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>> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER.

MY NAME IS MATT O'MALLEY. I AM THE DISTRICT SIX CITY COUNCIL PROUDLY REPRESENTING JAMAICA PLAINS, ROXBURY, MISSION HILLS.

I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY AND PARKS.

I HAVE A COUPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE WE GET INTO OUR OPENING STATEMENTS AND THE FIRST OF OUR THREE PANELS.

THE FIRST WE THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO ARE SIGNING UP.

I THINK WE'RE JUST ABOUT OUT OF ROOM IN THIS CHAMBER BUT THIS WILL BE STREAMED IN THE CURLY ROOM BEHIND ME AND ONCE THAT IS FILLED IT WILL BE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HALL.

I WOULD SIMPLY ASK IF YOU FOLKS WOULD MIND NOT SITTING ON THE STAIRWELLS.

THAT IS A FIRE CODE VIOLATION. IT'S BETTER IF YOU NEED TO BE IN THE ROOM IF YOU COULD THEN STAND AT THE BACK JUST TO KEEP THE STAIRWELL CLEAR, AS CLEAR AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

THIS IS A HEARING THAT WAS CALLED BY MYSELF, MY COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND THE DISTRICT TWO CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AS WELL AS COUNCILOR AYANNA PRESSLEY AND EVERY MEMBER WHO IS HERE AND EVEN NOT HERE SIGNED ON AS CO-SPONSORS AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A TIMELY AND IMPORTANT DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON.

AS I SAID, THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING WHICH MEANS WE WILL HAVE THREE PANELS AND THEN THERE WILL

BE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY ARE SIGN-IN
SHEETS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
WHEN YOU SIGN IN, I WILL STAY
HERE AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO MAKE
SURE EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK
HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS BEING
BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE
TELEVISION AS WELL AS STREAM AT
CITY@BOSTON.GOV.

I HAVE ONE LETTER FROM MARK
CIOMMO BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR OF
DISTRICT 9.

UNFORTUNATELY I'M UNABLE TO
ATTEND TODAY'S HEARING ON THE
CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

I WANT TO APPLAUD THE COUNCILOR
FOR CALLING THIS MATTER AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED
CONVERSATION ON THIS TOPIC,
SINCERELY MARK SEE MOW.

SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR
BEING HERE TODAY.

EVERYBODY IN THIS CHAMBER HAS
BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ISSUE OF
GAS SAFETY FROM THEIR JOBS AND
THEIR WORK IN THE FIELD TO
SUPPORTING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND
REDUCING OUR COULD BE FOOTPRINTS
TO SIMPLY USING GAS IN MANY OF
OUR HOMES.

THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S HEARING
IS TO DO THE OTHER MOST TO
IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF OUR AGING
NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE.
ON THIS ISSUE, I'VE TRIED TO
STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE OF
APPROPRIATE CAUTION WITHOUT UNDO
PANIC.

WHILE WE KNOW THAT NATURAL GAS
INCIDENTS ARE UNLIKELY WE KNOW
BOSTON INFRASTRUCTURE HAS ISSUES
TO THE MERRIMACK VALLEY WHERE
THE RECENT NATURAL GAS TRAGEDY
OCCURRED.

I LOOK FORWARD TO TODAY'S PANEL.
WE HAVE SOME EXPERTS GOING TO
BEGIN WITH SOME CITY OFFICIALS,
ACADEMIC, RESIDENTS AND WORKERS.
SADLY NATIONAL GRID WILL NOT BE
ATTENDING THIS HEARING TODAY.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
THEM IN OTHER WAYS AND OTHER

VENUES TO MEET OUR SHARED SAFETY GOALS.

I WILL NOW TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO READ INTO THE RECORD A LETTER THAT NATIONAL GRID SENT TO MY OFFICE LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

DEAR COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

NATIONAL GRID IS IN RECEIPT OF YOUR INVITATION TO TESTIFY ON THE SAFETY OF THE GAS SYSTEM BEFORE THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY ON PARKS ON OCTOBER 30, 2018.

THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO NATIONAL GRID THAN ENSURING THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF OUR GAS SYSTEM AND OUR CUSTOMERS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE SYSTEM IN BOSTON ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IS OPERATING PROPERLY.

SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO KEEPING A VILLAGE EYE ON SAFETY AND BEST PRACTICES.

EMERGENCY PLANNING PREPARATION, CONTINUING MONITORING OF OUR SYSTEM, WORK FORCE TRAINING REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND INVESTMENTS IN OUR GAS INFRASTRUCTURE HELP ENSURE WE ARE SAFE AND RELIABLE ENERGY OF NATURAL GAS.

WE ARE CONTINUING WORK IN MASSACHUSETTS INCLUDING BOSTON AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS HAS LAPSE.

SINCE THE CONTRACT LAPSE WE PERFORMED ACTIVITIES WITH OUR WORK FORCE MADE UP OF MANAGE PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS. GIVEN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE OR USEFUL TO ENGAGE WITH OUR UNIONS IN PUBLIC DEBATE.

WE HAVE INFORMED OUR UNIONS AND THE PUBLIC NATIONAL GRID IS AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THE UNIONS AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK.

IN THE -- WEEK.

WE HAVE OUR 15TH MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 29TH.
THE UNION'S DECLINED TO MEET
WITH US THIS WEEK.

DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS AS
WE'VE ALWAYS DONE NATIONAL GRID
HAS BEEN MEETING FREQUENTLY WITH
CITY OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE
MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS, FIRE
CHIEF AND PERSONNEL TO ENSURE
EVERYONE THAT WE ARE WORKING
SAFELY IN BOSTON.

WE CONTINUE TO MAKE OURSELVES
AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH CITY
OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC OR
GENERAL CONCERNS REGARDING OUR
OPERATIONS.

WE BELIEVE THESE MEETINGS ARE
THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO KEEP
CITY OFFICIALS INFORMED AND TO
ANSWER ANY CONCERNS THAT THEY
MAY HAVE ABOUT OUR OPERATIONS.

IN ADDITION, YOU MAY BE AWARE ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 THE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES, THE DPU
ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE HIRING A
THIRD PARTY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT
THE BEINGITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND THE
OPERATION MAINTENANCE MALL STEAZ
AND PRACTICES OF THE GAS
COMPANIES.

NATIONAL GRID LOOKS FORWARD TO
PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVALUATION
AND IS FULLY COMMITTED TO
WORKING WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS
DPU ON THIS AUDIT.

THE COMPANY PLEASE THAT THE
STATE-WIDE EVALUATION LEAD BY
PIPELINE SAFETY EXPERTS IS THE
BEST FORM WHICH TO REVIEW
PIPELINE SAFETY PERFORMANCE IN
MASSACHUSETTS AND TO IDENTIFY
BEST PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR IMPROVEMENT.

FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE,
NATIONAL GRID DECLINES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE HEARING ON OCTOBER 30, 2018.

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH
YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL TO DISCUSS GAS SAFETY IF

YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE COMPANY PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME, SINCERELY JOSEPH CARROLL DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER MANAGEMENT.

IT'S DISAPPOINTING BUT IT'S ALSO UNSURPRISING THAT NATIONAL GRID HAS DECLINED TO JOIN US TODAY AND THE LAST SENTENCE I READ THEY OFFERED TO MEET WITH CITY COUNCILORS TO DISCUSS GAS SAFETY BUT APPARENTLY NOT IN THIS FORUM.

IN 2016, MANY MEMBERS IN THIS ROOM, MEMBERS OF THIS BODY AND ACTIVISTS CAME TOGETHER AND PUT FORTH WHAT I THINK WAS A VERY COMMON SENSE GAS LEAKS ORDINANCE.

IT WAS PASSED BY THIS BODY, SIGNED INTO LAW BY MAYOR WALSH AND RATHER THAN WORKING WITH US, NATIONAL GRID DECIDED TO TAKE US TO COURT.

THERE'S CURRENTLY A LAWSUIT AND A STATUS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER BY THE SUPERIOR COURT AS IT ARE RELATES TO OUR GAS LEAKS ORDINANCE.

IT'S THAT ATTITUDE THAT IS AGAIN REPRESENTED BY NATIONAL GRID'S UNWILLINGNESS TO COME HERE AND HAVE THIS CONVERSATION WITH US TODAY THAT I FIND EXTRAORDINARILY TROUBLING.

IT'S THE ATTITUDE THAT NATIONAL GRID'S OWN WORKERS HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH FOR THE LAST 15 WEEKS. SINCE JUNE, 1,250 SKILLED GAS WORKERS HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT OF THEIR JOBS AT NATIONAL GRID. THIS SITUATION IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM A LABOR STRIKE.

