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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
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STATE PIER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS  
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2           MAYOR PASSERO: Good afternoon, and welcome.  
3 If I can get all your attention. Welcome. And I  
4 want to give a special shout out and a welcome to  
5 our legislative delegation who are here. And we  
6 have a nice showing.

7           Start off with Senator Osten. Thank you,  
8 Senator. Senator Formica. Senator Needleman.  
9 Thank you. Representative Nolan. Representative  
10 Kate Rotella. Representative Joe de la Cruz.  
11 Representative de la Cruz will be doing some karaoke  
12 afterwards. Representative Christine Conley. Thank  
13 you.

14           Chris Soto is here from the governor's  
15 office. Chris, thank you. A former state rep.  
16 Senator Somers. I'm not sure if she's here yet.  
17 She's running a little late and she's on her way.

18           And I think that that speaks volumes for how  
19 important this forum is and this enterprise is to  
20 the region, and not only to the city of New London,  
21 and especially for the state. So I'm proud to have  
22 New London be the host of this meeting. And I  
23 appreciate the time that all of you have sacrificed  
24 to be here this evening to share in this  
25 presentation.

1 I'm grateful to the Connecticut Port  
2 Authority and its partners for providing us with  
3 this opportunity. It's great to see so many people.  
4 And I recognize that many of you have your  
5 particular interests in this project. And that is,  
6 of course, the reason for the complexity of this  
7 commercial transaction.

8 Okay. I don't know what's going on behind  
9 me. So there are many separate and equally  
10 important interests that need to be considered and  
11 accommodated, whether it's the commercial fishing  
12 industry, the building trades, competing port  
13 interests, and on and on. And, of course, the city  
14 of New London, as host to the state pier, has its  
15 significant interest in the future of the pier.

16 The state pier is an amazing asset the city  
17 shares with the region and the state, and very  
18 shortly many states on the east coast as the hub of  
19 the offshore wind industry.

20 I can confidently say that the city welcomes  
21 the investment in the pier proposed under the  
22 state's and the CPA's partnership Orsted and  
23 Eversource. However, I am and I have been working  
24 to ensure that the city receives an equitable share  
25 of the revenue that is generated by this port.

1 Historically that hasn't been the case.

2 I think the diverse group of partners, all  
3 of whom I'm sure are in this room, who have worked  
4 with me to understand the needs of the city. I  
5 appreciate the time and the resources that the  
6 governor and his staff have spent understanding the  
7 impact of this project on New London. I recognize  
8 that this is a complex project, and many other  
9 interests also must be understood and accommodated.

10 And I appreciate the leadership team of the  
11 CPA, specifically a shout out to Paul Whitescarver,  
12 the former commanding officer of the Sub Base.  
13 Thank you for the leadership that you're showing.  
14 And finally, I'm honored to introduce to you and to  
15 turn this meeting over to David Kooris.

16 David, your confident leadership during  
17 these past few months as you worked to consummate  
18 this deal have been outstanding. I appreciate those  
19 efforts, and I welcome you here tonight to explain  
20 all this to the community.

21 MR. KOORIS: Thank you very much, Mayor.  
22 You have been a great partner in this initiative  
23 thus far, and I'm sure that partnership will only  
24 grow stronger in the future.

25 I've had the pleasure prior to my Port

1 Authority involvement to work on a lot of projects  
2 with the mayor and his administration, and I believe  
3 strongly in the direction that they are charting for  
4 the future of this city, and have done everything I  
5 can from economic development to help them achieve  
6 their goals.

7 Tonight we've got a lot to talk about. The  
8 primary objective of tonight, as you're all well  
9 aware, is to finally start to share some of the  
10 details of what is being contemplated for the state  
11 pier and the state facility in the city of  
12 New London.

13 First and foremost, tonight is about sharing  
14 information, being transparent and providing you all  
15 an opportunity to start to give us your feedback on  
16 what you're hearing and what you're learning. We're  
17 going to talk a lot about the current state of the  
18 pier, as well as plans for its potential going back  
19 several decades, and the reasons fundamentally why  
20 we collectively believe that the offshore wind  
21 opportunity presents an unparalleled possibility for  
22 maximizing the utilization of this facility and the  
23 benefits to the city and the region and the state.

24 We're going to talk in some detail about the  
25 proposed infrastructure improvements and the way in

1 which it would be utilized for the offshore wind  
2 industry.

3 I'm joined up here by Matt Satnick who is  
4 co-CEO of Enstructure and Gateway Terminals who is  
5 our port terminal operator. And I'll talk a bit  
6 about sort of that process and how we came to that  
7 agreement.

8 Mike Ausere from Eversource Energy and  
9 Matt Morrissey, Matthew Morrissey from Orsted.  
10 Eversource and Orsted are partners, as folks are  
11 hopefully aware, in an agreement that they will  
12 speak more about and answer questions about called  
13 Northeast Offshore, which is the partnership that is  
14 delivering offshore wind to Connecticut and other  
15 states through various procurement processes that  
16 are taking place.

17 Finally, we're going to talk a bit about  
18 next steps, and how we get to from where we are to a  
19 future for the port that maximizes its benefits.

20 So the state pier is a pretty complicated  
21 facility with two large piers; state pier and the CD  
22 pier. As I think everyone is well aware, it is  
23 underutilized and requires modernization.

24 This picture is merely representative of the  
25 state of disrepair of aspects of that

1 infrastructure. And it is largely because of the  
2 quality and the capabilities of that facility that  
3 have limited its ability to play the commanding role  
4 that we all hope it will play in the city and the  
5 region's economy.

6 We average about 23 port calls per year.  
7 And just to give a sense of order of magnitude,  
8 that's about a tenth of that which occurs at the  
9 terminal in New Haven. So clearly underutilized.

10 There is opportunities to increase cargo,  
11 which is a large reason why Gateway was selected for  
12 their ability, we thought, to maximize cargo  
13 potential. But more than anything else, a lot of  
14 what we're going to talk about tonight is how ports  
15 like New London have capitalized on a niche  
16 opportunity like offshore wind to go significantly  
17 higher in terms of the level and quality of activity  
18 taking place there and the jobs and economic impacts  
19 that it creates.

20 So just a little bit of history first. And  
21 I won't go too deep into this, but I think it's  
22 important to note that going back several decades,  
23 there have been multiple studies that have been done  
24 concerning the future of state pier. The most  
25 recent of which was done for the Department of

1           Transportation in 2011.

2                     The outputs of these studies have been  
3           consistent, and they have demonstrated a need to  
4           significantly upgrade the facility with additional  
5           upland storage -- basically, more footprint, more  
6           acreage, with higher quality kind of wharfage, and  
7           importantly, the ability for heavy lift capacity.  
8           The ability to withstand the weight of bigger cranes  
9           carrying bigger goods.

10                    And so I like to think about it sort of the  
11           way the piers are today as they are historic piers  
12           much like the way sort of the west side of Manhattan  
13           was going back into the 19 Century. Lots of little  
14           piers with smaller boats along side, and it's  
15           basically just not the way cargo works anymore and  
16           ports work anymore.

17                    If you think about the ports that are around  
18           us and most successful, whether it's Quonset in  
19           Rhode Island or Port of New York in New Jersey, much  
20           larger land area, much more laydown, much more  
21           upland capacity, heavy lift capacity. And so we  
22           haven't been maximizing the potential of this  
23           facility.

24                    But importantly, those studies draw a very  
25           significant conclusion. And that conclusion is that

1 the state should not proceed with these improvements  
2 until it identifies a partner that will both share  
3 the costs of that upgrade and demonstrate a high  
4 likelihood of utilization of that facility when  
5 complete.

6 And so it's for that reason that for eight  
7 years this most recent study, and decades for the  
8 centuries earlier, have essentially sat on a shelf.  
9 We've had the blueprint for what the state should do  
10 with this facility, but we didn't yet have the  
11 partnership identified to be able to share the costs  
12 and increase utilization when the project was  
13 complete.

14 And then along comes offshore wind. I won't  
15 go into great detail about things that the state has  
16 been doing, that our legislator has been doing, that  
17 the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
18 has been doing. But the combination of renewable  
19 energy targets, low carbon targets, industry  
20 specific or generation technology specific targets  
21 have all begun to lay the foundation for a new  
22 industry on the east coast.

23 And what you see here in the graph -- you  
24 probably can't read it in any great detail, but what  
25 it says is that over the states of the northeast

1 based on the commitments that have been made by  
2 Connecticut and Massachusetts and New York and down  
3 into the mid Atlantic, there's the potential  
4 marketplace for 20 gigawatts of offshore wind  
5 generation in the near to mid term.

6 Just to give a sense of scale, that's  
7 basically 40 kind of modern natural gas power  
8 plants, right? So it's a significant, significant  
9 scale of energy generation, and a significant scale  
10 of an opportunity.

11 What many folks don't realize is that the  
12 location of this offshore wind is actually way  
13 offshore. Folks may have seen the Block Island wind  
14 farm, which was developed by Deep Water Wind, which  
15 has been -- which is now part of Orsted. And that  
16 is about three miles offshore. And it's visible,  
17 but it's actually become a huge tourist draw.

18 Every future wind farm will be further  
19 offshore than that is, and most of them are way  
20 off -- 10, 15 miles -- all in federal waters. One  
21 of the biggest and most attractive lease areas is  
22 off the south fork of Long Island. And so they are  
23 way offshore in federal waters, but more proximate,  
24 perhaps, to us in the northeast, at least this  
25 attractive cluster, than many others.

1           So we have been talking -- we at the state  
2           have been talking with wind developers since last  
3           year when the Department of Energy & Environmental  
4           Protection initiated a series of RFPs; one that  
5           concentrated on wind, anaerobic digestion and fuel  
6           cells, and then a subsequent one that concentrated  
7           on all zero carbon energy sources.

8           And the result of those RFPs were two  
9           procurements; 300 megawatts for Deep Water Wind,  
10          which is now a part of Orsted, and there were a  
11          series of commitments made there. You will see the  
12          number up there 700 megawatts because they proposed  
13          a joint project which will deliver 300 megawatts to  
14          Connecticut, 400 megawatts to Rhode Island.

15          As part of that project, they made certain  
16          commitments, as I said, to Deep -- through the  
17          procurement process. Two of those commitments  
18          related directly to state pier. One was the  
19          contribution of \$22.5 million for upgrades to the  
20          facility. And the second was a commitment of a  
21          scope of work to take place at state pier.

22          And that scope of work I won't go into great  
23          detail. We're all going to be available for Q and A  
24          afterwards in more of an open house format after  
25          public comment. But essentially, it was working on

1 two components of offshore wind. Namely, the  
2 offshore substation, and the secondary steel, which  
3 is kind of the welding of things like ladders on to  
4 things like foundations. And that was one piece  
5 that was going to take place here to be added to  
6 other pieces at other ports.

7 What we ultimately identified as a bigger  
8 opportunity for New London was a broader scope of  
9 work that would make New London more central as an  
10 assembly and installation hub for offshore wind  
11 which could potentially allow New London, rather  
12 than serving as a staging area for one piece for one  
13 project to serve as the preassembly and installation  
14 hub for all the pieces of multiple projects;  
15 projects procured by Connecticut and projects  
16 procured by other states.

17 To that end -- and we'll talk a bit more  
18 about that later, but I think it's important to  
19 understand the process. The Port Authority  
20 underwent a solicitation to identify a new port  
21 operator, and in that solicitation invited proposals  
22 from port operators, from wind developers or from  
23 consortiums between the two.

24 We were very happy to receive amongst the  
25 many proposals a proposal from the consortium

1       between Gateway and the Eversource Orsted  
2       partnership. That allowed us to begin a  
3       conversation around a bigger potential scope of work  
4       that would really allow the state pier to capitalize  
5       on this niche, offshore wind, and to do so in a way  
6       that resulted in a bigger scope of work, but  
7       importantly, over a longer period of time.

8               So rather than just doing work here for the  
9       Connecticut project, as I said, New London could be  
10      the hub of operations for projects over the course  
11      of a decade or more meeting the energy procurement  
12      objectives of multiple states.

13             There are some very real advantages that  
14      have led to this series of conversations, but there  
15      are also some constraints.

16             On the advantage side of the column is  
17      New London, as I said from that earlier map, is  
18      geographically well-positioned to the early lease  
19      areas that have some of the greatest wind potential.

20             So the fact that New London is proximate to  
21      the south fork of Long Island relative to other  
22      ports positions us well. You have to move stuff  
23      less distance to get from port out to the farm. It  
24      has direct access to open ocean without vertical  
25      constraints from bridges or other obstructions or

1 horizontal constraints.

