ago; I'm not sure
17 whether you men were here or not. But I thought I was
18 losing my hearing because I couldn't understand the person
19 that was talking so I thought I'd wait for the minutes to
20 come from the meeting to see what I missed. And

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1 unfortunately, the secretary didn't understand either
2 because when that person spoke it kept saying inaudible, so
3 I really don't know what he said or what happened at that
4 time. My understanding was the first plant, Mr. Blume was
5 present, that it was going to be for sludge and we were
6 spending so much money on sludge and we were going to save
7 all that money on sludge. And I don't understand where the
8 change came, we never heard anything about it for two
9 years.

10 MR. BLUME: Joan, if you just sat through
11 this whole meeting I explained the whole thing.

12 MS. RADIN: I understand that, but we
13 didn't hear anything about it in the City for two years
14 because I was here at that meeting and I've been at all the
15 Board of Alderman meetings. And I'm on the Board so I am
16 at all the Board of Alderman meetings.

17 MR. BLUME: It didn't die that day Joan, it
18 died over the next year and a half.

19 MS. RADIN: Well, we never knew about it.
20 I mean, I'm sorry you didn't tell me, I really would have

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1 liked to have known.

2 MR. BLUME: Yeah, I'm sorry too.

3 MS. RADIN: Also, a couple of people
4 brought up the River Walk and the places like that. Where
5 is the runoff? And what if something happens if this plant
6 has some kind of a catastrophe or a storm like we've had
7 recently and storms that have really done a lot of damage
8 and you have a problem with pollution or leakage? You're
9 right by the river, you're right by all of the things --
10 you're not too far from the hospital. There's a lot of
11 things that I think that the people need to know more
12 about.

13 I looked up Greenpoint on the internet and
14 their only association was Ansonia. And not with anaerobic
15 plants but with Ansonia, is that they're a partner. In
16 what, I don't know because we're just hearing about it now.

17 The other thing is there's going to be all this waste
18 going in and out of the City. You're talking about
19 bringing things in and then you're also talking about
20 bringing something out. I heard something about you're

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1 taking truckloads of fertilizer or whatever it is, you're
2 taking that out.

3 MR. WINKLER: Composting material.

4 MS. RADIN: So is it more than 10 trucks
5 coming in? Is it going to be --

6 MR. TRIMBELL: No, there's six trucks --
7 there's about six trucks bringing the food waste in a day
8 and there'll be about four trucks taking compost out per
9 day.

10 MS. RADIN: Okay.

11 MR. TRIMBELL: That's the 10 trucks.

12 MS. RADIN: The other thing we were talking
13 -- you were talking about was the wiring. And you have to
14 use UI wiring anyway or you have to use the electric
15 company wiring outside your grid. You have to use that
16 anyway. What I'm concerned about is the people in the City
17 don't know enough about it and as Mr. -- I can't even
18 remember his last name, isn't that terrible -- anyway, but
19 what Bob was saying to us was about the people should be
20 more aware of what it is.

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1 If one of my customers hadn't come in and
2 told me about the public hearing, I wouldn't have known
3 about it. I don't think a lot of our Aldermen knew about
4 it. I sent out a little notice to each of them, had it put
5 in their boxes so they would be able to come and be here
6 today. I just hope that we're not biting off more than we
7 can chew. And the other thing is if it sounds too good to
8 be true, it probably is. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Alright, thank you.

10 MS. DONNA LINDGREN: Donna Lindgren, 81
11 Prindle Avenue. I have a question about the air quality
12 that we're talking about by bringing in six 30 ton trucks a
13 day to bring in the waste to this facility and removing one
14 and a half ton trucks at five a day. If you know what the
15 American Lung Association is, they rate the air quality all
16 over the United States. In our area the air quality is a
17 failure, it received a grade of F for ozone. The
18 particulate matters received a grade of D in our area as
19 well.

20 So I am concerned about the air quality

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1 that will be impacted. And also, the high incidents of
2 asthma that's been in our area both in adults and in
3 children. That should be improved and not, you know, made
4 worse. So I'd also like to ask a question about that
5 compost that's coming out as a finished product. Where is
6 that going to go and to whom will it go to? Are you going
7 to sell it, are you going to bag it, are you going to sell
8 it as a soil amendment, what are you going to do with it?