RATHER THAN WALKING OFF THE JOB, THE HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK FOR NATIONAL GRID WERE FORCED OFF THEIR JOBS AS NEGOTIATIONS TACTIC BY MANAGEMENT.

THE IMPACT HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. SINCE THE LOCKOUT OF THESE WORKERS SOME OF WHOM ARE WITH US TODAY, REPLACEMENT OR RETIREMENT OF FAULTY GAS MAINS IS DOWN BY

80.05% OR 51,542 CASES.
CUSTOMER METERING SERVICE WORK
IS DOWN BY 62.92% OR 36,513
CASES.

NEW SERVICES FOR EXISTING MAINS
ARE DOWN BY 50.11% OR 712 CASES.
THIS INFORMATION BY THE WAY CAME
FROM NATIONAL GRID AND THEIR
REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES.

NATIONAL GRID HAS INSPECTED
ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF GAS
LEAKS AS IN PRIOR YEARS DURING
THIS PERIOD.

THEY'VE REPAIR LESS THAN HALF AS
MANY LEAKS IN COMPARABLE
PERIODS.

NATIONAL GRID IS FINDING MORE
THAN SEVEN TIMES MORE GAS LEAKS
THAN THEY CAN REPAIR.

THE STATUS FROM INFORMATION THAT
GRID SENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE
RESIDENTS OF BOSTON ACROSS
MASSACHUSETTS ARE ALREADY
FRUSTRATED THAT SO MANY GAS
LEAKS GO UNREPAIRED AND AS A
RESULT OF THIS LOCKOUT THE
SITUATION HAS ONLY GOTTEN WORSE.
WITH THIS NEW DATA WE CAN
QUANTIFY THE IMPACT OF THE
LOCKOUT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
TWICE AS MANY GAS LEAKS ARE
SHINNING THROUGH THE CRACKS AS
USUAL OVER THE PAST THREE
MONTHS.

GRID HAS SAID THEY WILL FOCUS ON
EMERGENCY WORK DURING THIS
LOCKOUT AND THEY HAVE LOCKED OUT
THEIR WORKERS BECAUSE THEY ARE
FOCUSED ON THE LONG TERM BUT
LET'S FACE IT.

THE GAS LEAKS IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE A LONG TERM
DISASTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, FOR
TREES AND FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND
SAFETY.

RECENT EVENTS HAVE MADE THOSE OF
US WHO HAVE LONG ADVOCATED FOR
GREATER SAFETY REGULATIONS
VINDICATED IN A WAY WE NEVER
WANTED TO SEE AS OUR WORST FEARS
HAVE COME TO PASS.

WE NOW KNOW THAT NATIONAL GRID

OVERPRESSURIZATION AND HUMAN ERROR CAUSED THE TRAGIC OUTCOME IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY. WHAT HAPPENED THERE COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ANY GAS COMPANY. IN FACT A FEW WEEKS AGO THIS ALMOST DID HAPPEN IN THE TOWN OF WOOBURN WHERE 300 HOMES WERE ALMOST AFFECTED BY OVER PRESSURIZATION.

THANK GOD CAUGHT IN TIME. ALONG WITH THE IMMEDIATE CRISES OF AGING INFRASTRUCTURE WITH UNDER STAFFED COMPANY THAT CAN LEAD TO CRISES, THE SLOW BURNING CRISES OF A GROWING BACKLOG OF GAS LEAKS CONTINUES TO GET WORSE BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL GRID LOCK OUT.

THEY RECORD THAT 42 PERCENT PR OF ITS INFRASTRUCTURE WAS LEAK PRONE AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED IN THE NEXT 17 YEARS.

THE GAS MAIN ENHANCEMENT PLAN THE MASSACHUSETTS INFRASTRUCTURE HAS A 26% LEAK-PRONE STATE. WE ARE LEFT WONDERING WHY BOSTON IS SO MUCH WORSE THAN THE COMMONWEALTH AS A WHOLE.

IF THE ORDINANCE PROVISION WE PASSED ON REPORTING IS ALLOWED BY THE JUDGE, WE HE CAN LEARN WHERE ALL THE LEAK PRONE PIPES ACTUALLY ARE IN BOSTON.

THUS WE CAN FIND OUT THE TRUE EXTENT OF THE GAS LEAK PROBLEMS AND WHAT STREETS NATIONAL GRID WILL WORK ON IN THE NEXT 17 YEARS.

IN ADDITION TO THE CLEAR BENEFITS OF SAFETY AND TRANSPARENCY, IF THE CITY IS ABLE TO SEQUENCE THIS WORK WE COULD SAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ON CITY MAINTENANCE.

THE CITY OF WORCESTER HAD A COOPERATIVE PATCHING PROGRAM SINCE 2001 AND HAS SAVED THE CITY 57% SAVING ONLY \$4 MILLION FOR PAVING 20 MILES OF STREETS. REPAIRING PIPES IS MORE AFFORDABLE THAN REPLACING THEM. THE LEAK IS \$3,000 AND THE COST TO REPLACE THE \$1.7 MILLION.

REPLACING PIPELINES WOULD MEAN
WE WOULD REHE LIE ON FOSSIL FUEL
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NEXT 50
TO 0 YEARS.

WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT
REPAIRING NOT REPLACING.
NATIONAL GRID IS NOT PRESENT TO
HEAR FROM ALL OF US ON THE
BENEFITS OF WORKING TOGETHER AND
THE CHALLENGES THAT THIS
OBSTRUCTION HAS CAUSED US.

IT IS DOUBLY UNFORTUNATE THAT
NATIONAL GRID HAS REFUSED TO
LISTEN TO THEIR OWN WORKERS LEFT
OUT IN THE COLD WHEN THEY COULD
BE DOING SO MUCH TO SOLVE ALL OF
THESE ISSUES IF THEY COULD
SIMPLY GET BACK TO WORK.

YET I AM EXTRAORDINARILY PROUD
OF THE COALITION OF RESIDENTS,
WORKERS, SAFETY CAN YOU TELL US
AND ENVIRONMENT -- ADVOCATES
HAVE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND
OTHERS.

AS WE WORK TOGETHER IT IS MY
HOPE THAT INSURE GRID WILL COME
TO FOLLOW THAT EXAMPLE.

NOW, I BEGAN BY THANKING MY
CO-SPONSOR, THANK YOU FOR
LETTING ME GO OVER MY OPENING
REMARKS BUT I WANT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE MY CO-SPONSOR AYANNA
PRESSLEY HAS JOINED US AS WELL.
SHE WILL GIVE HER OPENING
STATEMENT AFTER ED FLYNN GIVES
HIS.

SO COUNCILOR, FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR MANY YEARS
ON THIS ISSUE.

THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR PRESSLEY
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
ISSUE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AS
WELL.

OVER THE SUMMER COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY AND I BROUGHT FORT A
REDS SOLUTION TO SHOW OUR
SUPPORT FOR THE STEELWORKERS.
AT THAT TIME WE SAID WE MUST
ALWAYS STAND FOR OUR BROTHERS
AND SISTERS WHO SEEK SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC JUSTICE.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AND I

ALWAYS WILL BUT TODAY THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY HERE WHEN IT COMES TO POTENTIALLY INFRASTRUCTURE IS SAFETY.

WE HAVE UNDERScoreD HOW CRITICAL IT IS THAT NATURAL GAS AND GAS LEAKS ARE MAINTAINED AND TREATED BY HIGHLY SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKERS FROM THE UNITED STEELWORKERS.

TO PUT IT MILDLY THE HORRIBLE EVENTS THAT WE ALL WITNESSED IN SEPTEMBER IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY AND LAWRENCE, ANDOVER, NORTH ANDOVER WAS VERY SCARY OVERPRESSURIZED GAS LINES CAUSED 60 FIRES, EXPLOSIONS IN HOMES. 25 PEOPLE INJURED.

TRAGEDILY AN 18 YEAR OLD WAS KILLED WHO WAS SITTING IN HIS CAR WHEN A CHIMNEY EXPLODED AND FELL ON HIS VEHICLE.

WE PRAY FOR HIM FOR HIS FAMILY AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THAT TERRIBLE INCIDENT.

FAST FORWARD TO OCTOBER, WE HAVE HAD NEWS ABOUT OVERPRESSURIZATION ONCE AGAIN WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED TO ADDITIONAL THREAT TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY.

NATIONAL GRID WAS ORDERED TO HALT ALL NON-EMERGENCY AND COMPLIANCE WORK.

THIS SHOULD GIVE US CAUSE TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF NATURAL GAS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CITY.

WE DO NOT WANT TO RELIEVE THE HORRIBLE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY.