2 The harbor is geographically well-protected,  
3 and has a very high level of certainty of continuous  
4 dredge and maintenance due to the presence of the  
5 Navy and Electric Boat and the Coast Guard.

6 And importantly, the supply chain and  
7 Electric Boat and the industry that has evolved in  
8 this region is very well-suited for the types of  
9 skills that the offshore industry will be looking to  
10 capitalize on.

11 That said, as we learn from our port  
12 studies, the state pier is not just plug and play.  
13 We cannot show up there tomorrow and take advantage  
14 of this opportunity. And relative to many other  
15 facilities, it has significant costs, investment  
16 needed, to get it up to the level where it can  
17 accommodate this type of activity.

18 It has a relatively small footprint. For a  
19 land-constrained city like New London, it is a big  
20 facility. But for port facilities throughout the  
21 northwest and along the eastern seaboard, it's  
22 quite, quite land constrained.

23 Finally in terms of constraints, our  
24 partners have made very clear and definitive  
25 commitments to Connecticut and to other states

1 regarding the timeline for the delivery of that  
2 electricity. And there is a lot of risk associated  
3 with getting from where we are today to having a  
4 completed facility that will allow them to conduct  
5 their operations to meet those objectives.

6 As I stated earlier, we went through a  
7 solicitation which resulted in the selection of  
8 Gateway as our port operator. That allowed the Port  
9 Authority to continue with simultaneous parallel  
10 negotiations to secure Gateway as a port operator  
11 because the contract with our prior operator was  
12 ending in April of 2019. And that was effectuated  
13 in January, and they did take control and have been  
14 operating the pier since May 1st of 2019.

15 That deal, which I won't go into great  
16 detail on, but again, folks are here. We can answer  
17 questions informally after -- after presentation and  
18 comment. That deal will result in a half a million  
19 dollar annual payment, and a variable payment based  
20 on volume that has a floor of a half a million  
21 dollars. So a million dollars to cover the Port  
22 Authority operations that escalates over time and  
23 increases with volume.

24 In May our parallel conversations and  
25 negotiations with the wind side of the proposal team

1 from our solicitation, Eversource and Orsted, in May  
2 you will all recall we announced that we had come to  
3 terms on a memorandum of understanding that outlined  
4 the framework of the public/private partnership  
5 whereby we would jointly invest in the terminal and  
6 allow for a decade of utilization as an offshore  
7 wind hub. We'll talk more about that tonight.

8 Since that time we have been translating or  
9 converting that term sheet or MOU into an actual  
10 legal agreement. And folks ask me all the time, you  
11 know, "Why is it taking this long?" "There must not  
12 have been, you know, everything finalized in May."

13 The big terms were finalized. Anyone who  
14 has worked with a lawyer can well attest getting  
15 from a term to getting to legal language that can be  
16 executed takes time. And we have been embarking on  
17 that process for the last now four months. It's  
18 actually a reasonably short amount of time as far as  
19 these things go, but we're not finalized.

20 And as we committed to you, we're coming to  
21 you today, not with a deal ready to sign, but rather  
22 with a deal that has been negotiated to a great  
23 degree, but is still ready and willing and able for  
24 your meaningful feedback.

25 So a little bit about the facility itself.

1 And all the graphics -- or these types of graphics  
2 that you see here -- actually, I don't know if this  
3 one is on a board back there. Well, this one may or  
4 may not be on a board back there, but if it's not,  
5 we can keep it up so folks can come see it on the  
6 screen after the screen and look at more closely.  
7 But it essentially describes in basic terms what is  
8 being proposed to do at the pier.

9 To orient you, north is basically this way  
10 (indicating). What you see here in yellow is the  
11 existing CV pier. What you see there in light gray  
12 is the existing state pier. What is being proposed  
13 is the filling in of the land between the two piers,  
14 as has been advised by decades of studies and  
15 analysis, the fortification or strengthening of the  
16 southern end of that fill area, as well as the  
17 quayside that exists to the northeast to accommodate  
18 heavier lift cranes and heavier lift cargo, and an  
19 overall leveling improvement, enhancement and repair  
20 of the entirety of the facility so that the bulk of  
21 the facility will provide additional acreage of  
22 laydown potential and storage at weights in some  
23 instances heavier than can be accommodated today,  
24 and then the two key areas allowing for much heavier  
25 lift

1           What is important to note, because there's  
2           been a lot of discussion about this, the rail access  
3           downstate pier will be retained, and that rail link  
4           is an important component of our long-term vision  
5           for the relationship between the facility and the  
6           surrounding region.

7           And this is just to give you a little bit of  
8           a graphic demonstration of one of the tower sections  
9           of a wind turbine being lifted by a heavy lift crane  
10          at a similar facility.

11          In terms of the timeline, we have a  
12          commitment to deliver an enhanced and improved  
13          facility by April of 2022. That's aggressive for a  
14          construction project of this scale and complexity,  
15          but we believe achievable.

16          The reason for that timeline is because that  
17          is the timeline at which it allows our partners to  
18          mobilize to build the offshore farms on the timeline  
19          for which they have committed to deliver power to  
20          our energy partners in the state of Connecticut and  
21          in other states.

22          And you can see here -- I won't go into  
23          detail, but again, we're available for questions,  
24          you know, throughout the evening, and we'll stay  
25          here as long as folks want to talk with us -- there

1 are a series of permits and improvements upland, on  
2 the piers, the filling in, et cetera. Much of the  
3 work is happening simultaneously in different parts  
4 of the facility, all resulting in completion by the  
5 spring of '22.

6 How will we go about funding this project?  
7 As was reported in our announcement in May and  
8 since, our private partners, as called for in our  
9 past studies, will be funding \$57 million of  
10 construction costs. Their commitment increases if  
11 certain milestones are achieved, including an  
12 additional \$10 million for timely delivery. The  
13 remaining costs are funded by the Port Authority.

14 Our current cost estimate as has been  
15 reported is \$93 million, although there is some  
16 additional contingency there that we are still  
17 carrying as the design progresses and becomes more  
18 complete which results in an approximately  
19 \$33.5 million contribution by the public sector.  
20 And so in the kind of worst case scenario, the  
21 public sector is still paying for less than  
22 50 percent of this investment.

23 And I'll come back to this, but a crucial  
24 point certainly is that after the duration of wind  
25 activity, be it ten years or a negotiated extension

1 that results in their jobs occurring here for longer  
2 period of time, after that time we own the facility  
3 in perpetuity. It remains a public asset and one  
4 that is better positioned to take advantage of the  
5 broad range of cargo options that we hope to  
6 maximize throughout the facility over the ensuing  
7 years.

8 I want to talk about that kind of maximum  
9 utilization concept for moment. And there's been a  
10 lot of conversation about this over the last few  
11 weeks. We've gotten a lot of questions about this.

12 The partnership's commitment is to, as I  
13 just said, maximize utilization of this facility.  
14 That means that at times when a wind campaign is in  
15 full force with turbines, which the industry refers  
16 to as the nacelle, the nacelle portion, the blades,  
17 the towers, when those are being mobilized and  
18 enhanced and augmented and assembled in New London  
19 for wind farms offshore in the 400, 800 megawatt  
20 scale, there will be times when they will be fully  
21 utilizing the facility, and there will not be room  
22 or capacity for other cargo.

23 There will be other times where they are in  
24 between campaigns, where they may have just finished  
25 their Connecticut farm, and before they mobilize for

1 the New York farm, there's a gap. And we are all  
2 similarly incentivized to ensure that in those  
3 times, the facility utilization is maximized by  
4 other ships, other vessels, other cargo, and then  
5 there's the whole spectrum in between.

6 But we want to make that point clearly;  
7 facility -- maximum utilization is our top  
8 objective, because that creates job, that creates  
9 revenue, that creates activity, and at some times  
10 that will be entirely by wind.

11 Given that, I think it's important to remind  
12 us all that that is just one parcel, the one parcel  
13 that the state controls within a much broader  
14 harbor. And we will continue to play the role that  
15 we have historically in being the leader of sub  
16 manufacturing. We will continue to host the naval  
17 base. We will continue to host fishermen and  
18 fishing fleet. We will continue to have dozens of  
19 properties on the harbor front that utilize the  
20 harbor in other ways. This is just one facility in  
21 the overall compendium of activities that comprise  
22 what we want to make the most of New London Harbor.

23 A quick note about contributions to the  
24 city. And the mayor alluded to this, and he alluded  
25 that conversations are still ongoing. But I want to

1 talk a little bit about where we are today.

2 Before this year with the prior port  
3 agreement and port operator, the city had no  
4 contributions coming from the port, but for the  
5 state pilot; the payment in lieu of taxes, which is  
6 approximately currently \$125,000.

7 In January an agreement was announced  
8 between the Port Authority and Gateway and the city  
9 which supplemented that payment for the first time  
10 with an additional as of right \$75,000 payment to  
11 cover services directly related to the port, and an  
12 additional variable fee payment where the city would  
13 garner 10 percent of all revenue coming to the Port  
14 Authority with a floor of \$50,000, resulting in a  
15 total of \$250,000.

16 Additionally, with activity coming from  
17 offshore wind, we expect vessel volume to go up. We  
18 expect activity to go up. We expect revenue to the  
19 Port Authority to go up, and with that this  
20 contribution to the city goes up in kind.

21 Further, Orsted and Eversource as part of  
22 their Connecticut contract committed to an  
23 additional \$750,000 to the city during the years in  
24 which the Connecticut project is being mobilized out  
25 of the state pier. So for those early years, it's a

1       commitment to the city of over a million dollars per  
2       year.

3               What happens beyond year two is still  
4       subject to negotiation between Orsted and Eversource  
5       and the city. But we hope that this early  
6       commitment is -- demonstrates the level to which the  
7       city will be compensated going forward.

8               A little bit about what will take place at  
9       the pier. And my colleagues, you know, can chime in  
10      or can answer any questions that folks have after  
11      the more formal part of this evening, but the  
12      typical kind of level of vessel traffic, again,  
13      historically over the last few years we have seen an  
14      average of 23 or so vessels.

15              For the wind turbine generator delivery  
16      we're anticipating somewhere between 60 and 80  
17      vessels per year. And for turbine installation  
18      between 20 and 40. So a significant increase in  
19      activity, waterborne activity to this facility in  
20      the harbor.

21              You can see the types of jobs that would be  
22      directly employed at the pier on the preassembly and  
23      assembly work, modifying the towers and the cells  
24      and the blades and getting them ready for  
25      installation. Technicians, logistics, terminal

1 workers, crane operators, electricians, welders,  
2 with a range of salary between 60 and \$100,000 per  
3 year.

4 What does that work look like? Boats come  
5 in delivering the components. Again, towers,  
6 nacelles, blades. There's continuous preassembly  
7 work at the pier, including electrical and  
8 mechanical preparation of the components prior to  
9 installation, and then the logistics and maneuvering  
10 and crane work, take them off and put them on the  
11 installation vessel.

12 And then the outbound installation vessel  
13 having them loaded up at pier will go out to the  
14 wind farm location where the ultimate components are  
15 installed.

16 In terms of the magnitude of job creation  
17 that we see, during construction approximately 460  
18 projected jobs, direct jobs, and 395 indirect and  
19 induced is the construction work to modify the pier  
20 approximately two years of activity. And then when  
21 the turbines are staged and the preassembly work is  
22 occurring, we anticipate over 400 jobs to serve the  
23 current portfolio of projects with more contracts  
24 possible in the future.

25 We have a lot of steps before us still. In

1 the near term we are looking to finalize the  
2 agreement between the Port Authority, Gateway  
3 Terminal and Orsted and Eversource. That includes  
4 importantly an overview and assessment of the  
5 components of this deal by additional elements of  
6 the governor's administration.

7 As you are all well aware, when I became  
8 acting chair of the Port Authority on July 24th,  
9 that came along with a commitment from the governor  
10 to allocate additional resources from the  
11 administration, including notably from the Office of  
12 Policy and Management to take a fresh look at the  
13 activities of the Port Authority, including this  
14 deal. And I can assure you that that is part of  
15 this process.

16 The board will need to approve whatever  
17 final agreement is achieved, which will then allow  
18 us to execute.

19 Concurrent to this as we prepare for the  
20 potential project, we will be procuring a -- we will  
21 be engaging in a competitive solicitation for  
22 construction contractors. Again, members of the  
23 team here can talk more about that informally after  
24 the comment period at the tables.

25 We have a permitting process involving the

1 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and  
2 some aspects of the federal government to enable  
3 those activities to take place, including the  
4 filling in between the piers. And then we'll be  
5 ready to position this facility for the potential  
6 that we all believe is possible.

7 On that note, I'm going to close and then  
8 kind of open it up and read off the list of those  
9 that have volunteered to share their comments with  
10 us. But I do just want to close on a couple points.

