But certainly our view is that we're completely and fully bound when we accept that easement and use it.

MR. FRANKLIN OLSON: I'm Franklin Olson. I live

26 miles south of here. I spent 11 years on the rural water

board, BDM rural water board, along with a lot of other guys who

worked super hard for rural water. I'd like to know what you

would do if the BDM Rural Water System got contaminated with

your crude oil, how would you keep this whole country moving?

This affects everybody in this room other than what's up here. Everybody in this room I'm sure would be affected by BDM Rural Water. And I'd like to know how you're going to get water to us if this gets contaminated. Pret' near every colony or person lives off BDM Rural Water. You tell me how.

MR. THOMAS: I guess the case you mentioned is we'd -would be very unusual. Again, if I go back to, you know, the
prevention, detection, and mitigation activities that
TransCanada has available, to significantly contaminate an
aquifer is extremely unlikely. We are going to, with our
systems, be able to detect leaks such that really in the event
that you described, you know, large-scale contamination of an
aquifer just won't occur.

MR. OLSON: You didn't answer my question. How would you get water to everybody on BDM Rural Water? That's the question I asked.

MR. THOMAS: I guess it's TransCanada's responsibility

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and commitment to ensure that provision is made. You know, I
can't describe to you exactly how that would be done at the
moment. It would be done in coordination with, as I mentioned
before, federal authorities, state authorities, and we would
work together with the residents to ensure that your water
supply was provided in some fashion.

MR. OLSON: You still never answered my question.

There's got to be water in that line immediately, not 10 days from now or a month from now. There's got to be water immediately. That's why we put generators in. That's why we did everything, so if electricity goes out we got water now, not a month from now or 10 days from now. Cattle can't go that long without water. I don't like to go very long without water either. So you tell me how. That's the question that I asked.

MR. THOMAS: And I understand your concern. You know, again, I can't describe exactly how it would work. You know, we would look to experts such as yourself to obtain input and provide us assistance.

MR. OLSON: If you can't answer the question, probably better get a different place to put the pipeline.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Just a couple of things.

It's important -- hold on. Everybody's getting an opportunity to make their voice heard, but it's very difficult for the court reporter to take down what's being said if two people are talking at the same time. So I'm just going to ask that you not

interrupt one another and that they -- you know, you're asking for some specific information. You're right, they haven't given it to you yet.

If they can't get it to you today, it's going to need to be part of this process on a go-forward basis. Not every question that's being asked today is going to be answered right now, but they're good things to bring up and they're going to be in the record.

MR. OLSON: As serious as that question is, I think they should have an answer for it today.

MR. GRAY: Sir, in the event something has occurred instantaneous as you've described, there's emergency procedures to transport water by trucks. You would bring trucks in to municipal water supplies to bring it.

I think the point that we're having the most difficulty with is the event you described is not possible to happen. There's no recorded instance of a pipeline failure that has contaminated aquifers for hundreds of square miles. There are instances of leaks by which maybe two landowners or three landowners have been affected, and transportation of water by trucks is very practical and feasible for that. But there is no recorded instances of failure that has contaminated square miles of aquifers from a pipeline.

You have 540 miles of refined product, that is gasoline and diesel pipelines in South Dakota. They have been