THIS DISCUSSION TODAY IS NOT MEANT TO CAUSE PANIC HOWEVER I FIND IT REASONABLE WE ALL TAKE A STEP BACK AND REALIZE WHAT COMES TO THIS KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURE WE MUST ALL CONTACT WITH CAUTION.

WE MUST HAVE THIS CONVERSATION TO EXAMINE THE SAFETY PRACTICES OF DEALING WITH NATURAL GAS IN OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

WHEN WE CALLED FOR THIS HEARING I HIGHLIGHTED SOME EVENTS THAT

OCCURRED IN BOSTON IN REVENT
YEARS.
AREA A-1 BOSTON POLICE STATION.
EVERY WINDOW IS BLOWN OUT DUE TO
NON-PIPELINE INSPECTORS ON
TREATMENT STREET IN BOSTON.
GAS LEAKS THAT WENT ON FOR 70
DAYS WITH EXPLOSIVE LEVELS UNDER
THE STEEL PLATES.
THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESPONDED MANY TIMES.
THE NORTH WASHINGTON STREET
BRIDGE, THE GAS BLEW ALL OVER
THE NORTH END FOR MONTHS.
THERE WAS A LOT OF MEDIA
ATTENTION ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL.
WE COULD GO ON AND ON BUT I'M
HERE TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS
OF RESIDENTS TO THE EXPERTS
THERE.
I KNOW COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
HIGHLIGHTED THE LETTER FROM
NATIONAL GRID.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A DISRESPECTFUL
LETTER THEY SENT NOT WANTING TO
COME HERE TODAY AND GIVE THE
PUBLIC AN UPDATE WHAT'S HATCHING
WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
WE TAKE PUBLIC SAFETY VERY
SERIOUS IN THIS CITY.
THEY SHOULD BE SITTING HERE AT
THAT TABLE.
I THINK AFTER THIS MEETING WE
TENSIONALLY WE COULD ASK AGAIN
TO HAVE NATIONAL GRID COME HERE
AND PROVIDE THEIR REASONING WHY
THEY'RE NOT HERE AND GIVE AN
EXPLANATION ON EXACTLY WHAT'S
HAPPENING.
EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUBPOENA
THEM.
THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD
SUPPORT.
THIS IS A LOCKOUT BUT THIS
COMPANY INTERNATIONAL COMPANY
THROUGH THESE HARD WORKING MEN
AND WOMEN PART OF THERE JOB THEY
LOCK THEM OUT, THEY BROUGHT IN
REPLACEMENT WORKERS, THEY'RE NOT
SKILLED.
THEY ARE WORKING ON OUR STREETS,
THEY'RE NOT TRAINED AND OUR
PUBLIC IS IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF
THIS RECKLESS DECISION BY THIS

COMPANY.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING
FROM THE EXPERTS ON THIS ISSUE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLYNN.
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR VERY
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENTS WHICH I
THINK MADE CLEAR NOT ONLY WHAT
IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE WE ARE
NOT PUTTING OURSELVES AT A
GREATER RISK DETAILED EXTENT OF
THE LEAKS AND BETTER TO -- I
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO THE
TRAUMATIC EVENTS THAT OCCURRED
IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY.

SPEAKING ON THE MERRIMACK VALLEY
A TRAUMATIC AND DISRUPTIVE EVENT
I DO WANT TO SAY HOW INPIRING IT
HAS BEEN IN THE FACE OF ALL OF
THAT TO SEE THE MERRIMACK VALLEY
COME TOGETHER.

WE THANK THE FIRST RESPONDERS,
THE KIND NEIGHBORS AND THE
SHELTER ORGANIZATIONS.
ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS OF OUR
COLLEAGUES, I WOULD ADD IT IS
INSULT TO INJURY AND QUITE
STUNNING IN THE FACE OF THESE
TRAUMATIC AND DISRUPTIVE EVENTS.
COUNCILOR, YOU'RE RIGHT WE'RE
NOT HERE TO CAUSE PANIC BUT SUM
ME TO DEMONSTRATE OUR COLLECTIVE
COMMITMENT CONCERN AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE THE
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.
IT IS INSULT TO INJURY THAT
NATIONAL GRID IS NOT HERE.
IT IS INSULT TO INJURY THAT THIS
LOCKOUT IS STILL OCCURRING.
AND CLEARLY THAT THEY ARE
CHOOSING GRIEF OVER THE COMMON
GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC
SAFETY BECAUSE IN ORDER FOR US
TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY WE NEED A
WORK FORCE THAT IS SKILLED,
TRAINED AND ALSO HEALTHY.
IT IS CERTAINLY INSULT TO INJURY
THAT THEY DON'T JOIN US HERE
TODAY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND TO LOOK INTO OUR OWN BACKYARD TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT PUTTING OUR CONSTITUENTS AT FURTHER RISK AND EXAMINING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE LOCATING DEFECTS EARLY AND ADDRESSING THEM BEFORE THERE IS A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE.

AGAIN WE ARE BEING RESPONSIVE WITH THIS HEARING BUT THIS IS NOT AN IMPULSIVE REACTION.

AS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HEARING ORDER THIS BODY'S BEEN PUSHING FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION WITH OUR UTILITIES IN PUBLIC WORK AS WE IMPROVE OUR ROADS AND SIDEWALKS AND CORRECT NATURAL GASES.

SINCE 2016 SPECIFICALLY COUNCILOR O'MALLEY HAS BEEN A STEADFAST LEADER.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL LEADING THE CHARGE TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FROM EXISTING NATURAL GAS LEAKS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENSURING WE ARE WORKING COLLECT IT WASLY TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE THAT WE HAVE ALL THE PREPARATIONS IN PLACE FOR ANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISPOO INFORM ANY FUTURE REGULATIONS WE MAY NEED TO EXPLORE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR PRESSLY. COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY. JUST VERY BRIEFLY I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKERS AND LEADERSHIP ALREADY PROVEN TO REALLY MAKE SURE THIS CONVERSATION AND THE PRESSURE CONTINUES ON NATIONAL GRID TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY LOCK OUT OUR WORKERS THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THEY ARE TAKING ON THE OBLIGATION TO KEEP THIS CITY SAFE.

IT'S ALSO INCUMBENT TO THANK YOU FOR PUSHING AND THIS IS NOT JUST

A CONVERSATION ABOUT ONE THING.
THAT IS A COMBINATION THAT ALL
REALLY RESULT IN A FUTURE BOSTON
THAT WE ALL ARE GOING TO
INHERIT.

WE NEED TO INVEST IN
INFRASTRUCTURE.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT LABOR
IS PAID, SKILLED LABOR IS VALUED
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND WE
NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR
ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTED.

SO THIS CONVERSATION IS
NECESSARY.

IT IS A SHAME, IT IS AN INSULT
BUT IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT
NATIONAL GRID DID NOT BOTHER TO
COME HERE.

AGAIN THEY'D RATHER SUE THEIR
WAY OUT OF KNOWING WHERE THE GAS
LEAKS ARE SO I'M SURPRISED
THEY'RE NOT HERE BECAUSE THEY
DON'T WANT TO HAVE A DIRECT
ADULT CONVERSATION HOW TO FIX
THIS SITUATION.

I WANT TO THANK YOU EVERYONE
HERE AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE
WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I KNOW THEY ARE WITH YOU
STANDING BY READY ABLE AND
WILLING TO WORK SO I WANT
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS WELL.

>> COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE
COUNCILOR AND CHAIR FROM
DISTRICT SIX, YOUR OPENING
STATEMENT WAS RIGHT ON POINT.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO
THAT BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE
TO ADD TO COUNCILOR FROM
DISTRICT TWO'S POINT THAT WE DO
HAVE SUBPOENA POWER.

IF NATIONAL GRID'S GOING TO PICK
US APART AND MEET IN QUIET ROOMS
AND TAKE US ONE BY ONE THAT'S
NONSENSE.

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING
WE SHOULD HAVE A MEETING AND
THEY SHOULD BE SITTING RIGHT
THERE.

IF WE HAVE TO DO IT LEGALLY,
THEY SEEM TO BE IN COURT OFTEN
SO MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST SUBPOENA

THEM AND HAVE THEM SIT IN HERE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
MCCARTHY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I APOLOGIZE I WANT TO MAKE
SURE I HAVE THE RIGHT.
WAS COUNCILOR GEORGE NEXT OR
COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
COUNCILOR GEORGE COUNCILOR AT
LARGE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING
HERE.

IT IS CERTAINLY INSULTING AND
ECHO THE COMMENTS OF MY
COLLEAGUES SO FAR AND I'M SURE
THE ONES TO COME THAT NATIONAL
GRID IS NOT HERE AT THE TABLE TO
PRESENT TO US.