11 You know, we are incredibly excited about  
12 this. As you're all well aware, state pier has not  
13 fulfilled its promise to the city, the region or the  
14 state over these last several decades.

15 What we have consistently heard from our  
16 partners in the industry, from our consultants that  
17 the Port Authority has engaged from all of our  
18 various partners and stakeholders is that the  
19 greatest opportunity to maximize its potential and  
20 utilization is to identify a niche that we're  
21 well-positioned to capitalize on and to enable that  
22 niche to maximally utilize this facility.

23 We think that offshore wind presents that  
24 opportunity. We think the combination of  
25 New London's facility characteristics, geographic

1 location, regional work force, political commitment  
2 at the municipal and state level positions us better  
3 than most places in the country, and positions us  
4 better for this than for any other opportunity that  
5 has crossed by us -- you know, crossed over our  
6 desks.

7 We see this as a once in a generation  
8 opportunity, and we hope that we can all work  
9 together to hear your concerns, hear your hopes,  
10 incorporate them into our concepts and seize this  
11 opportunity which will not be here forever to enable  
12 New London and state pier in particular to realize  
13 the potential that we have all held out for it for  
14 so long.

15 With that, I'm going to ask for the list.  
16 Thank you, Andrew. And I will read off -- I'll step  
17 back so I'm not kind of hounding you here, but I'll  
18 read the names of those that have signed up in  
19 order. There is a lot of interest, as you can  
20 imagine, so I do ask that folks keep their comments  
21 to three minutes. I will time.

22 If there is opportunity after the fact, you  
23 can come up and speak again, though, you know, be  
24 rest assured, all of the comments are being recorded  
25 word for word. That information will be conveyed to

1 the project team so we will have that record.

2 After the comment period we will break back  
3 to the informal open house, and there will be a  
4 table focused on the project where you can ask the  
5 Port Authority or Eversource and Orsted aspects  
6 about what we are proposing for state pier.

7 There will be a table around offshore wind  
8 where you can ask Orsted and Eversource questions  
9 about the industry, the potential, the demand, et  
10 cetera.

11 And then there will be a table about port  
12 operations where you can ask representatives from  
13 the Port Authority or Gateway around the way in  
14 which state pier will be managed.

15 Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to  
16 directly interact with whatever members of our team.  
17 But, you know, we have collected everyone's e-mail  
18 address if you signed up. We will get into the  
19 habit of regularly disseminating updates. And we  
20 are always open to hearing back from you, so please  
21 don't think of this as your sole opportunity to  
22 provide us with your comment.

23 With that, I would like to begin by inviting  
24 the state senators, Senators Osten, Formica,  
25 Needleman up, and I think they are going to share

1 their thoughts.

2 SENATOR FORMICA: Thank you, David. Thank  
3 you all for being here. I appreciate the  
4 opportunity to share a few thoughts.

5 This project has taken a couple of different  
6 tracts. There are the issues in and surrounding the  
7 mechanics of the Port Authority, and we believe -- I  
8 think the three of us are united in believing that  
9 those issues need to be resolved quickly and moved  
10 forward.

11 The second tract is what you just heard  
12 David talk about. The opportunity that lays before  
13 the state and the city of New London and  
14 southeastern Connecticut.

15 In a deal like this when you have emerging  
16 industries moving forward, there are opportunities  
17 for everybody, and there are solutions that come out  
18 of this type of collaboration and some of the  
19 collaboration that's been going on to achieve mutual  
20 benefits.

21 With regard to the wind deal, the developer  
22 needs a port where he could -- where they could  
23 anchor their business, access to the turbine fields,  
24 and access to the strong and wonderful workforce  
25 that we have here in southeastern Connecticut.

1 Those are part of the reasons they are here.

2 Our commitment as senators, mine here for  
3 the 20th district, to make sure that the business  
4 and people, the rate payers, get the benefit that  
5 they deserve. And that's all a win-win situation.

6 The maritime industry, the maritime  
7 industry, their interests need to be protected. The  
8 fishing, we've talked about that. The docks, the  
9 ports, the sea life, the transmission line impacts  
10 on some of those fishing areas and some of the fish  
11 and aquatic life.

12 Access to the river. We're at the mouth of  
13 the river here. We need to make sure that we  
14 maximize the river moving up toward New London --  
15 I'm sorry, from New London toward Norwich, and the  
16 close proximity of those businesses to the pier,  
17 specifically the ferry, to make sure that their  
18 operation doesn't get impacted and can move forward  
19 and grow as the region grows.

20 There's opportunity up that river -- we all  
21 know that -- a couple of large closed facilities  
22 that could be repurposed over time.

23 The city, we need to reflect the impact on  
24 the services of the city. We need a host agreement  
25 that recognizes shared value to the city and to the

1 business and to the pier. We need an opportunity  
2 for long-term benefits for jobs. Jobs are an  
3 important part of this, both direct or indirect.  
4 And as the economy builds, I think those numbers are  
5 going to be small as we move forward increasing the  
6 economic opportunities here in southeastern  
7 Connecticut as a result of that.

8 Associated business developments that are  
9 going to support this industry. We talked about  
10 access to rail. You know, I was on Cog as a first  
11 selectman way back when when Congressman Courtney  
12 first tried to get the TIGER grant. He was  
13 unsuccessful.

14 We mobilized a rail committee of 60 people  
15 through the Cog. And through the great work of the  
16 congressman, we were able to get that TIGER grant so  
17 we could upgrade that freight line. And so we have  
18 to make sure we use that. That rail access is going  
19 to be important to move opportunities for industry  
20 up into Columbia, Willimantic, Norwich so that we  
21 can take advantage of this.

22 You heard about the upgrade to the pier, but  
23 the state needs jobs. The state needs revenue. And  
24 we need to grow new industries here in the state of  
25 Connecticut.

1           Southeastern Connecticut is a hub for  
2           energy. We have the largest generator in  
3           New England here on our doorstep, and we need to  
4           make sure that we move to the next generation of  
5           energy, because there are shelf lives on that.

6           Tourism. We need to develop tourism. The  
7           Coast Guard academy is coming, and southeastern  
8           Connecticut is strong for tourist activity. And the  
9           more awareness that we bring to this area, the more  
10          tourism we get, and the more business opportunities  
11          will come to our region.

12          We need to reduce dependence on other  
13          opportunities for fuels, because we tried to  
14          increase the opportunity for natural gas to come  
15          here by expanding the transmission line. We were  
16          shut out by neighboring states. We tried to bring  
17          transmission lines from Hydro Quebec to bring  
18          transmission from that clean energy down here. We  
19          were shut out by neighboring states.

20          So we're limited in the energy sources that  
21          we have. And if Millstone has a shelf life, we need  
22          to be developing the infrastructure to create energy  
23          efficiency not now, not today, but ten years from  
24          today. And energy demand will be growing. So we  
25          need to work on the next generation of energy

1 generation.

2 And as Energy Committee, I'm proud to serve  
3 with Senator Needleman who is the chair. I am the  
4 ranking member on that. And we need to continue to  
5 move forward the opportunity for affordable energy  
6 generation. And renewable costs, while not as  
7 stable as base load such as nuclear and gas, they  
8 are reducing in price, and we are going to need to  
9 take advantage of that opportunity that presents.

10 We need to look at storage and how we  
11 balance all of that. And we need to get energy  
12 efficient homes both with rooftop opportunities and  
13 smart devices.

14 So moving forward, we need to embrace what  
15 we have. We have to make sure that these  
16 opportunities are provided for everyone. That's  
17 part and parcel of it. And I think there's a long  
18 way to go, but it's about time we have the  
19 opportunity to have these discussions. Let's move  
20 forward and move southeastern Connecticut forward  
21 and Connecticut.

22 So with that, Senator Osten is on the  
23 Transportation Committee and chairman of the  
24 Appropriations Committee.

25 SENATOR OSTEN: So good evening, everybody.

1 Thank you very much for coming today.

2 I think it's vitally important that we all  
3 get together to talk about this issue. And I look  
4 forward to each and every one of your points of  
5 interest, because I think with you, we will be able  
6 to get a successful deal that brings everybody  
7 forward. We need to be more inclusive on the use of  
8 the state pier and more inclusive on us -- on what  
9 we're trying to do here.

10 Paul addressed a lot of the individual  
11 issues. We do have problems with this particular  
12 deal that I think we need to recognize, work on and  
13 fix and move forward.

14 And on the Transportation Committee, the  
15 Port Authority is one of those issues that we need  
16 to address. We need to make sure that we have a  
17 transparent system so that each and every one of you  
18 feel comfortable with the deal. That's vitally  
19 important that we have that.

20 We need to make sure that all stakeholders  
21 are involved in this discussion. And I am still  
22 concerned on the value that the city gets on its use  
23 of the state pier. So I just want people to  
24 understand that that is still a concern, that we  
25 need to make sure that that happens.

1           Very often the state takes the lion's share  
2 of the revenue and the city has the services that  
3 they need to put out there. So I think we still  
4 need to look at that issue. I think that that's  
5 important.

6           I also think it's important for us to  
7 remember that we have current workers that are down  
8 on the state pier, and we need to make sure that  
9 they have a landing that keeps them both here in  
10 southeastern Connecticut and profitable in  
11 southeastern Connecticut.

12           I think that we have a great opportunity  
13 here today. I really do. But I think it's  
14 important that each and every one of us -- each and  
15 every one of you tells us what those concerns are.  
16 I think it's important, because then we can finally  
17 address the issues that have to be addressed.

18           And thank you very much. And I'm on  
19 Transportation, and Senator Needleman is on Energy.

20           SENATOR NEEDLEMAN: So I don't have a lot to  
21 say here, but I am the Chairman of the Energy  
22 Committee. And we have a major investment in  
23 renewable energy in the state. The governor, as you  
24 all know, put out very aggressive goals to get to  
25 100 percent renewable energy by 2040, and

1 significant carbon reduction. And right now the  
2 best opportunity for that is the wind energy we can  
3 develop through the New London pier.

4 I've gotten involved late in the game  
5 because I saw there were problems. And I've been  
6 trying to work quietly to try to resolve them. And  
7 I am excited that David is now chairing the Port  
8 Authority and that we're bringing some openness and  
9 clarity to the process.

10 I also agree that this is a great  
11 opportunity for southeastern Connecticut,  
12 Connecticut in general, but it has to work for  
13 New London. And I think that that may have been  
14 left out.

15 The ferry is an important part of  
16 New London. It has to work for the ferry. It has  
17 to work for the fisherman. It has to work for all  
18 the people in the back who are looking for the  
19 opportunity for jobs here, so a more inclusive  
20 process.

21 This conversation that's going on I think  
22 will end in a great result for the city of New  
23 London and for the State of Connecticut. So I want  
24 to thank everybody involved here. Thank you.

25 MR. KOORIS: Great. Thank you, Andrew. I'd

1 now like to call up the state representatives. And  
2 I know that Representative Conley, Representative  
3 Rotella, Representative Nolan and Representative  
4 de la Cruz are here. And I apologize if I didn't  
5 see any other state reps who came, but you are  
6 welcome to come up as well.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Brian is here.

8 MR. KOORIS: Brian.

9 And not everyone should feel pressured to  
10 shake hands with the receiving line to make your  
11 comments. We appreciate it.

12 REPRESENTATIVE NOLAN: Good evening,  
13 everyone, and welcome. Thank you for coming out  
14 today. State Representative Anthony Nolan for the  
15 39 District. Once again, thanks for coming out this  
16 evening.

17 And a lot of us are going to run into things  
18 that probably the other person has said, but I want  
19 to go straight to the point of for too long  
20 New London has gone without, for too long  
21 New London has been the underdog and has not gotten  
22 our fair share in things.

23 And I can tell you this; that this team  
24 here, along with the senators, have been talking, I  
25 know since before I came in February. And then I

1 know when I've come -- when I came in February, I  
2 know I doubled the talk, because I started talking a  
3 lot about it.

4 We don't feel the need to go out and put  
5 people down or tell people how bad they are or for  
6 what they have done wrong. We discuss it and we let  
7 them know. So things are not going untalked about  
8 like some people think. We are out there talking,  
9 and we are making sure that the discussion is  
10 continuing.

11 The first and the most important thing for  
12 us is transparency. We were disappointed how long  
13 it took to be transparent. So we will say that  
14 right away.

15 Now that there is a new team at Port  
16 Authority, which we are glad there is, the things  
17 that we're trying to make sure happens is that, one,  
18 jobs stay here in New London, that they are not jobs  
19 that come in. We want to be able to hire people  
20 from the area.