9 MR. TRIMBELL: Well to answer the first
10 question, you know, this project most people would say is
11 good for the environment because we have we have three
12 (indiscernible) that could either get stuck in the landfill
13 and then it leaks and it will seep into the atmosphere and
14 destroy the ozone layer, which is the do nothing approach
15 which is -- we can do that as well. Or we can do something
16 creative with it and put it into a digester and try create
17 it into energy and stop the leakage into the atmosphere.

18 So we're trying to do the latter, which I
19 would think is good for the environment. As far as the air
20 emissions of the facility, we are going to be complying

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1 with all of the State requirements and air emission
2 guidance, whatever. You know, we also have used our lawyer
3 who will be complying with all the State emission
4 requirements. They will have catalytic converters on them
5 to make sure that all the particulate matters are within
6 State guidelines. As far as asthma, I can't comment on
7 that. I've never had asthma -- you know, there's nothing I
8 can do --

9 MS. LINDGREN: There's a high rate of it in
10 our area, I can tell you that. So maybe the trucks coming
11 in and out of the plant will have catalytic converters on
12 them as well? That would be nice.

13 MR. TRIMBELL: Maybe they can. I mean,
14 that's something we can discuss. You know, that's what
15 this is all about.

16 MS. LINDGREN: Okay. I do -- I am all
17 about composting. I am a backyard gardener, I have my own
18 compost pile that's not anaerobic it's aerobic, and
19 couldn't think of anything better to do with waste. The
20 problem is bringing all of this waste into our area and

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1 adding to the congestion and the air quality in our Town. I
2 think the compost that's coming out of the other end of it
3 could be a very valuable commodity and I hope that, you
4 know, there will be an opportunity to purchase it if it's
5 really organic. You said it might be like chemical
6 fertilizer. If there's no chemicals in it it should be --

7 MR. BRAYMAN: It is a chemical nature --

8 MS. LINDGREN: A chemical nature.

9 MR. BRAYMAN: -- it's similar to a
10 palletized --

11 MS. LINDGREN: Okay.

12 MR. BRAYMAN: -- but really we could have
13 this -- mixing it in with the soil --

14 MS. LINDGREN: It's organic.

15 MR. BRAYMAN: -- it's organic. so --

16 MS. LINDGREN: It's organic, okay.

17 MR. BRAYMAN: -- it's organic fertilizer.

18 MS. LINDGREN: Okay, so that should fetch a
19 high price as a soil amendment. I would think you'd be
20 making money on that. I also want to address the birds.

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1 The Naugatuck River Valley is a major migration route. If
2 you stand in Stop & Shop on any October day you can see
3 many, many dozens of hawks and raptors as they migrate
4 through or river valley to head south for the winter.

5 Are they going to be flying over our
6 facility with clothespins on their noses or what? Is that
7 going to be something that we're going to want to go by
8 when we kayak on that river, which we do every year? Is it
9 going to be something nice to look at from the River Walk
10 that's brand new and is one of the highlights of Ansonia
11 now? I hope it's going to be a positive and not a
12 negative.

13 MR. WINKLER: Yeah, but that is the reason
14 for installing the biofilter, you know, to neutralize the
15 odors. You know, by scrubbing it with water and pushing it
16 through a wet woodchip basin, that is the reason for it.

17 MS. LINDGREN: Is there in place anywhere
18 in Connecticut now a site that we can visit to see what
19 this thing is going to look like and what it's going to
20 smell like? No?

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1 MR. WINKLER: Not in Connecticut.

2 MS. LINDGREN: Not in Connecticut. Is
3 there anything nearby at all?

4 MR. REINECKE: No.

5 MS. LINDGREN: No, okay. Thank you very
6 much.

7 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you.