IT IS OFFENSIVE THAT THE WORKERS
HAVE TO BE HERE WHEN THEY SHOULD
BE AT WORK MAKING SURE THAT OUR
CITY IS SAFE THAT OUR RESIDENTS
ARE SAFE THAT OUR SCHOOL
CHILDREN ARE SAFE BUT INSTEAD
THEY ARE HERE TO LISTEN TO WHAT
THEY ALREADY KNOW.

AGAIN I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
TESTIMONY WE WILL HEAR TODAY
BOTH FROM THE MAN AND PUBLIC
TESTIMONY AND PRESSURE THIS
OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS HEARING BUT
ALSO TO REMIND FOLKS THE WALKOUT
HAS BEEN MUCH LONGER THAN ANYONE
CAN IMAGINE AND CERTAINLY NOT
CONSIDERATE OF THE SAFETY
MEASURES WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
ARE IN MACE AGAIN TO PROTECT OUR
RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY.
THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR YOU AND
COUNCILORS PRESSLEY AND FLYNN
FOR SPONSORING THIS.

THIS IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
YOUR LEADERSHIP ON GAS LEAKS
FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL
PERSPECTIVE.

THESE LAST COUPLE YEARS HAVE
BEEN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
MR. CHAIRMAN AND I'M PROUD TO
PARTNER WITH YOU ON THAT BUT WE
ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT AN

IMMEDIATE THREAT HERE AS WE SAW VIVIDLY IN MERRIMACK VALLEY RECENTLY WE SEE IN NATIONAL GRID DIDN'T DEIGN TO COME HERE, THAT THEY PREFER PRIVATE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS WHEN IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, PUBLIC INFRAHAVE YOU BEEN STRUCTURE ISSUE, WHAT'S HAPPENING UNDER THE STREETS AND RESIDENTS HOMES AND CONTINUE TO HAVE LOCKED OUT THE WORKERS WHO COULD BE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, WHO COULD BE MAKING SURE OUR SAFETY IS ACCEPTABLE.

I ECHO MY COLLEAGUES WHO ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE SUBPOENA POWER OF THIS BODY.

THIS IS VERY MUCH AN ISSUE OF LOCAL CONCERN.

IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE.

IT IS AN URGENT ISSUE AND I THINK WE'VE NOT BEEN SHINE THESE PAST FEW YEARS.

IF NECESSARY, WE WILL BRING THEM IN HERE UNDER SUBPOENA TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND TALK PUBLICLY BECAUSE THIS IS A BODY THAT VALUES TRANSPARENCY AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT WILLING TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH THIS PUBLIC UTILITY TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE OF PUBLIC CONCERN WHEN THEY WON'T COME IN FRONT OF CAMERAS OR WON'T COME HERE TO TALK IN FRONT OF THEIR WORKERS, THEIR CUSTOMERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY OR COUNCILOR WU.

COUNCILOR KIM JANEY OF DISTRICT SEVEN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I CERTAINLY WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND MANY OTHERS AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR ENVIRONMENT.

I WANT TO THANK THE SPONSORS, THE CO-SPONSORS TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.

I'M VERY DISGUSTED THAT NATIONAL GRIPPED IS NOT HERE TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT WE STILL HAVE WORKERS THAT ARE BEING LOCKED OUT.

THAT IS A DEEP CONCERN.
THAT IS A PROBLEM.
THIS IS A WORKER'S RIGHT ISSUES
WHICH ULTIMATELY IS AN ECONOMIC
JUSTICE ISSUE.
IT'S A CLIMATE JUSTICE ISSUE AND
IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE.
OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED THE
ABILITY TO WAKE UP EACH MORNING,
TAKE A SHOT HOUR, COOK OUR
BREAKFAST, HEAT OUR HOMES AND
WE'RE PUTTING ALL THAT AT
JEOPARDY AND THERE'S STILL
PEOPLE IN MERRIMACK VALLEY WHO
CAN'T DO THAT.
THAT IS SHAMEFUL THAT THEY WON'T
BE HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
HEARING.
I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU HAVE STOOD
UP ALONG WITH ALL OF US TO CALL
THEM TO TASK AND TO HAVE THIS
IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.
AND SO I'M HERE TO LISTEN FOR A
LIMITED TIME.
I DO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING THAT'S
VERY IMPORTANT AND I'M HAPPY TO
GET RIGHT AT THE PANEL AFTER MY
COLLEAGUES MAKE THEIR OPENING
AND HEAR FROM THE WORKERS AND
THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO TESTIFY.
SO THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.
AT LARGE CITY COUNCILOR MICHELLE
WU.
>> THANK YOU.
I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU THE
SPONSORS OF THIS IMPORTANT
CONVERSATION AND EVERYONE FOR
BEING HERE TODAY.
I WOULD JUST ECHO WHAT ALL OF MY
COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID ABOUT THE
IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
PUBLIC PROCESS, STANDING WITH
WORKERS, GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO
WORK.
I SIMILARLY HAVE ANOTHER
CONFLICT AND WILL HAVE TO STEP
OUT BUT I JUST WANT TO NOTE,
I'LL WATCH LATER BUT WOULD LIKE
TO PUT A QUESTION IN NOW THAT
CERTAINLY WE WANT TO DO
EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO GET
PEOPLE BACK TO WORK TO REPAIR
LEAKS TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY

ARE, TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE
BEST POSSIBLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
PLANS IN PLACE BUT I WOULD ALSO
LIKE TO HEAR THE PLANS FOR WHEN
THE CITY WILL BE ABLE TO DO
EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO
ENSURE THERE'S NO KNEW FOSSIL
FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GOING INTO
THE GROUND.

THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS IN
THE FUTURE.

>> CITY COUNCILOR PRESIDENT
ANDRE AWE CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND THANK YOU AS WELL AS
COUNCILOR ANYONE AND COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
THIS AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
THIS EVEN BEFORE I JOINED THIS
BODY.

HE CARES ABOUT THIS PROFESSIONAL
OUTSIDE OF THIS BUILDING
PERSONALLY.

SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
ON THESE ISSUES.

I WANT TO THANK OUR CITY FOLKS
THAT ARE HERE I MIGHT HAVE TO
CUT OUT A LITTLE BIT EARLY TOO
BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND
IT DOESN'T OFTEN GET RECOGNIZED
SO I WANT TO APPRECIATE YOU.
YOU'RE PROBABLY UNDER PAID AS
WELL SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
YOUR WORK AND THANK YOU FOR
BEING HERE.

I THINK ENOUGH HAS BEEN SAID IN
TERMS OF NATIONAL GRID.

I UNDERSTAND SORT OF A DESIRE TO
HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS
PRIVATELY TO AVOID SAYING
CERTAIN THINGS PUBLICLY BUT AT
THIS POINT WE'RE WAY WAIST THAT
POINT.

I THINK AT THIS POINT EVERYONE
SHOULD HEAR WHAT ANYONE HAS TO
SAY PUBLICLY.

AND IF THERE ARE POINTS OF
CONTENTION WELL FINE WE CAN
FIGURE IT OUT AND MOVE FORWARD.
THE FACT THIS LOCKOUT CONTINUES
IS HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE WORK
WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY NOT ONLY
ON THE WORKERS BUT PROJECTS AND

EVERYTHING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD FOR OUR RESIDENTS. LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST I WANT TO THANK THE FOLKS IN THIS CHAMBER.

WE TALK ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT NOT JUST IN TERMS OF VOTING BUT SHOWING UP ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTER.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE SHOW UP SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER RECOGNIZING THE VALUE THIS BODY DOES AND WORK THIS BODY DOES AND BEING A PARTNER IN THIS WORK AND CONTINUING TO BE A PARTNER IN THIS WORK SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

BEFORE WE GET TO OUR PANEL, I DO HAVE ALSO A LETTER FROM N STAR GAS COMPANY OR EVER SOURCE ENERGY JUST SO FOLKS KNOW. NATIONAL GRID PROVIDES GAS SERVICES FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

EVER SOURCE DOES PROVIDE GAS SERVICES FOR READVILLE AND PARTS OF HIDE PART SO COURTROOM MCCOSH THEY'S DISTRICT.

THEY ALSO ARE NOT ATTENDING BUT THEY DID PROVIDE US AND I WILL NOT READ ITS ENTIRETY ABOUT THEIR GAS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE, BEST PRACTICES, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FROM JOHN HOLY COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS AND I DID WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK EVER SOURCE.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE WHAT HAPPENED TO MERRIMACK VALLEY WAS NOT NATIONAL GRID IT WAS ANOTHER GAS COMPANY CALLED COLUMBIA GAS AND EVER SOURCE FOLKS HAVE BEEN DEPUTIZED TO HELP DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH.