21 So we're hoping that in the discussions, the  
22 further discussions, that we can come up with some  
23 agreement that can make sure that those people that  
24 are working here will get a great percentage of the  
25 jobs that come in, whether indirect or direct.

1           The other things that we discussed was  
2           commitments, commitments to making sure that  
3           New London comes out a little better than proposed  
4           that you -- proposed that you saw up there.

5           For too long, again, we've been getting less  
6           than our neighbors, or less than what we deserve, so  
7           I'm hoping that -- and I see you pay Kurt to tell me  
8           to wrap it up, but I'm not wrapping it up yet.

9           There's just so much that we went without  
10          for so long, and we just really want to make sure  
11          that we're getting our due, because we've gone  
12          without so long.

13          Tax relief is one thing. I'm glad to see  
14          the numbers that were up there, but I would be glad  
15          to see higher numbers than that, and I hope that we  
16          can work on that.

17          You know, we understand that we are actually  
18          the best place for you to do that. We realize --  
19          this is the place that you are -- you are going to  
20          do that, I know, so we're glad that that's  
21          happening.

22          As far as cargo and the rail system, we're  
23          hoping that that continues to be utilized, and that  
24          also along with the more than single use, that we  
25          get a piece of the single use, too. It's all about

1 the big monies that you're going to be bringing in,  
2 we just hope to pick up some of those big monies to  
3 make it better for New London.

4 And now, Peg, I'll stop talking, and I'll  
5 let someone else do it.

6 Representative de la Cruz.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DE LA CRUZ: All right.

8 Representative Joe de la Cruz from the 41st  
9 district.

10 32 years ago before this meeting, if this  
11 meeting was taking place that long ago, you would be  
12 sitting in chairs that I set up. I worked for the  
13 Radisson Hotel. I grew up in the projects right at  
14 the top of this hill. And for my entire life I have  
15 seen New London get the short side of the stick.  
16 For my entire life I have seen workers not advance  
17 the way they should have.

18 And I think this is one of those  
19 opportunities where we can change New London. When  
20 New London -- we had a couple opportunities, and one  
21 started with a W that we took huge advantage of and  
22 we were considered the New York of the east coast  
23 back then, but that was whaling. And whaling can't  
24 happen anymore. But wind is coming, and we have to  
25 embrace it.

1           We have to be part of -- we have to be part  
2 of this process, because I've been in government for  
3 a long time. I did, you know, six years on the  
4 town -- on the RTM, three years on the town council.  
5 I know how hard it is to put -- to put even little  
6 deals together.

7           A deal like selling a school in my town of  
8 Groton now that I live in is very hard to do. So to  
9 bring a deal together as massive as this with the  
10 amount of talent that we have ahead with us makes me  
11 feel good about it.

12           Do I have butterflies in my stomach when  
13 people ask me if I guarantee that it's the right  
14 thing to do and all this is all going to work out?  
15 I would lie if I said no, because nobody loves  
16 New London like I love New London.

17           This is a sad fact, but I've never left  
18 New London or Groton for more than eleven days in my  
19 entire life. I never -- I didn't go to college and  
20 then tour the world and join the Navy. I've always  
21 been here. I've done construction my whole life. I  
22 know what it means to have a good job living in this  
23 area.

24           The workers that work at the pier aren't  
25 just people we talk about. It's not in person that

1 I say, you know, we need to think of the workers.  
2 They are my friends. They are people that I believe  
3 need the checks that they get. And the uncertainty  
4 that they face because of this new opportunity gives  
5 me pits in my stomach.

6 You know, I don't -- I'm a politician that  
7 hangs out and drinks beer with all the guys, that  
8 bowls on Monday night, that hears people say, "Do  
9 you think I'm going to be able to unload salt next  
10 year?" "Do you think I'm going to have a job as a  
11 second job?" I talk to people each and every day  
12 about stuff that really, truly matters.

13 And if I didn't believe in this project, if  
14 I did -- again, my whole life being in New London,  
15 we've had a bunch of people show up and say they are  
16 going to do X, Y and Z. But I can tell you for  
17 certain they weren't as impressive as the group that  
18 we have here today.

19 I've been to enough meetings over the last  
20 three years to realize that these aren't folks that  
21 are just coming into town saying that they are going  
22 to do something that they never did before. They've  
23 been there, they've done that, and they want to do  
24 it here.

25 And although it's hard for us to grasp that

1 sometimes because we're always -- I feel like the  
2 person that was always told no, that I never got the  
3 prom date. We're here. This is our prom date, and  
4 I think we need to make the best of it.

5 And with all the work that can be done down  
6 at that pier, the massive amount of improvement.  
7 And I won't talk about the stuff that we know  
8 potentially can happen. I'm just talking about the  
9 history of New London, and how I know deep down  
10 inside we have history of not getting the best deal  
11 all the time. And I feel that in my gut, too. And  
12 I know you do, too.

13 And I expect to see, you know, pitch forks  
14 and torches on the outside of this building today  
15 because people just want to make sure we get the  
16 good deal, the right deal. And I'm here to tell you  
17 that I believe that we are here today getting the  
18 right deal.

19 As a member of the Energy Committee, as  
20 someone who has done three or four shutdowns at  
21 Millstone, done construction my whole life, I can  
22 tell you there is an end to that -- to that energy.  
23 And as Senator Formica referred to, there's a  
24 sunset. In 15 years we will be looking for new  
25 energy.

1           This is a start of what we do next. And  
2 together we can do that, and it can happen here,  
3 yes, in New London. Thank you.

4           This is my good friend State Rep. Conley,  
5 and she's on the Transportation Committee.

6           REPRESENTATIVE CONLEY: Thank you.  
7 Representative Christine Conley of the 40th  
8 District, and a little more petite than the prior  
9 speakers, apparently.

10           But I would like to speak about the  
11 opportunity. And as my profession as an attorney, I  
12 appreciate the chairman talking about the months of  
13 time it's taken for the attorneys to work on the  
14 details, because I think that's the most important  
15 reason we're here today, is to make sure we get the  
16 details from all of our partners.

17           On the Transportation Committee we have  
18 asked for the details on the Port Authority, both  
19 documents and people to come testify before us  
20 again, but we also need the details here tonight  
21 from members of the business community, members from  
22 the public, members from the city so that the state  
23 can move forward correctly, swiftly, and do not take  
24 advantage of this great opportunity, because this is  
25 an opportunity to grow our entire state economy

1 through the hundreds of jobs, hundreds of really  
2 good paying jobs that I would like to see  
3 Connecticut residents getting at this pier, living  
4 in this city and prospering and enjoying the  
5 businesses in the city.

6 To do that we need to hear from each and  
7 every one of you. And we also need the folks at the  
8 table who are writing those documents to be mindful  
9 to make sure that they do get the details right so  
10 our ferries are protected, our other businesses are  
11 protected, our rails and our federal dollars are  
12 protected so that all of the users can be using the  
13 state pier, and we do not only take extreme  
14 advantage of the opportunity for wind and more  
15 development and more jobs, but at the same time make  
16 sure we are fully supporting our partners that we  
17 currently have in the state.

18 So I look forward to hearing from folks to  
19 make sure that we have all the players at the table,  
20 that we get all the details done. Do them, again,  
21 swiftly, but again, make sure that is an opportunity  
22 and a decade that we get it right the first time.

23 And I'd like to introduce my friend,  
24 Kate Rotella from Stonington.

25 REPRESENTATIVE ROTELLA: Thank you. State

1 Rep. Kate Rotella from the 43rd District. So thanks  
2 for being here tonight. And I want to let you know  
3 that I was born in New London and grew up here and  
4 then moved later on to my district now. So I have  
5 two homes; New London and Stonington.

6 But I think, you know, for me, it's really  
7 important for us to work together in an open  
8 process, to be transparent. This development brings  
9 phenomenal opportunities exciting for us before our  
10 region for jobs, for energy. Keeping everyone  
11 informed and having the transparent process is  
12 important.

13 As a Director of Procurement, I can tell you  
14 how hard these big RFPs are and how much time they  
15 take. And I can appreciate between the negotiations  
16 after the RFP goes out, and then the negotiations  
17 with the attorneys. It does take time. But it is  
18 important that we now try to move swiftly through  
19 the process.

20 Also, I want to be brief, so all the  
21 representatives here look forward to talking with  
22 any of you. We're available to you. Please reach  
23 out to us. Thank you.

24 REPRESENTATIVE McCARTY: Good evening  
25 everyone. My name is Kathleen McCarty. I'm the

1 state representative just next door in the 38th  
2 District representing Waterford and a piece of  
3 Montville.

4 And I'm kind of familiar with the process,  
5 having worked the last couple of sessions on  
6 maintaining Millstone here in the region. But as we  
7 said all along, we are looking for new opportunities  
8 to move forward with our renewable energy, so I'm  
9 very excited to be here tonight and to listen. I'm  
10 here, actually, to learn from all of you.

11 You heard from my colleagues all about the  
12 different various issues that we'll be facing, but  
13 this is a tremendous opportunity. I work on the  
14 Education Committee, so I'm particularly interested  
15 in the brand new jobs that are going to come to the  
16 region. And we're going to be preparing our  
17 students, and we want to look at wind energy as one  
18 of those areas.

19 But I do want to just say I don't want to  
20 see Millstone going anywhere for a long time. They  
21 should be around for another couple of decades, but  
22 there's plenty of room for energy in many forms with  
23 the solar, the wind, and the different areas. So  
24 I'm excited to be here. I'm really here to listen  
25 to all of you and to learn. So thank you.

1 MR. KOORIS: Great. Thank you all. Now  
2 we're going to continue on with the list. I'm going  
3 to try to move this out of the way a little bit.

4 Okay. I'm going to read off the list. And  
5 as I said, I will have a timer and ask in respect to  
6 everyone's time folks keep to the three-minute  
7 limit. I'm going to go in order here. And the  
8 first person on the list -- and please invite you to  
9 come up to that microphone, is Edward Johnson.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Edward Johnson, 87 Main  
11 Street, Groton, Connecticut. I've submitted  
12 material to you folks, all of you, courtesy of the  
13 desk outside, so I'm just going to read portions of  
14 this letter.

15 The Connecticut Port Authority website still  
16 shows the following information: Since 2014 the  
17 Connecticut Port Authority has established itself as  
18 one of the premier shipping harbors in New England  
19 consisting of three deep water ports in Bridgeport,  
20 New Haven and New London. The Connecticut Port  
21 Authority strives to deliver the best possible  
22 shipping experience for any organizational needs.

23 Number 2, the agreement with Gateway  
24 includes the following statements made as noted in  
25 the January 7, 2019 issue of Professional Mariner:

1 This agreement presents an opportunity to expand the  
2 port's role, New London, as an economic driver by  
3 increasing the overall traffic flowing through this  
4 key New London point of entry.

5 Our partnership not only positions  
6 New London as a potential offshore wind hub for the  
7 northeastern United States, but it also supports the  
8 local harbor community and existing uses which we  
9 believe will expand when we begin our operations.

10 And lastly, on May 2nd, 2019, Channel 3  
11 Eyewitness News has the following quotes, primarily  
12 by Scott Bates who's formerly of the Port Authority.  
13 Our local work force will upgrade state pier into a  
14 world class port facility, and the increased capacity  
15 of state pier will continue to expand the existing  
16 flow of cargo into New London. And that does not  
17 appear to be what's going on at this point.

18 This new proposed restriction on who is  
19 going to be using the port facility allowing only an  
20 exclusive use of the state pier area by the wind  
21 power would have a disastrous effect on some  
22 businesses, and is viewed by some as an  
23 inappropriate use of Connecticut state property to  
24 benefit a utility industry.

25 And I'm a Connecticut taxpayer. And it

1 looks like there's \$35 million worth of my tax money  
2 being used for this.

3 Let's allow the port to remain open in some  
4 fashion for the other remaining industries. You  
5 have got what amounts to about seven to eight usable  
6 acres of land that's coming available with the  
7 Crystal Avenue apartments coming down. It was in  
8 today's paper. Use that for part of the wind farm,  
9 and leave some of the pier space open.

10 Thank you for your time.

11 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

12 Richard Hide from Thayer Mahan. Sorry to  
13 butcher your last name.

14 MR. HIDE: You did. Hi. My name is Richard  
15 Hide. I'm the COO of Thayer Mahan. We are a local  
16 business located in Groton. We provide marine  
17 services and autonomous systems and sensors. Our  
18 basic mission is ocean transparency.

19 My life kind of -- you know, started my  
20 working life in New London as a -- my first job was  
21 as supervisor ship building, then plank owner on a  
22 submarine, served on a couple submarines at sub  
23 base. Went off into the development world for 25  
24 years after my naval service. Came back and formed  
25 a company in Groton.