8 MR. BARTHOLOMEW FLAHERTY: Mayor
9 DellaVolpe, Mr. Chairman, Honorable Members of the Board,
10 for the record my name is Bartholomew Flaherty. I reside
11 at 28 Pinecrest Avenue in Ansonia. First, I feel strongly
12 that Ansonia should speak first but it's just my own
13 opinion. My apologies if I was belligerent, however, we
14 have to live with this. The gentleman there owns property
15 in Ansonia and I can understand that too. For somebody to
16 come out of the area just to speak before Ansonians, I have
17 a problem so my apologies.

18 This has to come before Planning & Zoning
19 and there will be a public hearing, so I have no question -
20 - I have a number of questions but none concerning the

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1 plant or the location or anything else. My questions,
2 which we normally cannot address at Planning & Zoning, are
3 financial questions. But primarily as a taxpayer, I'd like
4 to thank you very much for holding this public hearing to
5 give us the opportunity to be introduced to the proposal,
6 the facility. And my financial questions, how much per
7 kilowatt hour will we be charged for this?

8 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, the answer to that is
9 when we first started having discussions with the City in
10 2011, at that particular time the City was paying 12 cents
11 per kilowatt hour for its generation. So at that point we
12 struck an agreement with the City to sell the City at 10
13 cents a megawatt hour -- or kilowatt hour. Since that time
14 we all know that rates have dropped and I think they are
15 paying something comparable to eight cents a kilowatt hour.

16 So obviously we can't move forward with the
17 old one that we had, 10 cents. So we all recognize that
18 and we all -- I think its been acknowledged numerous times
19 that at the right time we need to sit down and work out a
20 business deal that works for both Ansonia and for the other

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1 party because at that point anyone doing anything -- you
2 know, if there's animosity or the deal doesn't work for one
3 party or for the other at the onset, then you don't have
4 the agreement. So I can't answer you right now as to what
5 the rate will be but it will be less than what the City is
6 paying currently or at the time of what the deal was --
7 when the deal was agreed.

8 MR. FLAHERTY: Well you're investing \$30
9 million, you have no idea?

10 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, we have an idea. I
11 mean, the generation rate is going to be somewhere between
12 six cents and 10 cents but when the City is ready to sit
13 down and work at it again with us, then -- you know. Yeah,
14 there is other revenue streams that we're -- there's the
15 tipping fees. And tipping fees may be between \$25 a ton or
16 \$60 a ton. You know, over a long term I can't tell you
17 what tipping fees would be, I can't tell you anything else
18 but the deal is a good deal.

19 It's good for Ansonia, under our current
20 terms it still works for the investors, and when the City

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1 is ready to sit down and finalize the deal then we'll know
2 then.

3 MR. FLAHERTY: I had the opportunity to
4 negotiate three different similar processes, not anaerobic
5 but similar burn plants and so forth while I was President
6 of the Board of Aldermen. And the host community usually
7 receives a tipping fee of \$10 a ton or \$20 a ton tipping
8 fee. Do you anticipate paying the City of Ansonia or
9 sharing any of that tipping fee money, like \$10 a ton, for
10 the City of Ansonia?

11 MR. TRIMBELL: I mean, we can discuss that.
12 I mean, we -- last case model was a \$35 a ton tipping fee.

13 MR. FLAHERTY: And was any share going --
14 again, you -- I don't want to put words in your mouth. Not
15 \$35 a ton for us --

16 MR. TRIMBELL: No, no, I mean --

17 MR. FLAHERTY: -- you plan to charge \$35 a
18 ton.

19 MR. TRIMBELL: We were charging the hauler
20 \$35 a ton.

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1 MR. FLAHERTY: Isn't that low when the
2 disposal fee is like \$60 a ton?

3 MR. TRIMBELL: Well, since that time we've
4 been talking to supermarkets and we've been working with
5 the Connecticut Food Association, and there's been this new
6 Public Act policy to do with the zero landfill policy
7 programics. So obviously if we can make more money on the
8 tipping fees then, you know, any sane person would want to
9 do that. And as far as sharing tipping fees with the City,
10 you know --

11 MR. FLAHERTY: Yeah, would the sane person
12 want to share is what my question was.

13 MR. TRIMBELL: You know, I mean obviously
14 that's something we can discuss.

15 MR. BRAYMAN: The \$35 tipping fee was low
16 because we were trying to tie in the long term contract
17 with a waste hauler. So there's a trade off --

18 MR. FLAHERTY: But you have -- but you have
19 State Legislation from what I understand, that demands --

20 MR. BRAYMAN: That happened after we

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1 started the process.