I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE LOCKED OUT WORKERS OF NATIONAL GRID MANY OF WHOM HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP DEAL WITH THE ISSUE AS A

RESULT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO
MERRIMACK VALLEY.
YOU ARE A CREDIT TO OUR CITY AND
OUR STATE.
THANK YOU THANK YOU ALL RIGHT SO
THANK YOU.
I WANT US TO BE, I APPRECIATE
THAT.
I KNOW WE WENT THANK YOU IN
OPENING STATEMENTS SO I'LL GET
INTO IT.
OUR FIRST PANEL KATIE CHO CHIEF
OF STREETS, CHRIS AS YOU GOOD
DIRECTOR OF -- ENVIRONMENT AND
OPEN SPACE WELCOME.
CHIEF CHRIS OSGOOD.
>> THANK YOU.
YOU AS YOU NOTED I'M JOINED BY
CATO CHO CHIEF ENGINEER FOR
PUBLIC WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND
CHIEF CHRIS COOK WHO IS THE
ENVIRONMENT ENERGY AND OPEN
SPACE TEAM.
FOR MAYOR WALSH AND THE ENTIRE
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
IS A TOP PRIORITY ABSOLUTELY
PARAMOUNT.
IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IN THE
CASE OF GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AS
YOU ALL KNOW.
THE CITY IS ACTUALLY NOT THE
LEAD ENTITY.
THE FEDERAL AND STATE
GOVERNMENTS ARE THE LEAD
REGULATORS FOR ENSURING THE
SAFETY OF GAS INFRASTRUCTURE.
AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, ONE OF THE
LEAD ENTITIES IS THE PIPELINE
AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION.
AND AT THE STATE LEVEL IT IS THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DPU.
I'LL BRIEFLY OUTLINE THE ROLE OF
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH
RESPECT TO GAS INFRASTRUCTURE
AND THEN WE CAN DIVE INTO YOUR
QUESTIONS.
THERE ARE REALLY FOUR MAIN ROLE
THE DEPARTMENT PLAYS WITH GAS
AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
THE FIRST IS ISSUING GRANTS AND
LOCATION.
THROUGH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
COMMISSION WE LOOK AT WHERE GAS

INFRASTRUCTURE CAN GO AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T CONFLICT WITH OTHER UTILITIES IN THE GROUND OR OTHER RIGHTS PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE TO THE STREET OR TO THE RIGHT OF WAY MUCH THE SECOND PIECE IS THE PERMITTING OFFICE.

WE WILL ISSUE PERMITS EMERGENCY PERMITS OR EXCAVATION PERMITS OR OCCUPANCY PERMITS FOR WORK THAT HAPPENS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

RIGHT NOW I THINK FOLKS ARE AWE BEAR PUBLIC UTILITIES HAS RESTRICTED ISSUING NATIONAL GRID FOR GAS INFRASTRUCTURE TO MERGE THE PERMITS AND COMPLIANCE WORK ONLY.

THE SET OF WORK THAT WE VIEW WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IS AROUND INSPECTIONS.

OVERSEEN BY KATIE CHO AND THROUGH THE DIRECT LEADERSHIP OF MARK.

THE INSPECTION UNIT WILL GO OUT AND INSPECT THE WORK THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY STREETS. THEY ARE REALLY DOING THIS ON SORT OF THREE KEY DIMENSIONS. ONE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE SITE ITSELF IS SAFE, THAT IT IS A APPROPRIATE SIGN AND APPROPRIATE CONE AND THERE'S A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT IN PLACE.

AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WORK IS HAPPENING THEY ARE BEING GOOD NEIGHBORS AND IT'S HAPPENING DURING THE HOURS IN THE AREA IT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN AND NOT TO HAPPEN IN THE TIME AND PLACE WHERE IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.

THIRD TO MAKE SURE ANY COMPANY THAT'S DOING WORK IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IS RESPECTING THE PUBLIC ASSET THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY RETURNING THE STREET AND SIDEWALK INTO AS GOOD A CONDITION AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN. IN THAT WORK AGAIN, THE LEAD ENTITY FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE ITSELF IS

ACTUALLY DPU, THEY ARE THE
ONESEMPowered.
THE DEPARTMENT COMES UNDER
CAPITAL COORDINATION.
THAT WORK IS LED BY KATIE TO
MAKE SURE WE ARE INVESTING THE
CITY, THE TAXPAYER'S DOLLAR IN
RESERVICING ROADS IN A WAY THAT
ALSO IS IN COORDINATION WITH ALL
THE UTILITY WORK THAT HAPPENS IN
THE CITY.

THIS IS WHERE YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
LEADERSHIP AND THE ENTIRE
COUNCIL AND SUPPORT OF MANY
ADVOCATES IN THIS ROOM AND THE
SUPPORT OF MAYOR WALSH TO ENSURE
WE'RE ACTUALLY GETTING BETTER
INFORMATION FROM OUR GAS UTILITY
COMPANIES HAS BEEN CRITICAL SO
WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE BETTER
COORDINATION AROUND ALL
RESERVICING WORK TO MAKE SURE WE
ARE PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING MORE
GAS LEAKS HAPPENING IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON.

CONDUCTING BASIC INSPECTIONS AND
COORDINATING THE OVERALL CAPITAL
INVESTMENT.

IT IS NOT THE WORK OF THE ACTUAL
INSPECTION OF THE GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENSURING
COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE AND
FEDERAL REGULATIONS AROUND THE
INTRA STRUCTURE.

WE WANT TO GET YOU THAT AS A
CONTACT SETTING FOR THE WORK WE
DO.

AGAIN WE APPRECIATE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY AND
LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR
QUESTIONS.

>> GOOD, THANK YOU.

ST ANYONE ELSE HAVE OPENING
STATEMENTS?

NO.

OKAY.

IN THE FAIRNESS OF TIME I'M
GOING TO SET A FIVE MINUTE LIMIT
FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF MY
COLLEAGUES BEGINNING WITH
MYSELF.

THANK YOU FOR THAT

CLARIFICATION, CHIEF.

IT IS FEMSA AND DPU BOTH OF WHO WERE INVITED TO JOIN US TODAY AND ALSO DECLINED.

I SEE THE CITY HAS A SOMEWHAT LIMITED ROLE BUT NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK HERE AND ALL FOUR OF YOU I WORKED CLOSELY WITH IN ADDRESSING THESE THINGS.

TO A BIT OF A DEEPER DIVE CHRIS, IF YOU'RE WATCHING WHAT HAPPENED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY YOU MUST BE THINKING THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GOES OUR TOWN.

WHAT ARE SOME STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE THEN TO REARE DOUBLE AND REARE TRIPLE OUR, CHECK OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BEING AS SAFE AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE AMIDST THE BACK DRAMA OF A LACKOUT.

>> WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF COORDINATING CONVERSATIONS WITH A VARIETY OF ENGINEERS INCLUDING THE DPU AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK DPU HAS DONE AND IS DOING TO AS WE NOTED TO BRING IN SOME ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE INSPECTION OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO HAVE MORE TARGETED INSPECTIONS OF WORK THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO DO SOME ADDITIONAL INSPECTION OF WORK BY NATIONAL GRID AND OTHERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE SAFETY PROVISIONS THAT THEY HAVE ARE ACTUALLY BEING MET ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH.

>> IS DPU GOING TO PREPARE A REPORT TO SHARE WITH YOU, WILL THAT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, WHAT'S THE TIME LINE.

>> RIGHT NOW WE'RE COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL GRID AND HAVE BEEN DOING SOME WORK IN GENERAL LOOKING AT GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND WILL BE PROVIDING A REPORT.

OUR EXPECTATION, OUR INITIAL

EXPECTATION WILL BE THAT WAS
SOMETIME IN THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER --

>> THAT'S FAIR.

AND THEN I WANT TO GET INTO GAS.
AS IT RELATES TO SORT OF HIGHLY
PRESSURIZED GAS LINES A CONCERN
THAT MANY IN THIS ROOM AND LITER
I SHARE IS THE LATERAL PIPELINE
THE 750PS PIPELINE THAT RUNS
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ONLY
ACTIVE QUARRY IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL STEPS
TAKEN.

IT APPEARS THE GAS PRESSURE IN
MERRIMACK VALLEY WAS OVER
PRESSURE.

CAN YOU SPEAK TO --

>> CERTAINLY OVER PRESSURIZATION
IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF WHAT
HAPPENED TO THE MERRIMACK
VALLEY.

IT'S SORT OF WHAT BASICALLY DPU
ARE REALLY FOCUSED IN ON IN
TERMS OF THE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION THEY'VE REQUESTED TO
ENSURE THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT
DOES NOT HAS NOT AGAIN.

>> DO YOU KNOW IF ANY SAFETY
DRILLS ARE PLANNED FOR THE WEST
ROXBURY LATERAL.