1           And I can tell you that it was against all  
2           advice of lawyers, accountants, business advisors  
3           that we came to Connecticut. And the reason we --  
4           but, you know, we ignored them. We didn't go to  
5           Mississippi. We didn't go to Virginia. We came to  
6           Connecticut for a couple reasons.

7           One, this maritime infrastructure. We  
8           wanted to be part of this blue tech hub that we  
9           envisioned for this area, but really for the people.  
10          There's a unique labor force here that's got a  
11          maritime heritage, ship building, this economic or  
12          educational resources. And it's been -- and we have  
13          had cooperative local government.

14          So we're the company that Representative  
15          de la Cruz refers to that is redeveloping the Groton  
16          Heights School. And that's an example of small  
17          businesses that, you know -- you know, our customers  
18          are NOAH, the Navy, the Coast Guard, and hopefully  
19          Orsted and some participation in this opportunity.

20          And I will tell you in my 17 years as a  
21          development partner for Lehman Brothers, I've sat  
22          in that seat, I've sat in these seats, and I've  
23          never met a corporate customer -- potential customer  
24          like Orsted. And what I mean by that is a company  
25          that has this credo of sustainable energy, clean

1 jobs, and they live it.

2 This is a company that divested its oil and  
3 gas infrastructure. They got oil and natural gas  
4 out of their name. And we have met with subject  
5 matter experts. We've met with technical experts.  
6 We've met with Orsted senior staff. And all of them  
7 care about local content of jobs. They care about  
8 protecting the oceans, looking out for the  
9 fishermen, watching out for the whales.

10 I can tell you I've never been so impressed.  
11 And I'm not paid to be up here to blow Orsted's  
12 horn, but I can tell you I'm confident that they are  
13 the kind of partner that this city needs.

14 So my basic comment is two points. One, we  
15 have a unique workforce here in Connecticut that  
16 we're currently tapping into, that Orsted and  
17 Eversource can continue to tap into. You know, so  
18 let it happen.

19 Second, is in all my development experience  
20 I've never seen an opportunity where a  
21 transformational industry like wind energy meets a  
22 locale or town with the infrastructure and the  
23 people to support it like this.

24 And I would encourage the politicians, the  
25 bureaucrats, the local residents, listen, learn.

1 Don't blow this opportunity over, you know,  
2 administrative and bureaucratic, you know, issues  
3 and problems. Embrace it. And I can tell you it's  
4 going to be a -- what I think will be a special  
5 project that could transform New London. Thank you.

6 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

7 Kevin Blacker.

8 MR. BLACKER: Before you start that clock,  
9 can I either turn this microphone around or speak  
10 from the podium like the first seven or eight or ten  
11 public speakers and public comment that you let cut  
12 us in line?

13 MR. KOORIS: They were actually signed up  
14 first, but I can do that so you're pointed at both  
15 the crowd and to us.

16 MR. BLACKER: I'd like to turn and face the  
17 real authority in this room, which is the only  
18 authority I believe, the public. I think that there  
19 are an awful lot of questions that need to be  
20 answered that we need to -- we need to get answers  
21 for before this deal is approved.

22 I'll give examples of a few questions. What  
23 is the source of the proposed -- what is the  
24 proposed source of the dredge material that will be  
25 used to fill between the state piers?

1 State pier is a foreign trade zone. Will  
2 Orsted pay customs on windmill components that they  
3 bring in to state pier?

4 State pier falls within a qualified  
5 opportunity zone created by the 2017 federal tax  
6 bill. What role will that zone play in the state  
7 pier deal?

8 And also given the length of time that we're  
9 going to commit a state owned facility to, what do  
10 we know about the leadership of and structure of the  
11 financial backer of Gateway? Not just Matt Satnick,  
12 who is sitting over to my right, but also Philippe  
13 de Montegue (phonetic), Brian Frank, Janet  
14 Arsenault, Ken Boudreau, other leadership. What do  
15 we know about their past? What do we know about  
16 other deals that they have been involved in? We  
17 need to vet them thoroughly if we're going to  
18 commit -- put our trust in them.

19 I also want to say that an awful lot of  
20 David Kooris said tonight is at direct odds with the  
21 2017 statewide freight plan put out by the  
22 Connecticut Department of Transportation,  
23 specifically, the seven port investment strategies.

24 I recommend any legislator, any member of  
25 the public to look that document over and note that

1           there is nothing about offshore wind in that  
2           document.

3                        Last thing I want to ask is what is the  
4           cost? What impact will offshore wind have on the  
5           cost of electricity? How are those costs being  
6           calculated? And we need those answers, and the  
7           answers to all of our questions before we allow this  
8           deal to be completed. Thank you.

9                        MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

10                       Sydney Vanzandt.

11                       MS. VANZANDT: Good evening. I would like  
12           to start this by saying this is a room full of  
13           people. I have seen not one name tag. How are we  
14           going to have a conversation with you after this is  
15           over if we don't know who we're talking about or to?  
16           So in the various things that I work with, people  
17           say, "Oh, gosh, here comes Sydney. She's going to  
18           want the name tags."

19                       MR. KOORIS: Noted. Noted for future.

20                       MS. VANZANDT: My name is Cindy Vanzandt. I  
21           live at 3 Front Street in Noank, which is in the  
22           Town of Groton, which is bordered by the Mystic and  
23           the Thames River.

24                       This development proposed by a foreign  
25           company needs to purchase seven acres of land, not

1 fill in seven acres of the Thames River that will  
2 remove New London's harbor as a working entity.

3 In the not too distant future the pressures  
4 of congested traffic along our coastal highways, the  
5 95 parking lot, will need a change to more shipping  
6 by water. The proposed funding for upgrading the  
7 railroad connection now at the port facilities will  
8 allow for movement up to the Canadian boarder and  
9 return to additional shipping. Hundreds of jobs  
10 should be anticipated.

11 It would seem to me that the Economic  
12 Development Committee and the Chamber of Commerce  
13 should be able to come up with a seven-acre parcel  
14 that would meet those needs, even if they move into  
15 the new space to be opened by the removal of empty  
16 buildings reported in the September 17 issue of  
17 The Day.

18 Where is -- where is New London going to  
19 come up with the millions of dollars to replace the  
20 ruined docks? And where are the supplies presently  
21 unloaded there going to be transferred?

22 As a former member of the Council of  
23 Environmental Quality, CEQ, and the Connecticut  
24 Coastal Area Management Advisory Board, I am  
25 appalled that this company, not to mention the

1 Connecticut Port Authority, is proposing the filling  
2 in seven acres of the Thames River and eliminating  
3 this valuable marine resource.

4 Clean energy is vital, but this location of  
5 this manufacturing project needs to find seven acres  
6 of land. Thank you.

7 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

8 Chris Bachant.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's coming.

10 MR. KOORIS: Okay. Chris not here yet.

11 Keith Brothers.

12 MR. BROTHERS: Good evening, everyone.

13 Keith Brothers, 268 Thomas Road, Groton,  
14 Connecticut. I'm the President of the New London -  
15 Norwich Building and Construction Trades Council. I  
16 represent 10,000 construction workers in southeast  
17 and eastern Connecticut.

18 Just a couple of quick thank yous. The  
19 Building Trades has been fortunate to be part of the  
20 this process for the last three years, so thank you  
21 to the Governor's office, his staff. Chris Soto is  
22 here tonight representing the governor's office.

23 The New London mayor, Mike Passero, you  
24 know, thanks to you to being the host community.  
25 The information is always there when we need it, and

1 we thank you for that. Great job on your behalf for  
2 your residents and the people of New London.

3 The local delegation who spoke earlier, they  
4 represent us very well in this area. We appreciate  
5 that. And last but not least, the Orsted and  
6 Eversource team that is now the Revolution Wind  
7 Team.

8 The Building Trades is proud to announce in  
9 April of 2019 we signed a Memorandum of  
10 Understanding to do all the construction work with  
11 Revolution Wind under a project labor agreement. So  
12 the project labor agreement will ensure that all the  
13 work at the pier done by Revolution Wind will be  
14 done by union labor, local skilled apprenticeship,  
15 tradespeople, and we're very proud of that.

16 Ever since reaching the MOU, the Building  
17 Trades and Eversource, we have watched as the region  
18 prepares and weighs in on the merits and challenges  
19 that come with this new industry. As we discuss the  
20 redevelopment of the state pier, it is important to  
21 note the real world impacts that offshore wind can  
22 bring to our region in the near future.

23 Construction is set to begin on the state  
24 pier in 2020, and New London needs to seize the  
25 opportunity and the benefits of the hardworking

1 people who live and work here. We are talking about  
2 transforming New London into ground zero in the  
3 renewable energy market for the next ten plus years.

4 During periods of heavy utilization, the  
5 port will be a brand new center of a high tech  
6 market that will provide good paying jobs for local  
7 New London residents and the surrounding towns and  
8 communities.

9 Orsted Eversource's joint venture invested  
10 in New London has the potential to revitalize an  
11 underutilized state pier. We are talking about real  
12 jobs with pensions, retirements, opportunities for  
13 training. Our tradespeople have been able to  
14 redesign certain projects across this region along  
15 with this state pier project moving forward.

16 We will still have a world class facility  
17 that can compete on a level that has never been able  
18 to be seconded. The New London Building Trades  
19 stand ready to help ensure that New London can reap  
20 all the benefits that this new industry can bring to  
21 the region.

22 New London is ready to take advantage of the  
23 immense potential and help Orsted Eversource in this  
24 joint venture. Let's get to work. Thank you  
25 everyone.

1 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

2 Adam Wronowski.

3 MR. MICKUS: Good evening. I am not  
4 Adam Wronowski. I'm Stan Mickus, and I'm with  
5 Cross Sound Ferry Services here in New London.  
6 Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

7 Cross Sound Ferry is a fourth generation  
8 family business here in New London. Cross Sound and  
9 its affiliates are one of the largest taxpayers in  
10 the city of New London. Our service transports over  
11 1.3 million passengers and a half million vehicles  
12 annually. We employ almost 400 people and are  
13 active and participating member of the southeastern  
14 and New London communities.

15 Our business is in a continual mode of  
16 growth. And in 2019 we are experiencing one of our  
17 busiest years to date. Between the ferry services  
18 to Long Island, Block Island and our excursion  
19 cruises, our terminal has as many as 72 arrivals and  
20 departures each day during the peak times and during  
21 the summer season.

22 Cross Sound's New London terminal is  
23 recognized as one of the largest ferry terminals in  
24 the U.S. And our route between New London,  
25 Connecticut and Orient Point, Long Island is

1 recognized by the U.S. Maritime Administration as  
2 part of the America's Marine Highway.

3 We support alternative energy. And we also  
4 support the proposal by Orsted and Eversource to  
5 bring wind power to Connecticut. Our efforts in  
6 green energy have resulted in an entire fleet  
7 repowering to install and upgrade our vessels with  
8 cleaner burning and more efficient engines, a  
9 project supported and lauded by the EPA and DEEP.

10 We support the economic benefits being  
11 proposed by the project at state pier. That being  
12 said, there are issues we have with the current  
13 plans for state pier infrastructure improvements  
14 being proposed by the Connecticut Port Authority.

15 We appreciate the time and support of  
16 Congressman Joe Courtney and his staff, as well as  
17 our local legislative delegation in hearing our  
18 concerns. We are confident, though, that these  
19 ongoing discussions with the Port Authority, with  
20 Orsted Eversource result in the long term vitality  
21 of Cross Sound Ferry and its affiliates in a  
22 successful offshore wind project development here.  
23 Thank you very much.

24 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

25 Tony Sheridan.

1           MR. SHERIDAN: Hi. I'm Tony Sheridan.  
2           First of all, thank you. Thank you for being here  
3           providing a forum for public input. It's overdue,  
4           as you know, but this is an enormously complicated  
5           project, and I think most people understand the  
6           complexity and why it took so long to get here.

7           I also want to thank Eversource and Orsted  
8           for bringing this incredible industry to New London  
9           and the surrounding region. This is a new page, a  
10          new venture for the entire state of Connecticut,  
11          especially New London.

12          Anywhere you go in the country -- and I hope  
13          I'm not embarrassing someone by saying this -- you  
14          still hear, "Oh, New London, the eminent domain  
15          city." This turns a new leaf for the city and the  
16          region, and we cannot let it slip through our  
17          fingers.

18          I know it's complicated. David, thank you  
19          for taking on the issues at the Port Authority and  
20          the governor's office. I know you're going to get  
21          through this, and tonight was the terrific start.  
22          So thank you, folks, for being here and for  
23          providing the opportunity to say a few words.

24          I represent 1,600 companies that belong to  
25          the chamber. And I can almost guarantee you every

1 single one of them want this operation here in  
2 New London. Again, thank you.