2 MR. FLAHERTY: -- that demands that it has
3 to come to any facility and then if there's no facilities -
4 -

5 MR. BRAYMAN: -- but doesn't give a price
6 level --

7 MR. FLAHERTY: -- this will be the first
8 facility.

9 MR. BRAYMAN: -- it doesn't set a price
10 level for that.

11 MR. FLAHERTY: No, of course not but it
12 demands that it has to come to your plant. And the
13 avoidance fees, if the commercial rate is \$60 a ton tipping
14 fee you're not going to charge \$35.

15 MR. WINKLER: No, that would be dumb.

16 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay. So that's not off the
17 table.

18 MR. WINKLER: As we talked about with the
19 energy, I mean, we agreed previously 10 cents 18 months
20 ago, which is now above what the City's paying currently.

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1 And we recognize that that rate needs to be renegotiated.
2 And there's no point doing a long-term deal with the City
3 if the City is going to be losing money. We recognize
4 that, we get that.

5 MR. FLAHERTY: Now maybe I misunderstood,
6 but are you using water from our treatment facility?

7 MR. BRAYMAN: No.

8 MR. FLAHERTY: No, you're not using any --

9 MR. BRAYMAN: Water -- actually there's 80
10 percent water in food.

11 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay, but you will be
12 discharging it to our sewer facility?

13 MR. WINKLER: That's the current design
14 plan.

15 MR. FLAHERTY: I'm sorry?

16 MR. WINKLER: That's what the current
17 design of the plant is for, yes.

18 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay, and will you be paying
19 a sewer use fee like we all pay?

20 MR. WINKLER: Well, we've budgeted for that

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1 but we haven't had that discussion with the City yet. And
2 when the City wants to sit down --

3 MR. FLAHERTY: You budgeted for it though.

4 MR. WINKLER: Yeah.

5 MR. FLAHERTY: What rate did you budget do
6 you know?

7 MR. WINKLER: I couldn't tell off the top
8 -- I could let you know afterwards.

9 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay. You'll be selling
10 compost, how much per ton will Ansonia get from that
11 compost that you sell? Will we get \$5.00 per ton if you
12 sell if for, I don't know --

13 MR. BRAYMAN: That one we haven't opened
14 any discussions with.

15 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay, so that's on the
16 table?

17 MR. BRAYMAN: I don't think this is a forum
18 --

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Yeah, this isn't a forum
20 for negotiating contracts so -- this is just to talk about

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1 the project and discuss issues that people have with the -

2 -

3 MR. FLAHERTY: Well, part of the --

4 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: -- I think we're getting
5 off track here.

6 MR. FLAHERTY: Well, I don't think so
7 because --

8 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: The issue is to discuss
9 the project not to --

10 MR. FLAHERTY: -- well, I don't think so
11 because this is part of the benefit of the City of Ansonia,
12 so I'm asking --

13 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I understand that but
14 that's not what --

15 MR. FLAHERTY: -- what the benefits of the
16 City of Ansonia are financially. You know, the Board of
17 Aldermen passed a resolution based on the cost savings of
18 \$700,000 to get rid of our sludge and now that this
19 proposal isn't going to process our sludge. How are you
20 going to make up for that \$700,000 loss?

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1 MR. BRAYMAN: I'm not sure what you mean
2 loss.

3 MR. FLAHERTY: Well, it was told to the
4 Board of Alderman that there was going to be a savings of
5 \$700,000. Well at least I read it online, the minutes of
6 the meeting --

7 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: I'm not aware of that.

8 MR. FLAHERTY: Well, according to the
9 minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting there was a lot of
10 discussion that this -- we're paying \$700,000 to get rid of
11 our sludge. Steve, you were the one that told me about it
12 personally.