THIS MAY BE -- YOU'RE IF YOU'RE
UNABLE TO ANSWER IT'S NOT THAT
YOU DON'T KNOW BUT NANCY.

>> I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY.

>> SO THAT'S MAYBE.

IF MEMORY SERVES DURING MUCH OF
THAT PROCESS WE WERE TOLD THERE
WOULD BE SAFETY PLANS.

WE FOUGHT FOR A SAFETY MEETING
WITH BOSTON POLICE, BOSTON FIRE
AS WELL AS DENY HAM AND
WESTWOOD.

IT'S BEEN FRUSTRATING TO STAY
THE LEAST THE LACK OF
COMMUNICATION.

CAN YOU JUST TALK VERY BRIEFLY.
HOW MUCH INFORMATION ARE YOU
CURRENTLY GIVEN BY THE UTILITY
COMPANIES AS IT RELATES TO GAS
LEAK AND I KNOW MIKE DOES GREAT
WORK BUT KATIE DO YOU WANT TO
TALK ABOUT THAT.

>> YES.

MARK'S GROUP HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB WORKING WITH NATIONAL GRID WHO HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE GENERALLY ABOUT GIVING US INFORMATION. WE KNOW WHERE ALL OF THE GREAT CAN LEAKS ARE AND THEY ARE ALSO REPORTING ON GRID THREE LEAKS THAT ARE WITHIN SCHOOL ZONES SO WE HAVE THE LOCATIONS ALL OF THOSE LEAKS.

>> NOT GRADE ONES.

>> GRADE ONES WE KNOW THEM THROUGH THE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION.

AS THE EMERGENCY NOTIFY INDICATIONS COME IN.

SO WE DO HAVE THE LOCATION.

ALL OF THE GRADE TWO LEAKS ALL OF THE EMERGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED ON AND ALL OF THE GREAT LEAKS THAT ARE WITHIN SCHOOL ZONE.

>> DO YOU GET THAT IN REAL TIME OR AFTER THEY ARE ADDRESSED.

>> WE ARE GETTING THE GRADE TWO AND GRADE THREE LEAKS REPORTED TO US IN REAL TIME.

ANY, AND ALSO ANY GRADE THREE LEAKS THAT ARE SCHEDULED FOR REPAIR.

AND THEN GRADE ONE LEAKS ARE COMING IN.

AS THE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS HAPPEN WHICH IS TYPICALLY AS THEY HAPPEN, IT DOES SOMETIMES HAPPEN AFTER THE FACT.

>> A LARGE PART OF OUR GAS LEAKS ORDINANCE STIPULATED THAT IF BETTER SHARING OF INFORMATION, IF A STREET WERE TO BE OPENED UP FOR BOSTON WATER AND SEWER WORK, TYPICAL REPAVING AND RENEW LEAKS THERE WE COULD ADDRESS THEM.

I THINK THAT SHOULD BE A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE FROM NATIONAL GRID'S POINT OF VIEW.

ARE YOU SAYING DESPITE THE LITIGATION WE'RE ACTUAL GETTING LITIGATION AND UNABLE TO BETTER COORDINATE FIXING OF LEAKS.

>> WE ARE GETTING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED THROUGH

MASS GENERAL LAWS AND NO INFORMATION REQUIRED THROUGH THE ORDINANCE.

>> IF AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE IS FURTHER CONVERSATIONS HAPPENING AND THE JUDGE IN SUPERIOR COURT, HE DID NOT STRIKE DOWN THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIO.

>> CORRECT.

>> WHICH IS GOOD.

NANCY IT'S SOMEWHAT I WON'T SAY A JOKE BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY BUT CONFUSION AS THOSE EMERGENCY BLUE SIGNS WITH ARROWS AROUND THE CITY OF BOSTON.

YOU'RE RELATIVELY NEW TO THIS POSITION BUT YOU'VE WORKED FOR THE CITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT YOU'RE NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT SORT OF YOUR CONFIDENCE IN OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF UNLIKELY BUT REAL EVENT, REAL POTENTIAL EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

SO WE HAVE PREPARATIONS IN PLACE FOR ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE NOT JUST SOMETHING INVOLVING A GAS LEAK BUT I'LL START WITH OUR FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.

WE'VE GOT 140 TEAM MEMBERS ON A HAZMAT TEAM WHERE WE'VE TRAINED THEM TO RESPOND TO CHEMICAL, BY HUGE CULL, RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR INCIDENCE THROUGH CLASSROOM TRAINING AND CLASSROOM EXERCISING AT TRAINING FACILITIES IN RHODE ISLAND AND NOW IN BRIGHTON.

WE HAVE SCENARIOS.

OVER THE PAST YEARS WE'VE SIMULATED AMMONIA RELEASES, PROPANE EXPLOSIONS, CARGO TANK EXPLOSIONS AND TRAINING IN THE USE OF VERY COMPLICATED EQUIPMENT.

WE HAVE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM BUT THERE ARE 48 MEMBERS ON THAT AS A RESULT OF A STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE.

THROUGH A GRANT THROUGH THE URBAN AREAS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FUND ALL THIS TRAINING AND THE PURCHASE OF PROTECTIVE GEAR, CONTAMINATION EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS THESE TEAMS MIGHT NEED. IN OUR LAST GRANT CYCLE INVESTED \$1.7 MILLION IN TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND WE HAVE THAT SAME AMOUNT IN THE CURRENT GRANT. OUR BIGGEST ASSET IS OUR EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER. SO THE MISSION OF OUR EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER WOULD BE TO ASSIST ANY MULTIAGENCY COORDINATION, PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE CITY LEADERSHIP TO MAKE OPERATIONAL DECISIONS AND WE COULD COORDINATE ANY RESOURCE REQUEST. AT OUR OPERATION CENTER OUR STAFF MEMBERS FROM POLICE, FIRE, DNS, BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.

ON THE OPERATION SIDE WE'VE GOT PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, BCYF, WE HAD TO HOPE A SHELTER, PARK SCHOOLS. ALSO ON THE NON-CITY SIDES WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM -- REST CROSS WOULD BE THERE AND WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, BACK UP GENERATORS, LIGHT TOWERS, MESSAGING BOARDS AS WELL AS SHELTERING EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD ACTIVATE NOT JUST FOR AN UNPLANNED EVENT BUT A GAS INCIDENT BUT WE'RE ACTIVATING TOMORROW FOR THE PARADE. WE HAVE PREPARED FOR THESE TYPES OF EVENTS.

I DON'T KNOW ONE IN DEPTH YOU WANT TO GO.

>> WITH THAT.

VERY BRIEFLY, CHRIS, TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO GROW OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO AND STEPS WE'RE TAKING TO LOOK AT NON-FOSSIL FUELS.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF ABOUT IT BUT HUMANS HAVE CREATED THE PROBLEM OF THE BURNING OF FOSSIL

FUELS IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WHICH IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE MASSIVE WAYS OF CLIMATE CHANGE WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW AND SO THE CONTINUAL RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS IN OUR CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE IS GOING TO BE PROBLEMATIC FOR US. THAT'S WHY MAYOR WALSH HAS PLEDGED TO BE COULD BE NEUTRAL BY 2050 AND ANYONE WHO HAS READ THE RECENT UN CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT REALIZES THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY OF THIS WORK THAT'S BEEN DOUBLED. ALONG THOSE ENDS WE'RE RELEASING THE REPORT OF THE COULD BE-FREE BOSTON REPORT -- CASH FREE BOSTON CO. -- CARBON FREE REPORT. THESE ARE SOME STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO UPDATE OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS DUE BACK ON OCTOBER 26. HOPEFULLY WE WILL BEGIN THAT PLANNING DEEPLY WITH THE ADVOCATES COMMUNITY SO WE CAN TAKE SOME OF THE ITEMS SUGGESTED IN CARBON FREE BOSTON AND IMPLEMENT THEM. AS SOON AS WE GET OFF THIS RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS THE SOONER WE CAN PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND STOP CONTRIBUTING AND EXACERBATING THE PROBLEM THAT GOT US INTO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE. >> THANK YOU. COUNCILOR FLYNN. >> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY. I HAD A QUESTION FOR KATIE. I WAS WONDERING AS IT REHATES TO A GAS LEAK NEAR THE HABEAS EARLY EDUCATION -- HAINES EARLY EDUCATION CENTER, DO WE HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THAT ONE. >> OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT I'M HAPPY TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT. >> I DO UNDERSTAND FROM THE

RESIDENTS THAT IT WAS A GRADE
ONE LEAK.

