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2 knowing why if you started this project in
3 2002, why you didn't advise the Planning
4 Board of the places that you're going to
5 put your stations. Like Airmont, for
6 instance. And why I -- my building was
7 built in 2004, you could have stopped the
8 controversy and my investing of a lot of
9 money in something that's going to disturb
10 me for the balance of my elderly life.

11 And that's my statement to you.

12 Thank you very much for allowing me
13 to express my views. And I think you
14 ought to do something about that, and put
15 that station that you're planning
16 elsewhere.

17 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you for your
18 comments, sir.

19 That concludes -- oh, we have
20 another gentleman.

21 Have you filled out a card?

22 MR. HIGGINS: I didn't hear my
23 name.

24 MR. PLOTCHYK: And you are, sir?

25 MR. HIGGINS: Dan Higgins. I gave

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2 it to the stenographer.

3 MR. PLOTCHYK: I'm sorry. Excuse
4 me.

5 Did you want to speak to the
6 stenographer, sir, or make a public
7 statement?

8 MR. HIGGINS: Just a public
9 statement. Real quick.

10 MR. PLOTCHYK: Okay. Why don't you
11 do that. And, Christy, let's just make
12 sure we get his card. We just want to
13 keep a record of it, sir.

14 MR. HIGGINS: I understand that.
15 Real quick. I wrote a letter to the
16 Journal News two years ago --

17 MR. PLOTCHYK: Yes, sir.

18 MR. HIGGINS: -- talking about the
19 Bridge. And the gentleman here in the
20 sweater talked about how it's not just the
21 Bridge that's an asset, but it's the
22 River. And one of the things that bothers
23 me is that the River, you have a wonderful
24 opportunity to take turbines and put them
25 in the River and put them in the super

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2 structure to generate power that might pay
3 for a substantial amount of the cost of
4 construction for the Bridge. And that was
5 a letter I wrote two years ago, and they
6 put it in the Journal News.

7 I want to take it one step further,
8 that the Sleepy Hollow property, that's
9 not going to be developed now, you might
10 want to consider taking that into your
11 development plans. And if you're going to
12 build a light rail line, using the Sleepy
13 Hollow property as part of your rail line,
14 make it a solar wind farm, put the light
15 rail in there, and that might help pay --
16 I mean, there's a lot of discussion here
17 about the costs.

18 The Hudson River is one of the
19 greatest potentially free green energy
20 sources that exists in the East Coast. I
21 see nothing here about that at all. I
22 can't imagine all you guys with all your
23 engineering prowess would ignore the fact
24 that the River will give you free,
25 unlimited power forever. All you're doing

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2 is building a bridge across it. Drop some
3 turbines into it. Get something out of
4 it. Through a couple in the super
5 structure.

6 You know, I grew up in Dobbs Ferry.
7 My wife grew up in Nyack. I did a lot of
8 courting over that Bridge. I swum under
9 the Bridge. I've kayaked under the
10 Bridge. I've sailed under the Bridge.
11 That's all part of the River. That's not
12 part of the Bridge.

13 Okay. I think you guys are really
14 missing something incredible. Big
15 discussion here about cost. All right. I
16 write grants for real estate development.
17 I write government grants for real estate
18 development.

19 If you could change your thinking
20 about this bridge, instead of thinking
21 about it as a way just to cross the River,
22 but instead think of it as a way to create
23 clean, endless power for the Hudson Valley
24 forever, you'll get money from the
25 government. Your legacy will be insured

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forever. And you might be able to close
Indian Point.

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Okay.

(Applause.).

MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

Appreciate your comments.

Anyone else that we've missed?

(No response given.)

MR. PLOTCHYK: All right. This
concludes our public meeting.

Thank you all for your attendance
and for your participation.