13 MR. BLUME: Yeah.

14 MR. FLAHERTY: And now that this --

15 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Directly related to this
16 project though? I thought that was a different project?

17 MR. FLAHERTY: No -- well, I haven't
18 finished my question.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, I'm trying to
20 understand that's all.

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1 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay. The Board of Aldermen
2 passed a resolution to get into this process based on the
3 old system where we were going to avoid -- potentially
4 avoid \$700,000 in sewage sludge. The Board of Aldermen
5 hasn't readdressed this. Will this go back to the Board of
6 Aldermen now that the whole --

7 MR. BLUME: Bart, that wasn't --

8 MR. FLAHERTY: -- deal has changed --

9 MR. BLUME: -- that wasn't the only thing
10 in there. All this green stuff was in there. I've got the
11 resolution.

12 MR. FLAHERTY: No, I know the green stuff
13 was in there but the \$700,000 was out.

14 MR. BLUME: That's what brought this to the
15 table but that's not --

16 MR. FLAHERTY: But it's out -- that's what
17 brought this --

18 MR. BLUME: -- that's not the only thing
19 that's in the resolution.

20 MR. FLAHERTY: No, but the \$700,000 is out

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1 of the picture.

2 MR. BLUME: I explained that.

3 MR. FLAHERTY: Not to be argumentative,
4 it's out.

5 MR. BLUME: Sure.

6 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay. So my question is
7 will it go back to the Board of Aldermen now that this is a
8 totally different plan for the Board of Aldermen to
9 readdress with the -- some of the questions that I've asked
10 financially maybe will be flushed out so that the benefit
11 to the City of Ansonia might be better realized?

12 That's my question, and obviously it can't
13 be answered but --

14 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Excuse me, Kevin, doesn't
15 this have to go through the Board of Aldermen anyway once
16 it's all finalized?

17 MR. BLAKE: It wasn't in -- there was a
18 resolution to go into a letter of intent signed in December
19 of 2011, to proceed with this in order to use that property
20 for this project. There was some talk about at the time

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1 regarding the sewage -- the sewage sludge for that.

2 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, but my question is
3 once this is all finalized doesn't the Board of Aldermen -
4 -

5 MR. BLAKE: Yeah, in the event there's
6 going to be a contract it has to get approved --

7 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Get approval --

8 MR. FLAHERTY: Okay.

9 MR. BLAKE: -- and then eventually it will
10 have to also go through another Board of Aldermen approval
11 to address the \$1.00 contract. But yes, it's going to go
12 through again.

13 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay.

14 MR. BLAKE: That was all through a letter
15 of intent to get them --

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. BLAKE: -- to give them intent so they
18 can start incurring costs.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Okay.

20 MR. FLAHERTY: Thank you very much for the

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1 clarification. Thank you very much for your indulgence in
2 allowing me to speak. I certainly hope that you will
3 consider some of the traditional benefits that the City --
4 most cities enjoy when a project like this is located
5 within our boundaries such as tipping fees and so forth.

6 And thank you very much, thank you very
7 much for a fine presentation and I look forward to hearing
8 more about this.

9 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Thank you Bart, thank you
10 for your input. Does anyone else wish to speak?

11 MR. CHARLIE STOWE: My name is Charlie
12 Stowe, 23 Granite Terrace. Can everyone hear me alright?

13 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Step up to the mike.

14 MR. STOWE: Alright. On Dave -- following
15 Dave Cassetti, what he was saying, usually when we have a
16 plant like this with the vibrations you have to do a
17 compaction test to make sure that the ground is able to
18 take the vibration. Have you done that already?

19 MR. REINECKE: No.

20 MR. STOWE: So it's possible you may not

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1 even be able to use this property.

2 MR. REINECKE: The preliminary indications
3 are that it's usable.

4 MR. STOWE: Okay. The name Linda Gentile
5 carried a lot of water here because I was suspicious too,
6 but when I heard that they're supporting -- the State is
7 supporting this it really gives me cause for thought and
8 hope -- and hope. I understand that people have fear when
9 change comes, they always have. When Columbus said he
10 couldn't cross the ocean nobody said he should go. I do -
11 - I have heard that there's a plant in Pennsylvania, like
12 Chef Boyardee or something, somebody that actually makes
13 food. And they digest -- do what you're talking about. Is
14 there any truth to that that you know of?