I'M JUST WONDERING, WOULD THIS
BE A POTENTIAL SERIOUS ISSUE FOR
OUR CITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
THAT IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOOD.
AND WHAT TYPE OF FOLLOW UP IS
NATIONAL GRID DOING WITH THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> I'M HAPPY TO GET BACK TO YOU
ON THAT.

>> DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY
INFORMATION ABOUT THAT LEAK?

>> DPU HAS SEVERAL INSPECTORS
THAT ARE WORKING ACROSS THE
STATE.

HOW MANY ARE WORKING IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON DURING THIS TIME?

>> HOW MANY ARE ASSIGNED TO THE
CITY OF BOSTON, WE CAN REACH OUT
TO DPU AND SEE IF WE CAN GET
THAT NUMBER FOR YOU.

>> DO WE KNOW HOW MANY DPU
INSPECTORS THERE ARE?

ARE THERE A HANDFUL OF THESE
INSPECT SHERS.

>> THEY HAVE AN INSPECTION TEAM.
I CAN GET TO DPU AND SEE.

>> I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE GAS
LEAKS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE HAD.
THEY'RE NOT BEING ADDRESS CANNED
ADEQUATELY.

DPU ONLY HAS A HANDFUL I BELIEVE
OF INSPECTORS.

THE ONGOING LACKOUT, IS OUR CITY
AT RISK?

COMMISSIONER, CHIEF?

>> THERE'S A REASON WHY WE'RE
BEING SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT DPU IS
DOING RIGHT NOW.

THEY HAVE RAISED A NUMBER OF
CONCERNS ABOUT THE, FROM THE
PRACTICES OF NATIONAL GRID.
WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY WORK
THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE
COMMONWEALTH IS HAPPENING IN A
WAY THAT MEETS THERE HIGH
STANDARDS.

WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
TO SUPPORT DPU AND ANY OTHER
REGULATORY AGENCY TO MAKE SURE
ANYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING IN
OUR COMMON WEALTH AND IN OUR
CITY IS ENSURING THE HIGH PUBLIC

SAFETY FOR OUR RESIDENTS.
>> AGAIN I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
THESE ONGOING GAS LEAKS.
THIS LOCKOUT CAN'T CONTINUE.
WE NEED TO GET THESE WORKERS
BACK TO WORK BUT IN THE MEANTIME
WHAT WILL THE CITY DO AS THESE
GAS LEAKS CONTINUE?
IT'S IMPACTING OUR CITY,
IMPACTING HEALTH ISSUES,
IMPACTING OUR CHILDREN,
IMPACTING POTENTIAL PUBLIC
SAFETY.

WHAT IS OUR SHORT TERM PLAN AND
WHAT IS OUR LONG TERM PLAN DO?
>> WE ARE, WE WANT THE LEAK
REPAIRS TO CONTINUE AND SO WE'RE
DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
ENSURE THAT ANY LEAKS THAT NEED
TO BE REPAIRED DURING THE
LOCKOUT DURING THE MORE TORE YUM
THAT THE D -- MORATORIUM THAT
THE DPU HAS PUT IN PLACE AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WE'RE
WORKING WITH NATIONAL GRID TO
MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS.

>> TO BE CLEAR WHAT IS ALLOWED
TO GO FORWARD RIGHT NOW OUR
UNDERSTANDING FROM DPU IS THAT
GRADE ONE LEAKS OR EMERGENCY
LEAKS CAN BE ADDRESSED.
GRADE TWO LEAKS ALSO WOULD FALL
UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF COMPLIANCE
WORK AND GRADE THREE LEAKS
WITHIN SCHOOL ZONES.
THERE WAS A LEAK WORK THAT
ACTUALLY CAN CONTINUE.

IT IS A SUBSET OF ALL THE WORK
WHICH MAY BE NEED IN THE CITY.

>> WHO EXACTLY IS DEALING WITH
THESE GAS LEAKS, FIXING THESE
GAS LEAKS?

WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS IT?

ARE THEY TRAINED?

DO THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY
SKILLS?

ARE THEY CERTIFIED?

WHAT TYPE OF FEED BACK ARE WE
GETTING FROM THEM?

HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'RE DOING THE
JOB IF THERE'S ONLY A HANDFUL OF
INSPECTOR.

ARE WE TAKING THEIR WORD AT IT?

AGAIN, I'M CONCERNED LIKE YOU

ARE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY BUT WHAT IS OUR STRATEGY?

>> WE ARE RELIANT ON THE DPU -- RELYING ON THE DPU BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ALL OF THEIR PIPELINE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE. SO IT IS A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DPU TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE REPAIRS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE.

>> I'M CONCERNED AS TO PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING THIS WORK THAT ARE NOT TRAINED AND THEY'RE WORKING ON IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CITY IMPACTING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. HOW DO WE KNOW THEY ARE HIGHLY TRAINED?

>> WE CAN ONLY RELY ON THE DPU TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION.

>> I'D LIKE TO TRY TO GET SOME INFORMATION FROM DPU THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING ON INFRASTRUCTURE IN BOSTON ARE TRAINED, THEY ARE HIGHLY TRAINED, THEY ARE EDUCATED. WE TALK ABOUT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

I SERVED 25 YEARS IN THE MILITARY AND WE WENT TO TRAINING ALMOST EVERY DAY AND EVERY WEEK. I WANT THAT SAME COMMITMENT THAT THESE WORKERS HAVE TO WHAT OUR STEELWORKERS HAVE.

I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GETTING IT RIGHT NOW.

AND YOU KNOW I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS A DANGEROUS GAME WE'RE LYING LETTING UNQUALIFIED WORKERS CONDUCT MAJOR IMPORTANT WORK ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR CITY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN. COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> [INDISCERNIBLE].

HELP PRIORITIZE WHETHER INSPECTIONS HAPPEN.

THE QUESTION ABOUT THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER I HAD THAT QUESTION AS WELL WHICH IS CURIOUS.

IS THERE, IT'S NOT LIKE 311
WHERE PEOPLE WILL TAKE AN IMAGE
OF A POTHOLE OR WHERE THEY WANT
CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE.
WHAT IS THE HAPPENING PROCESS
AND HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE THOSE
REPAIRS.

>> I CAN TALK ABOUT GRADE ONE.
SO WHEN A LEAK IS REPORTED, THE
SPEAKING FROM WHAT I KNOW ABOUT
THE PROCESS, THE GAS COMPANY
RESPONDS IMMEDIATELY TO
DETERMINE THE GRADE OF THE LEAK.
SO IT IS ALWAYS TREATED, THE
FIRST INITIAL REPORT OF A LEAK
IS ALWAYS TREATED AS AN
EMERGENCY.

ANY EMERGENCIES THAT TAKE PLACE
IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ARE
REPORTED TO THE CITY THROUGH A
FORM THAT WE HAVE THAT'S FILLED
OUT.

IT GIVES THE LOCATION, IT GIVES
THE TYPE OF WORK, IT GIVES THE
REASON FOR THE EMERGENCY, IT
TBIFS THE COMPANY THAT'S
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY
RESPONSE.

SO WE HAVE ALL OF THAT
INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THE
EMERGENCIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN
THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE CITY.
SO THAT GRADE ONE LEAK BY THE
EARLY EDUCATION CENTER WOULD BE
ONE OF THOSE THAT WOULD HAVE
BEEN REPORTED THROUGH THAT FORM.
SO WE TRACK LOCATIONS THROUGH
THAT FORM.

IF ADDITIONAL WORK NEEDS TO
HAPPEN AFTER THAT INITIAL PONS
THEN THAT IS KOASHED NAIFTD
THROUGH THE GROUP, THE
CITY OF BOSTON UTILITY
COORDINATION SYSTEM CO BUCKS.

>> ALL RIGHT.

I THINK THAT IS IT FOR ME FOR
THIS PANEL.

I DID JUST WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH
I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION
THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL LENS
AND I AM ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT
THAT, ENVIRONMENT, I AM INTO
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SO I LIKE
TO KNOW HOW WE PRIORITIZE WHEN

THESE LEAKS ARE ADDRESSED WHICH BRINGS US TO THE LARGER CONCERN, WHICH I SHARE THE LEVELS -- AND I THINK COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND ZAKIM AND COUNCILOR FLYNN, I THANK YOU THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS SPACE BUT I WANT TO TAKE A MEASUREMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PART OF THIS AND WHAT OUR FUTURE GOALS NEED TO BE RELATIVE TO NO FEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> I WANT TO THANK -- ENERGY, BEE CAN, ACE, THE COALITION, FRANKLIN PARK, MOTHERS UP FRONT, GREEN ROOTS, CLEAN WATER ACTION, SIERRA CLUB, WHICH ARE ALL DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB, AND PUSHING US TO DO MORE, TO MOVE WITH THE GREATEST SENSE OF URGENCY AND I APPRECIATE THEIR PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY. COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

>> FOR MY CLARIFICATION, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT -- THE WORKERS, ON ANY CITY JOB OR PROJECT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY, HOW DO YOU NORMALLY MONITOR THEIR QUALIFICATIONS?