3 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

4 Tucker Braddock.

5 MR. BRADDOCK: Thank you, Dave. My name is  
6 Tucker Braddock. I'm from the City of Norwich. I'm  
7 currently serving on the Harbor Commission as a  
8 chair.

9 I'm very excited that the Port Authority is  
10 finally bringing the deep water ports together that  
11 we can enjoy and enhance the commerce in our state  
12 of Connecticut. I'm very thankful for Orsted and  
13 Eversource to be coming together as partners and  
14 helping create for a low carbon energy.

15 I hope that the cost of this -- of this  
16 power that we're producing is within the means of  
17 the citizens in this community, of our community at  
18 large. It's a very positive thing that's happening  
19 in eastern Connecticut.

20 I think it's -- we're right at the end of  
21 the Thames River. We have a federally regulated  
22 turning basin. We hope and we're quite sure that if  
23 New London seizes this moment and grows this pier,  
24 that we will all, as a region, appreciate the  
25 growth.

1           And it's very important to the citizens of  
2           this community. We have good companies here now,  
3           but we need -- we need a new idea, and I think the  
4           wind power offshore is a new idea for southeastern  
5           Connecticut and our commerce at large. Thank you.

6           MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

7           Gary Yerman.

8           MR. YERMAN: Good evening. My name is  
9           Gary Yerman. My son Scott and I own New London  
10          Seafood Distributors here in New London.

11          Some of you may not be familiar with  
12          New London Seafood, but we have been operating near  
13          Fort Trumbull for 30 years. I am routinely  
14          responsible for 6 to 8 million pounds of seafood a  
15          year, which makes us the largest unloading facility  
16          in Connecticut.

17          I give this brief background so you  
18          understand how important these waters are to me, my  
19          family, and everyone connected to New London  
20          Seafood.

21          The wind farm concept was introduced -- when  
22          the wind farm concept was introduced, I was as  
23          skeptical as anyone. We went to every meeting  
24          possible, and was approached by every group  
25          jockeying for position in trying to convince us

1       whatever position they were paid to sell. We  
2       couldn't get enough information for our unanswered  
3       questions.

4               After we met Matthew Morrissey, we started  
5       to get answers to a lot of those questions. Matthew  
6       provided information and experts to address our  
7       concerns. When I first met Matt, it was at Muddy  
8       Waters, and I was talking to him about where he came  
9       from, got a little background on him.

10              He comes from New Bedford. And then he told  
11       me that going to work at Deep Water Wind, they had  
12       hired Rodney Avilla, who is a 50-year fisherman in  
13       New Bedford. I had known Rodney probably for 40  
14       years myself.

15              Having talked to him and talking to Matthew  
16       about what Deep Water's -- their mission and how  
17       they were interested in getting concerns from the  
18       fisherman, wanting to work with the fisherman, I was  
19       very happy to understand when Orsted and Deep Water  
20       merged. I felt very comfortable with that.

21              After we met -- after we met Matthew  
22       Morrissey, we started to get answers to a lot of  
23       those questions. Matthew provided -- oops, I  
24       already said that. Sorry.

25              When we had more questions about the impact

1 of the wind farms on European fishing industry, a  
2 group of us flew to Kilkeel, Northern Ireland to be  
3 with fishermen who had been through what is proposed  
4 for the areas we fish and the community where we  
5 work from.

6 It's -- we've been fishing a long time. Our  
7 motto is trust or verify. Well, we verified. And  
8 although nothing is perfect, what we found is a  
9 community rebuilt on the opportunity wind power  
10 provided. An expanded fishing port, a revitalized  
11 downtown that was -- used to be about half empty,  
12 people thriving instead of just surviving.

13 Nothing is perfect, but we are ready to find  
14 a way that will help the fishing community and  
15 provide opportunities to New London. This isn't a  
16 quick fix for political gain. It's an opportunity  
17 that should be viewed as a springboard.

18 We have all worked -- we have all worked  
19 hard -- we have all worked hard to meet the  
20 challenges to make this work for everyone. Our  
21 first was getting through broad strokes from  
22 promoters and getting real information from people  
23 we know or who we know have the answer to these  
24 questions.

25 Meetings like this are invaluable. If you

1 have questions, please ask. Ask us, ask Matthew,  
2 ask people who live on wind power and have done --  
3 and have done this on a large scale.

4 In our travels in summer my wife and I  
5 visited Block Island a couple of times. I took the  
6 opportunity to speak to some Block Island locals  
7 about their experience with wind power so far. They  
8 were all very positive comments about the cost being  
9 lowered -- lower than the previous rates with no  
10 interruption of services. These comments were from  
11 year-round residents. I was very encouraged by this  
12 feedback.

13 While we continue to gather information, we  
14 want to be part of the solution. We understand one  
15 challenge is finding a new home for the fishermen at  
16 the state pier. In order to meet that challenge, we  
17 believe New London Seafood can make room at our  
18 piers and invite all the parties involved to reach  
19 out to discuss the possibility of them docking with  
20 us at Fort Trumbull.

21 It will require some improvements and  
22 teamwork, but we are happy to do our part to give  
23 New London the opportunity it deserves. New London  
24 needs a real opportunity, and if we all work  
25 together, Orsted can be just that.

1 I'd like to thank everyone that's here  
2 tonight for the opportunity to speak. I would give  
3 kudos to Matthew Morrissey for being accessible and  
4 willing to work through any and all of our concerns.  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

7 I'm going to start reading two names so that  
8 whoever is in queue kind of knows to get ready. So  
9 next up is James McKinsey, and after him is going to  
10 be Frida Berrigan, perhaps.

11 MR. MCKINSEY: Thank you very much. As you  
12 said, my name is James McKinsey. I'm with Quinn &  
13 Harry Marketing. I'm not providing comment on  
14 behalf of Quinn & Harry. I actually here on behalf  
15 of a client, the Connecticut League of Conversation  
16 Voters.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on  
18 the redevelopment of state pier in advance of the  
19 procurement of new offshore wind facilities in  
20 accordance with Section 1 of Public Dec. 19-71. And  
21 that concerns the procurement of energy derived from  
22 offshore wind.

23 We at the Connecticut League of Conservation  
24 Voters are excited to see our state looking to take  
25 full action to invest in clean energy to combat

1 climate change, to create green collar jobs, and to  
2 meet our carbon emission target.

3 Recent reports from the United Nations leave  
4 no room for doubt or inaction when it comes to our  
5 climate crisis. We must cut greenhouse gas  
6 emissions and transition from fossil fuels to clean  
7 energy. Governor Lamont's recent commitment to a  
8 zero carbon electric grid by 2040 is a step in the  
9 right direction, but we need significant investment  
10 in renewable energy in order to achieve those goals  
11 and make a difference in the fight against climate  
12 change.

13 At the same time, Connecticut must adapt to  
14 a changing economy. In the departure of many -- of  
15 several major employers in our state, we have a  
16 strong, educated work force. And our clean energy  
17 job sector is roughly 30,000 strong.

18 According to the National nonpartisan  
19 business group Environmental Entrepreneurs, the  
20 clean energy sector grew 3.6 percent nationwide in  
21 2018. It's projected to grow by an additional  
22 6 percent this year. Thanks to our investment in  
23 offshore wind, Connecticut can join this growing  
24 field and emerge as a national leader.

25 CTLCV has been closely monitoring our

1 state's procurement of new offshore wind energy. We  
2 spoke with lawmakers and stakeholders throughout the  
3 legislative session about the significance offshore  
4 wind could have for both our economy and for our  
5 environment.

6 We have also urged the Commission on  
7 Environmental Standards to prioritize environmental  
8 protection and consider existing and new data to  
9 determine the impact that these offshore wind  
10 facilities will have on our wildlife and develop  
11 concrete mitigation plans.

12 Clean energy is clearly the future for our  
13 economy and for our planet. We have a  
14 responsibility to lay a strong groundwork for  
15 successful, responsible projects to come. Thank you  
16 for considering these comments and for keeping the  
17 environment at the top of your mind as you evaluate  
18 proposals.

19 Sincerely, Amanda Schoen, Deputy Director  
20 CTLCV. Thank you.

21 MR. KOORIS: Great. Thank you.

22 Frida Berrigan. And just queuing up, Louise  
23 Fabzyciewicz.

24 MS. WRAIGHT: All right. Good evening. My  
25 name is Kris Wraight. I am actually the campaign

1 manager for Frida Berrigan, so I am speaking on her  
2 behalf. I'm reading her words.

3 "Good evening. My name is Frida Berrigan.  
4 I am a member of the Green Party and a candidate for  
5 mayor of New London. We've heard about construction  
6 and hardware and site specifications tonight. But  
7 I'm interested in people and money. I recently read  
8 that Orsted offered a town in the Hamptons, one of  
9 the richest enclaves in the country, \$8 million for  
10 a community center.

11 "As I talked to my neighbors about their  
12 concerns, I hear again and again that New London  
13 needs a community center. A place for young people,  
14 a place to meet, a place to connect. We are a city  
15 without a center.

16 "New London is not the Hamptons. Many of  
17 us, nearly a third, live below the poverty line. We  
18 need good union jobs. We need pathways to those  
19 jobs for local residents, and we need good housing.  
20 We need a community center.

21 "The amounts of money being offered  
22 New London are fractions of what your companies are  
23 offering richer communities. We are paying  
24 attention. We do not want to be undervalued. We do  
25 not want to be taken advantage of. We have had

1           enough of that. So what are you bringing to the  
2           table? What do you offer New London?"

3           Thank you.

4           MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

5           Louise, and then next up in the queue is  
6           going to be Victor Mendoza.

7           MS. FABZYCIEWICZ: Folks, when I signed in,  
8           I didn't realize I was signing in to make a comment.  
9           So I took time conjuring up something. I'm an  
10          environmentalist. I'm a member of the Sierra Club.  
11          Here's "clean air, clean water," and it's coming;  
12          clean energy. Yay.

13          MR. KOORIS: Victor. After Victor in the  
14          queue is Nancy Cowser.

15          MR. MENDOZA: Victor Mendoza from Groton,  
16          Connecticut.

17          I've been a longshoreman for over ten years.  
18          And this new company, I hear it's good, but right  
19          now, we're not getting no work. You know what I  
20          mean? So that's my concern. Where are we going to  
21          be when all this happens?

22          Right now there's no ships coming in, so  
23          that's my concern. We had 43 ships in in 2018.  
24          Since the new company came in, four. A few of them  
25          in, like, seven hours. So that's my concern. You

1 know, is there going to be work now, or is this what  
2 we should expect? Okay. That's my concerns. Thank  
3 you.

4 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

5 Nancy Cowser. And up in queue is John  
6 Humphries.

7 MS. COWSER: That's one of the few times in  
8 my life I have to raise the microphone. Good  
9 evening. I'm Nancy Cowser. I'm the Executive  
10 Director of the Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise  
11 Region Sector, which is the region's economic  
12 development organization.

13 We are very supportive of the New London  
14 port becoming a major component of the offshore wind  
15 industry emerging along the eastern seaboard. It's  
16 not just about New London. It's not about  
17 Connecticut. This is the eastern seaboard.

18 Offshore wind fits well within our growing  
19 maritime industry cluster, which includes Electric  
20 Boat, the supply chain, the Navy, the Coast Guard.  
21 Everything that's emerging among our commercial  
22 ventures as well.

23 It's also very compatible with the workforce  
24 development efforts that are underway in this  
25 region. We have cutting edge nationally recognized

1 pipeline initiatives to help grow great jobs in the  
2 trades. And this absolutely fits in with that  
3 initiative.

4 Our region's comprehensive economic  
5 development strategy, which Sector stewards, calls  
6 for strengthening and diversifying our regional  
7 economy primarily through collaboration,  
8 coordination, reduction of barriers, and cross  
9 sector interactions. This is what we're talking  
10 about here.

11 We're, therefore, eager to be part of this  
12 process that balances the needs of Orsted and  
13 Eversource with the needs of New London, with the  
14 needs of its residents, and with the needs of the  
15 existing businesses that rely on the port.

16 I thank you for having this meeting. This  
17 was a courageous undertaking. We're very, very  
18 looking forward to being part of the solution. I  
19 think these disagreements, these discussions are  
20 very healthy. I think they are going to lead to a  
21 better agreement. Thank you.

22 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

23 John Humphries. I think I might have seen  
24 John walk out. Next up is Marty Olsen. And  
25 following Marty, so you can get ready is,

1 C.C. Van Zandt.

2 MR. OLSEN: Good evening, and thank you,  
3 everybody. It's been a very informative  
4 presentation this evening. I'm a New London city  
5 councilor. I'm also a candidate for mayor of the  
6 City of New London.