15 MR. REINECKE: I do not know the plant.

16 MR. WINKLER: I don't know.

17 MR. STOWE: I would -- I really personally
18 would like to see three people from Town, whoever, an
19 independent, a democrat and a republican, go see some plant
20 like this that's operational and hear from the people

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1 running it and they can come back at a public hearing and
2 say boy, it smelled like roses. It didn't make much noise
3 and it was a profit sharing event for our community that we
4 are very happy with.

5 So that would put all of our -- and I think
6 when you're talking about \$30 million, I think an airplane
7 ticket or whatever it is for three people and feeding them
8 for a day and a half or whatever, would be a cheap
9 investment.

10 MR. BLUME: Can't say that.

11 MR. STOWE: Hah? I'm just -- I may not be
12 able to, I said it and I apologize. I know a lot of people
13 are thinking the same thing, you know, they'd like to see
14 and know what's going on. Other than that I really -- I
15 think people asked a lot of good questions. I think it
16 would be nice to know how far away this plant is from the
17 River Walk just so people could feel good about that. I
18 think that Bart made some very good points about tipping
19 fees and all that. And if it could all be -- if all of
20 those tipping fees could end up being electricity it would

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1 mean that we would have more savings, right, in that grid
2 area?

3 The other question I had is in the City, if
4 this becomes -- if this event happens, what Department is
5 actually going to run this with Greenpoint? You know,
6 manage what's going on, the funding and back and forth?

7 MR. BLUME: Maybe the Board of Aldermen.

8 MR. STOWE: So it's not the sewage
9 treatment plant that's going to be --

10 MR. BLUME: No, they have nothing to do
11 with it. Charlie, that separating thing does exist. What
12 they do is they take all the manure from the farmers that
13 produce the crops and whatever for separativity, they process
14 the manure to get rid of it. That's the way to get that
15 stuff out of their landfills. That produces the least
16 amount of electricity but it's enough to power their stuff.
17 I can give you the papers on it.

18 MR. STOWE: But is it similar to our plant,
19 what --

20 MR. BLUME: It does manure, I don't know --

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1 MR. STOWE: -- because that's really -- if
2 somebody could go visit a place that runs similar to yours
3 I think the people would have a lot more security about
4 this.

5 MR. BLUME: Want to go to Paris?

6 MR. STOWE: Well, I mean the last time this
7 was discussed about the sludge which was very helpful --
8 that would have been a fantastic thing. It's too bad that
9 that can't be done but the last time that was discussed the
10 only plants that I knew that were up and -- because I did
11 some research, was in Oakland, California. And they were
12 talking about right at that time they were running -- they
13 weren't really making a profit they were like breaking
14 even.

15 And then Reno, Nevada, actually the college
16 was helping run a similar plant there and they, at that
17 time, which I haven't followed up on it, they were -- they
18 really felt that they had some research that was going to
19 push them over the edge and make this profitable. Now, I
20 mean these are all concerns that people in this room have

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1 and they really should be answered, you know, before we go
2 too much forward because -- and it will make your -- if
3 this can be done it's going to make your life a lot easier,
4 because we ask a lot of questions in this Town and we like
5 answers and we want to see our Town benefit from whatever
6 we get involved in.

7 So -- you know, the more transparent you're
8 able to be the happier you're going to be through the
9 process, no question about that.

10 MR. BLUME: Charlie, you got a passport?

11 MR. STOWE: Yes.

12 MR. BLUME: You got a passport?

13 MR. STOWE: Yeah, I do.

14 MR. BLUME: Okay.

15 MR. JEROME FINER: Jerome Finer, 36 Cedar
16 Street, 4th Ward Alderman. This is a great turnout from
17 everybody. I had some concerns about pollution, the
18 smells, this and that. I can't see us putting too much --
19 I don't know what you want to call it, stipulations on it
20 to drive people out of here. I mean, I understand that we

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1 don't want pollution and we don't want this, we don't want
2 that, we want it done right.

3 But all I hear in our Board of Alderman
4 meetings is economic development and if somebody is trying
5 to put \$30 million into our Town and we've got to strap
6 with this, strap them with this, they'll say well, you
7 know, see you later. Ten trucks a day is not going to make
8 a difference in this Town. I get on Route 8 at 5:45 every
9 morning to go to work in Trumbull and it's bumper to bumper
10 traffic. I try going to BJ's, every day there's traffic
11 backed up the hill the other way -- there's no easy way
12 around. To me, 10 trucks a day is not going to make a real
13 big difference in this Town and I just hope all the answers
14 will get answered -- I mean all the questions will get
15 answered.

16 But I just hope we just don't drive, if
17 somebody's trying to invest in this Town, out. That's all
18 I've got to say.

19 MR. PRESTIANO: And I, you know -- and I'm
20 not a politician so I'm nothing in this Town except a

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1 taxpayer. But I do know that I pay \$7,200 a year for my
2 house, and it's an awful lot of money. And if we're going
3 to sit here as residents and worry about traffic coming in,
4 does that mean we're not going to let any business come in
5 this Town? Because any business that we have is going to
6 produce traffic, it's going to produce people coming in
7 supporting our businesses.

8 So I've got to tell you guys, I don't like
9 paying \$7,200 and I'll be really pissed off when I have to
10 pay \$8,000 because we're not doing anything to bring
11 revenue into this Town. So, we've got to get off of this -
12 - talking about these little piddley things and start
13 getting serious about bringing things into this Town
14 because --

15 MR. FINER: Can I just add one more thing?

16 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Yeah.

17 MR. FINER: Stew Leonard's wanted to go
18 into Orange and they said no because of the traffic. Did
19 you ever go through Orange? The traffic is unbelievable
20 and this and that, and they drove Stew Leonard's out of

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1 town. So, that's all I got to say.

2 MS. CHARLENE COLUCCI: Hi, Charlene
3 Colucci, 28 Hoinski Way, Ansonia. My question is, and if
4 I'm understanding this correctly, there is absolutely no up
5 and running operating successful plants in the United
6 States is that correct?

7 MR. TRIMBELL: Correct, not at the time.

8 MS. COLUCCI: Okay.

9 MR. BRAYMAN: No municipal leveled plants.

10 MS. COLUCCI: Okay.

11 MR. BRAYMAN: There are farm anaerobic
12 digestion systems --

13 MS. COLUCCI: Okay, I'm talking about what
14 we're proposing here.

15 MR. BRAYMAN: There's some being built;
16 there's none operating at this date that I know of.

17 MS. COLUCCI: Okay, so I know when I go buy
18 a car I go on Consumer Reports, I test drive it, I ask
19 people. Nobody from here has gone anywhere. I don't care
20 if it's Europe, you piss money away everywhere else, go buy

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1 a plane ticket or two. Why is no one there in Europe if
2 there's nothing here?

3 MR. WINKLER: I haven't answered the
4 question --

5 MR. BRAYMAN: Let her talk --

6 MS. COLUCCI: There is no plants -- no one
7 from the City that's going to make this final decision has
8 visited any running operating successful plant, am I
9 correct? Why not?

10 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Well, yet. What was the
11 second part of your question? There was more to that.

12 MS. COLUCCI: No, that's it. It's as
13 simple as that. I test drive cars, I bought Consumer
14 Reports, you're talking -- I know we're not spending \$30
15 million. The traffic is the least of my worries. Nobody
16 has gone to see an operating successful plant of this type.

17 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Correct.

18 MS. COLUCCI: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: You're welcome. Anybody
20 else? Okay, if there's no one else that wishes to speak

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1 I'd like to call for an adjournment.

2 MALE VOICE: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Second?

4 MALE VOICE: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TYSZKA: Alright, this meeting
6 stands adjourned. Thank you very much for coming, it's
7 appreciated.

8 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
9 8:05 p.m.)

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