7 And tonight's session I think has raised as  
8 many questions as it's answered. And I strongly  
9 feel that before moving post-haste, that it's  
10 critical that many of the questions that have been  
11 posed need to be addressed.

12 One of the key issues has been transparency.  
13 I'm delighted that we're finally getting a chance to  
14 get a public hearing of this project. I think it's  
15 unfortunate that our primary source of information  
16 is Mr. Collins from The Day. Good reading, but I  
17 think we should be getting it from you guys, quite  
18 frankly.

19 I have serious questions regarding the  
20 monopoly aspect of things. It's kind of unAmerican,  
21 monopolies. I think we ought to look at that very  
22 carefully.

23 As far as the jobs go, the gentleman who was  
24 just up here, what's going to happen to the  
25 longshoreman? I worry about that. We've got folks

1 that are working here now. What happens to their  
2 jobs not only in the future, but right now?

3 Where is the salt? Anybody know? We're not  
4 building yet. Where is the salt? The credibility  
5 of the Connecticut Port Authority is not exactly at  
6 an apex. I think we ought to clean up our act there  
7 before we go again moving pell-mell on this project.  
8 What is the rush? Cool, calm and collect works for  
9 me, and I hope that it would for you.

10 Is this a done deal? Many comments would  
11 lead you to believe that it may be. I'm worried  
12 about that.

13 As a city councilor, absolutely nothing  
14 about this project has come across our desks. I  
15 think that's wrong. Nothing has come across our  
16 desks regarding the demolition of the Winter  
17 high-rises, which apparently is going to be a  
18 component of this. We had a verbal report from the  
19 mayor at our meeting last night. That's it. I  
20 think we deserve more, and we deserve better as  
21 elected officials, and as a community.

22 I think it's important that we get many of  
23 these issues addressed before we all jump up and  
24 down and run down the street dropping confetti.  
25 This is big, big, big business here. It's going to

1 impact our community and our region for decades. We  
2 can't afford to make a mistake.

3 A seat was promised to New London on the  
4 Connecticut Port Authority. To the best of my  
5 knowledge, that has not been forthcoming. Why not?

6 Thank you.

7 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

8 C.C. Van Zandt is next. And to queue up  
9 following her will be Kate Goulart.

10 MR. VAN ZANDT: Mr. Van Zandt. My name is  
11 Clayborne Van Zandt. I live at 3 Front Street in  
12 Groton.

13 My wife and I spent about 14 years on a boat  
14 living off the grid. We certainly liked alternative  
15 energy then, and we still do. And we're great  
16 supporters of it. And we think we as a country, as  
17 a world, have to go to alternative energies and as  
18 quickly as possible.

19 I am concerned with anybody who is  
20 interested in filling up part of our waterway. I  
21 just don't think that that should be part of the --  
22 part of the solution. And I hope that that issue  
23 will be addressed before you finalize plans.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

1           Kat Goulart, and then Barry Neistat is in  
2           the queue after Kat.

3           MS. GOULART: Good evening. Kat Goulart. I  
4           am a New London resident.

5           And I heard a couple people up here earlier  
6           speak and say that they were on an economic  
7           development something or other. I am on our city's  
8           Economic Development Commission. We are appointed  
9           by the City Council. This issue has not come before  
10          us.

11          We don't have a terrible amount to do with,  
12          unfortunately -- with economic development in the  
13          city. I think that's part of the frustration  
14          with -- or frustration of a lot of the people in the  
15          room. There are a lot of things that happen in this  
16          city, and groups and people, particularly taxpayers,  
17          who should know, don't. So if you're sensing  
18          frustration, all of you here need to know that.

19          You know, we're talking about lack of  
20          transparency, but we're kind of putting that --  
21          we're being polite about it. We hear many different  
22          stories about the same thing, and quite honestly, if  
23          it weren't for Kevin Blacker's consistency and  
24          Dave Collins' articles, we may not all be here in  
25          this room today. And I think that, you know, we do

1 truly appreciate you being here.

2 That said, I'd like to have an open Q and A,  
3 and I know that many of us here would like the open  
4 Q and A, rather than breaking off and having people  
5 ask their questions privately. Many of us all have  
6 a lot of the same questions. It would be nice to  
7 have the questions answered in an open forum so that  
8 there's more accountability so that we can move  
9 forward in a more open and honest way.

10 I was in Sweetwater, Texas recently. I see  
11 by your face you must be familiar with it. Hundreds  
12 and hundreds of miles of wind farm. It has been a  
13 boon for that area. I mean, it has -- it, quite  
14 frankly, supports the town of Sweetwater. People  
15 there really love it.

16 They do it a little bit differently. It's  
17 private land there for those who aren't familiar  
18 with it. The developers and -- I'm not sure how it  
19 works or who it is, but they go in and they put it  
20 up and they pay, you know, to the landowners. It  
21 has been really, really good.

22 I don't want to see us sleep on this  
23 opportunity, but I don't want to see it done poorly.  
24 I would like to see us move forward and have  
25 everything be open and honest and transparent.

1           That said, my biggest issue is -- well,  
2           there's two. One is the Crystal Avenue property  
3           that already came up earlier. We need to make sure  
4           that there is some sort of revenue coming in to the  
5           City for that. We don't have a lot of land left in  
6           New London. That is one of the only open spaces.

7           Second is the use of the port when we're  
8           talking about pilot versus paying actual tax money.  
9           And I know that the state owns the port, but the use  
10          of the port is going to be for a for-profit company.  
11          It's no different than if a church owned -- you  
12          know, buys the old Domino's. It used to be a  
13          Domino's. It was a for-profit, but now a church is  
14          a not-for-profit. So now the use of the property is  
15          not for profit. They don't pay taxes.

16          I would like to see a for-profit company  
17          using land to pay taxes in the manner that all other  
18          for-profit companies pay.

19          So I really -- in the spirit of the prior  
20          speaker who mentioned that we're getting  
21          short-changed, seems an awful lot like New London is  
22          getting short-changed. We need this opportunity.  
23          It is a win-win for all parties involved. We need  
24          more money on the table before we move forward with  
25          this. Thank you.

1 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

2 Barry Neistat is up next, and in queue is  
3 Dave Preka.

4 MR. NEISTAT: My name is Barry Neistat. I'm  
5 going to give you a brief history of my time in  
6 New London, and I'm going to give you then a little  
7 talk about my relationship with Orsted. I'll be  
8 quick.

9 My wife Susan and I, we own 42 Bank Street.  
10 It's the Muddy Waters Cafe. We've had that for 16  
11 years. The building is ours. We own that also.  
12 We've owned that -- it's been in our family since  
13 1940. Going on 80 years now. It's been -- it  
14 started out as a hardware store, restaurant supply,  
15 antique store, then it was another coffee shop, then  
16 it was Muddy Waters.

17 So what I'm trying to say is we're very  
18 invested into New London. We love New London. Our  
19 biggest disappointment over the years has been the  
20 cap -- New London has become the capital of the  
21 missed potential, you know, the missed potential all  
22 the time. We've seen countless opportunities go by  
23 us. And that's what they do; they go by us.

24 This Orsted Eversource is for real. I just  
25 want to tell you about my little relationship with

1       them. It's kind of a personal story. They are now  
2       sharing our building at 42 Bank Street. We are  
3       downstairs; they have the top two floors. They are  
4       under renovation now.

5               I've come to know and respect them. We  
6       signed a lease in January, and they have  
7       communicated with us every step of the way. And  
8       then during the winter something happened upstairs.  
9       They discovered the second floor of our building  
10      would need significant structural work to make it  
11      viable office space, which would mean other -- you  
12      know, other people might just run away from that.  
13      Might have scared off other tenants.

14             When faced with the setback, Orsted  
15      Eversource did not back out. Instead they chose to  
16      step up, and say they will not abandon such a loved  
17      downtown New London building. This choice made it  
18      clear that they were not only working to make the  
19      space usable, but becoming a joint -- but to join  
20      our community as full partners.

21             We have nothing to say but good about them.  
22      Matt Morrissey has been wonderful to us. The  
23      building is going to look beautiful. There's still  
24      going to be the coffee shop downstairs. It will be  
25      one of the nicest looking buildings on Bank Street

1 when this is all over, and we're thrilled to have  
2 them as our partners.

3 For over a year and a half Orsted Eversource  
4 has held countless meetings at Muddy Waters, and  
5 I've had the pleasure of getting to know all of  
6 them. As a member of this business community, I  
7 recognize New London's need for strong community  
8 members. Orsted Eversource have made us feel like  
9 part of the team, and with this office, that team  
10 feels local.

11 This is an opportunity to continue growing  
12 in New London and to welcome new, strong and  
13 committed community members. We just don't want to  
14 see this pass by. I know there's issues. With any  
15 major construction there's issues, but really,  
16 please don't let this pass by. We've been down  
17 there 44 years. We've seen so much stuff pass by.

18 We're the town of opportunity. We're the  
19 town of missed potential over and over again. So  
20 figure it out. They are wonderful people to work  
21 with. They have been with me for, like, a year and  
22 a half now. Never have trouble reaching them. Just  
23 give it -- you know, give it a thought. Thank you  
24 for the time.

25 MR. KOORIS: Thank you. Dave Preka is next,

1 and in the queue is Tony Appleton.

2 MR. PREKA: Good evening, everyone. My name  
3 is David Preka. I'm the president and CEO of  
4 Advance Group, a contracting firm recently completed  
5 a renovation of Hot Rod, which we'll all miss happy  
6 hour, and the Robert Building on Bank Street.

7 My company is currently contracted to carry  
8 out the demolition, structural and renovation work  
9 in Muddy Waters at 42 Bank Street for Orsted and  
10 Eversource office. No pressure here.

11 I'm speaking today to share a personal  
12 experience with Orsted and Eversource joint venture,  
13 I am express my support for the proposed  
14 improvements to the state pier. I'm proud that my  
15 business is one of the first benefit from the growth  
16 offshore wind. I believe that Advance Group is a  
17 prime example of the types of investment and  
18 opportunity that the joint venture and the offshore  
19 industry will bring to our region.

20 I want to be known that one of the first  
21 business to work with Orsted and Eversource in  
22 New London was not a shipper. It was not a ship  
23 builder, but a contractor. The introduction of the  
24 industry will have opportunities that stretch far  
25 beyond our waters, and it will be foolish to pass on

1 this chance for new business.

2 As a contractor, I understand what a great  
3 undertaking renovation of a building can be,  
4 especially one in a historic district such as  
5 downtown New London. When beginning the project at  
6 Muddy Waters, Orsted and Eversource were responsive  
7 and engaged with every step, every decision and  
8 overcoming every challenge.

9 Today we have progressed rapidly on the  
10 renovation of their new office, and we look forward  
11 to showcasing what will be another successful  
12 project in a couple of months.

13 Trust and long-term relationship are  
14 critical in my business, and I pride my company and  
15 the quality of our work in portfolio and returning  
16 clients. We operate based off referrals, and have  
17 built a successful business relationship with those  
18 in the New London community.

19 If Advance Group work with Orsted Eversource  
20 joint venture is indication of how they plan to  
21 engage with our business community, I believe we  
22 should be encouraging this investment in New London  
23 and forming a long-term relationship with its  
24 partners.

25 So far that's two not water-dependending local

1 business -- Advance Group and Muddy Waters -- which  
2 are benefiting from offshore wind. This is before  
3 the work has even begin at the state pier. I can  
4 only imagine the other opportunities will arise when  
5 construction begins.

6 At Advance Group we support the joint  
7 venture and the immense opportunity that Port  
8 Authority Gateway, the joint venture and the state  
9 will bring to our region.

10 Thank you for your time.

11 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

12 Tony Appleton, and in the queue is Steve  
13 Coan.

14 MR. APPLETON: Good evening. I'm only a  
15 guest, ladies and gentleman. My name is Tony  
16 Appleton, and I'm Director of Offshore Wind for  
17 Burns & McDonnell here in the U.S. As you can tell,  
18 not local. I'm probably the only nonlocal here, so  
19 I apologize for anything I say that upsets anybody  
20 in advance now.

21 But I am delighted to be part of the newest  
22 and most exciting development in the modern era, and  
23 that's offshore wind. I've been asked to say a few  
24 words about how the sector's developed in the U.K.  
25 I think it's important that the U.S. learns those

1 lessons and doesn't make the same mistakes that the  
2 U.K. has learned over last sort of 10, 15 years.

3 I have spent 15 years in the sector, and to  
4 date I've built over 15 offshore wind -- over 20  
5 offshore wind farms, both in the U.K. and European  
6 waters with a whole range of developers, including  
7 Orsted.

8 I've helped the sector grow in two primary  
9 regions in the U.K.; one being the Humber region,  
10 which is on the eastern seaboard. I've done that as  
11 part of the Team Humber Marine Alliance Group. And  
12 we -- and Team Humber is also now supporting  
13 offshore wind in the U.S.

14 And I've also helped develop the sector in  
15 the northeast of England. And I'm now pleased to be  
16 able to support you guys in the U.S.

17 And just so we're clear, I still live in  
18 Newcastle, northeast of England. I'm proud to be  
19 from there. And I think it's very important that I  
20 put something back into the community both in the  
21 U.K. and here in the U.S.

22 Both the two regions I've mentioned have  
23 over the last 30 to 40 years suffered from higher  
24 than average U.K. unemployment. And that's as a  
25 result of demise of traditional industries in those

1 areas; primarily heavy engineered in the northeast,  
2 and close to hearts in the U.S., fishing in the  
3 Humber region.

4           However, thanks for the investment both in  
5 terms of time, money and effort by local government  
6 and by the major players in the sector, such as  
7 companies like Orsted and Eversource over here,  
8 during those early stages of development in the  
9 regions we have developed a huge supply chain.  
10 We've created many jobs. In both those regions the  
11 sector is now sustainable for the next 30 to 60  
12 years.

13           Humberston in particular has benefited,  
14 primarily invested by Eversource -- sorry, by Orsted  
15 and is now viewed as a world leader in the sector  
16 thanks to that initial investment. We are the  
17 center of excellence in the U.K. for the operation  
18 and maintenance of offshore wind farms in the north  
19 sea.

20           And it should be noted at the minute the  
21 U.K. has got 45 percent of the global deployment in  
22 offshore wind, so that means we are the best and  
23 biggest sector. So there's a message there, you  
24 know, for you guys over here.

25           Just a couple of last things, because I'm

1 getting bonged here. The offshore sector in the USA  
2 can be the biggest and the best in the world, but  
3 you have to grab it with both hands, and you have to  
4 grab it now.

5 And by grabbing it with both hands, you will  
6 develop a supply chain. You will get investment  
7 both nationally and from international companies.  
8 You have skills development. You will get your  
9 creation. And there was a boatload of other  
10 benefits that that you will get, and that's the  
11 opportunities that Humberston is getting at the  
12 minute.

13 You have got to remember this is not a 5,  
14 10, 20, 30-year project. This is a 50 to 60 to 70  
15 year project. That's what we're talking about here.  
16 It's not over the next few years. It's 10 years of  
17 construction, and then 40 to 50 years of operation  
18 and maintenance. That's what you have got to  
19 remember. This is not a short-term opportunity that  
20 guys have got. Thank you.

21 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

22 Steve Coan, and I believe in the queue  
23 Chris Bachant has arrived.

24 MR. COAN: Thank you. Steve Coan, President  
25 of Mystic Aquarium. Much of the discussion tonight

1 has focused on the economic impact of this project,  
2 which is extremely positive for the community, for  
3 the region and for the state.

4 The environmental impact and environmental  
5 benefits are also substantial. And many people have  
6 touched on that.

7 We support the project for both reasons, but  
8 we also support the project because this originated  
9 as a New England project under the brand Deep Water  
10 Wind. It originated by New England people who  
11 wanted to harness the ocean in a positive way and to  
12 bring wind energy, ocean wind energy, to  
13 New England, and to this region in particular.

14 They are local people. Even though the  
15 company, Deep Water Wind, was acquired by Orsted and  
16 Eversource, when Deep Water Wind made commitments to  
17 this community -- and they have made substantial  
18 commitments and they have done substantial things  
19 already -- those commitments have been honored by  
20 Orsted, by Eversource.

21 This company has done more for this region  
22 than many companies that have been here for  
23 generations and that have a much larger impact and  
24 much larger footprint than what is proposed. Much  
25 larger impact in terms of the negative -- potential

1 negative environmental stuff.

2 So these are folks who definitely can be  
3 trusted. They are people who listen to the  
4 community. That's been our experience, and this is  
5 a great project.

6 One final thought. We do have to be  
7 committed to this city, to New London. Orsted is  
8 committed to New London. But all of us have to keep  
9 that in mind. A healthy port is good, but a healthy  
10 city that hosts that port is better. Thank you.

11 MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

12 Chris Bachant, and in the queue Senator  
13 Heather Somers.

14 MR. BACHANT: Hi everybody. Sorry. I was  
15 supposed to be here earlier. I just want to talk  
16 real quick. I know you guys have been here all  
17 night long. I represent the Carpenter's Union. And  
18 I just want everybody to know we are in full support  
19 of this.

20 Orsted is a tremendous company. The  
21 opportunity economically that this is going to bring  
22 to this region, we all know we've been in tough  
23 shape for a long time. And this is an absolute  
24 fantastic opportunity for many, many people, both  
25 union, nonunion for years and years to come.

1           We have a chance for young people to have  
2 jobs that they would never otherwise have an  
3 opportunity for. I know that we had worked with  
4 New London, the building trades, all of us, in an  
5 issue with some of the young kids to get them into  
6 organized labor, training, apprenticeship programs.  
7 They have no transportation. They have no driver's  
8 licenses.

9           This project is going to be right in their  
10 backyard. Think of the opportunity that that's  
11 going to give them, the future that that's going to  
12 give them that they otherwise would never have that  
13 chance. And these folks are bringing that to them.

14           Let's not mess this up. This is our chance  
15 to do the right thing. I sure as hell think that at  
16 this time and place, New London and eastern  
17 Connecticut should be number one, not second. So  
18 let's be leaders instead of followers for once. And  
19 we support it 100 percent.

20           MR. KOORIS: Thank you.

21           Senator Somers.

22           SENATOR SOMERS: Good evening everyone. I  
23 have the privilege of being a state senator from the  
24 18th District. And I have been following and  
25 studying offshore wind ever since the industry was

1 first being considered as a partner in our region.

2 Offshore wind to me sounded like a unique  
3 opportunity, but I was not interested in getting  
4 wrapped up in all the hype because I wasn't sure  
5 about offshore wind. I wanted to know how is this  
6 industry going to benefit our region, how is it  
7 going to benefit our economy, what were the risks  
8 involved to our environment, particularly really for  
9 me, and for our economy.

10 And how would this renewable energy source  
11 affect my beloved commercial fishermen, our  
12 fabricators, and importantly, the rate payers of  
13 Connecticut. So I wanted to know all the positives,  
14 all the challenges, all the negatives, and all the  
15 possible scenarios on how this was going to work.

16 So two years ago I could tell you I was  
17 solidly against offshore wind. It seemed like an  
18 expensive industry that had only been put to  
19 practice as sort of a pilot experiment off of  
20 Block Island.

21 And in that time I've made it my job and my  
22 mission, really, to learn as much as I possibly can  
23 about offshore wind. I have had countless  
24 questions, I'm sure at times, you know, testing the  
25 patience of some of the folks from Orsted.

1           But I have to tell you that each time these  
2 joint ventures with Orsted and now with Eversource  
3 has answered my concerns in detail. They have been  
4 accessible. They have been committed to answering  
5 my questions. And when I say countless, I mean  
6 countless.

7           My biggest concern at the time was the  
8 impact that offshore wind would have on our  
9 remaining fishing fleets in New London and  
10 Stonington, Connecticut. And I believed that we  
11 needed to continue and increase the engagement with  
12 our fishing industry and it was paramount, and that  
13 was my focus.

14           I will say that I believe that the  
15 unfortunate events at the Port Authority over the  
16 past month have caused us all to pause. And I still  
17 believe that we need to have certain questions  
18 answered.

19           I was happy to see that some of my fellow  
20 senators and representatives have joined myself and  
21 Representative Carney when we asked to have a full  
22 public hearing back in July so that we can have  
23 these questions answered and put that to bed.

24           That, what has happened, has sort of clouded  
25 the relationship between Orsted and a potential

1 agreement, and we need to have the people that were  
2 in charge at that time come and answer so we can  
3 leave that chapter behind us.

4 For tonight I would like to be clear that I  
5 support the introduction of offshore wind here in  
6 eastern Connecticut. But as I have stated before in  
7 my op-ed, I do believe that allowing just one  
8 company to occupy a harbor requires more diligence,  
9 more input, and certainly more confidence in the  
10 Port Authority who is crafting the legislation to  
11 enter into the contract.

12 There is an awful lot of investment money  
13 going into this underutilized facility through a  
14 public/private partnership. And it's not something  
15 that can be easily ignored.

16 On top of this investment, this industry has  
17 already pledged hundreds of job opportunities and  
18 other opportunities to our maritime businesses, our  
19 regional sciences, our educational institutions.  
20 This is a work in process. This is something that's  
21 new territory. The size of this wind farm has not  
22 been done before, so we are all on new ground. But  
23 it also with new ground comes great opportunity.

24 I would believe that from the people that I  
25 have spoken to and the diligence that I have spent

1 the time doing, Orsted has made good on its  
2 commitments to other host communities, so that is a  
3 really good thing to have in your bag, across the  
4 globe, actually.

5 So the Orsted Eversource joint venture has  
6 already secured contracts for offshore wind in the  
7 northeastern United States. That secured business,  
8 those contracts, are signed. They are going to  
9 stage these products somewhere. I want it to be  
10 here under the right conditions.

11 This is not potential. This is not theory.  
12 These are real, signed contracts. And they are  
13 going to move forward with or without us here in  
14 eastern Connecticut.

15 I believe that we should not enter into this  
16 blindly, that we should keep the communication  
17 process open, transparency open, and that all  
18 parties involved need to have a seat at the table to  
19 ensure that this deal benefits our tradesman, our  
20 municipalities, our local businesses, rate payers,  
21 and is environmentally sound.

22 So even as I talk to Offshore Wind daily  
23 about my issues with the fishermen, I still am  
24 supportive of entering into this agreement for  
25 offshore wind here in eastern Connecticut.

1 I would like to say that this is an  
2 incredible opportunity, literally a once in a  
3 lifetime opportunity that we have here in  
4 Connecticut. It's on the doorstep of New London.  
5 It's on the doorstep of the state of Connecticut.  
6 It will transform a city that needs transformation  
7 desperately. It will transform a city and provide  
8 jobs for years to come for future generations.

9 I believe that we can do it. We can do it  
10 soundly with everyone having input. And I believe  
11 that we need a process that will continue with  
12 diligence, input, transparency, with all the  
13 citizens in this room and throughout southeastern  
14 Connecticut's best interests at heart, and of  
15 course, the rate payers.

16 So thank you for being here tonight, and  
17 thank you for Orsted and Eversource for holding  
18 this.

19 MR. KOORIS: Thank you, Senator, and thank  
20 you to everyone who shared your comment with us  
21 tonight. I also just want to recognize two folks  
22 that we haven't recognized yet this evening.  
23 Ayanti Grant is here from Congressman Courtney's  
24 office. And the Congressman has certainly been --  
25 (unintelligible due to applause), and Emily Smith,

1 I'm not sure if Emily is still here, from Senator  
2 Murphy's office as well.

3 The delegation is obviously a crucial  
4 partner in this initiative, and both Congressman  
5 Courtney and Senator Murphy and the rest of the  
6 delegation have been here right alongside us.

7 Now, you know, we're going to be available  
8 for further questions and comment and discussion.  
9 And we're going to sort of break up into three  
10 topical areas. In this corner here we are going to  
11 have a table set up that is going to really be about  
12 the project. And it's going to have representatives  
13 from the Port Authority, Eversource and Orsted  
14 talking about the physical interventions proposed  
15 for the pier.

16 The back corner, sort of your back right,  
17 will be around operations, and it will have  
18 representatives from both the Port Authority and  
19 from Gateway terminals talking about sort of how the  
20 port does and will function.

21 And then finally in your back left, behind  
22 you left, will be representatives from Orsted and  
23 Eversource to talk more broadly about wind industry  
24 and the turbines and the installation process.

25 With that, again, I just want to thank you

1 all for the comments you have provided. Thank you  
2 all for coming. The turnout was phenomenal. And we  
3 look forward to further conversations.

4 (Time Noted: 7:45 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF NEW LONDON)

3 I, Kathryn O. Little, a Notary Public within  
4 and for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify  
5 that I took the proceedings of the Public  
6 Information Meeting on State Pier Infrastructure  
7 Improvements, on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at the  
8 Holiday Inn, 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard,  
9 New London, Connecticut, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

10 I further certify that said that the  
11 testimony was taken by me stenographically and  
12 thereafter reduced to writing under my supervision;  
13 and that I am not an attorney, relative or employee  
14 of any party hereto nor otherwise interested in the  
15 event of this cause.

16 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my  
17 hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of September  
18 2019.



*Kathryn O Little*

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Notary Public

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