>> SO FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE DIRECTLY CONTRACTED WITH THE CITY, YES A LOT OF CONTROL OVER THAT, IT IS REQUIRED BY CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE SKILLED WORKERS, WE CHECK ANY LICENSES THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD, THAT THAT LEVEL OF CONTROL IS EASY WHEN IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS DIRECTLY CONTRACTED WITH THE CITY.

WITH PERMIT WORK, THEY NEED TO HOLD A BOND WITH THE CITY, AND THE COMPANY NEEDS TO HOLD A BOND WITH THE CITY AND A LIPSING REQUIREMENT -- LIPSING REQUIREMENT ..

>> LICENSING REQUIREMENT.

>> AND WE REQUIRE A SAFETY PERMIT THAT GOES THROUGH A FIVE-YEAR SAFETY HISTORY OF THE COMPANY, THERE ARE RED FLAGS ON

SAFETY AFFIDAVIT IF THEY HAVE AN EXTREMELY POOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE, WITH OSHA, THEN WE ACTUALLY EITHER DO NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT OR WE BRING THEM IN AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION BEFORE WE PROVIDE THAT PERMIT.

>> BUT THAT IS ON THE QUALITY OF THE COMPANY.

HOW ABOUT ON THE QUALITY OF THE WORKFORCE?

>> .

THAT THEY ARE USING?

>> SO FOR ANYTHING THAT IS DONE THROUGH -- THROUGH PERMITTED WORK AND NOT DIRECTLY IN CONTRACT WITH THE CITY WE DON'T HAVE A DIRECT CHECK ON THE WORKERS THEMSELVES.

>> I WOULD NOTE THIS IS ONE THING WHICH SENATOR WARREN IDENTIFIED IN THEIR -- IN THEIR CALL THAT THEY ARE LOOKING INTO, .

>> ASSOCIATED WITH GAS STRUCTURE SO THIS IS A LEVEL WHICH IS AN ISSUE THEY HAVE BOTH RAISED.

>> EXCELLENT.

SO AT THE CITY LEVEL, IT IS AN ISSUE WE CAN RAISE HERE AS WELL?

>> SO THERE ARE COMPONENTS WE MAY HAVE AUTHORITY OVER, AGAIN, OUR PARTICULAR AUTHORITY TO REGULATING SORT OF GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IS LIMITED, OUR FOCUS REALLY IS ON SORT OF THE WORK SITE ITSELF, THE WORK THEY ARE DOING THROUGH THE STREET, AND THAT IS SORT OF OUR SPAN OF CONTROL.

THERE ARE THINGS THIS MASSACHUSETTS LAW THAT ARE NOT IN OUR CONTROL.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE WITH YOU ABOUT HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE THE BOSTON IS ASSURING OR WHEN IT ESPECIALLY COMES TO THIS THINGS WE ARE JUST LOOK, NOT LOOKING AT JUST THE COMPANY'S HISTORY BUT BASED ON THE TESTIMONY FROM JOE CARLO, PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1203, THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS LACKING WITH THE MARBLE -- SAFETY RIGHT NOW

SO LOOKING AT THE OTHER EXAMPLES GIVEN OUT, THEIR REAL CONCERN IN GENERAL FOR THEIR -- FOR THE SAFETY ISSUES THAT ARE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT INASMUCH AS WE HAVE ANY POWER, THE CITY OF BOSTON CONTROLLING THE PURSE AND PERMITS THAT WE LOOK TO THAT TO ADVOCATE TO ASSURE THERE IS SKILLED LABOR ON ALL OF THESE JOBS AND MAKING SURE THEY ARE COMPENSATED FOR THAT SKILLED LABOR.

SO I WANT US TO BE ABLE TO GO DEEPER AND WE SHOULD EXAMINE HOW THE CITY OF BOSTON CAN DO THAT. BUT IN ANOTHER REALM, IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS MOVED, GONE DEEPER AND THAT WAS IN OUR BOSTON JOBS POLICY, BOSTON -- JOBS POLICY SO I KNOW THOSE FOLKS ARE -- BECCA IS NOT HERE TO TESTIFY BUT I THINK ONE THING AS WE ARE EXAMINING WORKFORCE, AS WE ARE EXAMINING SAFETY AND AS WE ARE EXAMINING THIS KIND OF CONTRACTING, WE DID PASS THAT AND THAT THIS BODY ACTUALLY THE YEAR BEFORE I CAME ON PASSED AN UPDATE OF WHAT THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR WALSH THAT INCREASED FOR ANY CONTRACT THAT IS OVER 100,000 SQUARE FEET OR SOMETHING AND IS A CERTAIN NUMBER WHICH I THINK THIS APPLIED TO ACTUALLY WITH THE CITY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WE SHOULD CHECK THAT OUT, BUT 51 PARTICIPANT, PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE IS -- 12 PERCENT WOMEN, SO WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THESE CONTRACTS OR LOOKING AT THESE AREAS ALONG WITH LOOKING AT THE HE SAFETY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WORKFORCE HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THE CITY OF BOSTON, EVEN IF NATIONAL GRID -- IS COMPLYING, HOW DO WE ASSURE THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH ALREADY PASSED ORDINANCES? >> AND THIS IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE ARE FINE THEM ON A DAILY BASIS WHEN THEY ARE NOT

COMPLYING WITH IN AND NOT HIRING
OUR BOSTON WORKERS AND THINGS
LINE THAT SO THEY ARE NOT HERE
TO TESTIFY, I UNDERSTAND THAT
BUT I THINK IT IS REALLY
IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO ALWAYS HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE
FOR LOCKING OUT WORKERS, FOR NOT
HIRING LOCALLY, TO MAKE SURE
THAT THEY ACTUALLY ARE DOING
RIGHT BY OUR RESIDENTS.

>> THE OTHER -- THE FINAL
QUESTION I HAVE IS, SPECIFICALLY
IN MY DISTRICT, EAGLES BOSTON,
EAST BOSTON I SEE HERE AN ISSUE
OF SAFETY CONCERN, I WONDER HOW
IT WAS TAKEN CARE OF IF YOU
KNOW.

IT IS EAGLE SQUARE, THE GAS MAIN
WAS ON FIRE FOR DAYS -- HOW DOES
THAT HAPPEN AND HOW WAS IT
ADDRESSED?

>> I DO NOT HAVE THE DIRECT
DETAILS ON THAT ONE EITHER, BUT
I AM HAPPY TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT.

>> AND NATURALLY, WE ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

>> IF IT IS NEAR THE EAST EAGLE
SQUARE AND THE CONDO AREA WHERE
THE GASOLINE FOR THE AIRPORT IS,
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM, RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT TO FIGURE
OUT HOW THAT WAS ADDRESSED, I
DON'T SEE THAT IT WAS, BUT I
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO
ADDRESS IT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> -- SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON
THAT.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

JUST QUICKLY, THE ECONOMIC
IMPACT ON THE LOCKED OUT
FAMILIES CLEARLY IS IMMENSE.
DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT IS GOING TO BE
REGARDING PROJECTS AND
DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE IN THE
GROUND NOW THAT WILL BE WAITING

TO GET ONLINE?

BECAUSE CLEARLY WE TRY TO BUILD,
WE WRAP UP THE OUTSIDE, WE HAVE
HEAT ON THE INSIDE SO WE CAN
BUILD THE INSIDE, WE ARE HAVING
AN ECONOMIC BOOM SECOND TO NONE
IN THE CITY RIGHT NOW. DO WE
HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY MAJOR
PROJECTS COULD BE PUT OFF-LINE
AS MORATORIUM APPROACHES?

>> ALL OF THEM.

>> ALL OF THEM.

WELL, THAT IS A GOOD ANSWER.
ALL OF THEM IS RIGHT AND, YOU
KNOW, AND THE MEN -- SO THIS
JUST ISN'T, YOU KNOW, THE
NATURAL, NATIONAL GRID ISSUE,
THE PAINTERS UNION AND EVERYBODY
ELSE WHO HAS A JOB INSIDE THAT
BUILDING.

SO WE DID RAISE THAT WITH THE
DPU AS A CONCERN AS WE GET
CLOSER TO THE WIMPT MORATORIUM,
AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE HEATING
SEASON.

THE LACK OF NEW SERVICES WILL
BECOME MORE AND MORE OF AN ISSUE
FOR THE CITY.

>> YES.

I TAKE NO PUN INTENDED OR PUN
INTENDED WE DO NEED TO HURT UP
THE HEAT ON NATIONAL FRIDAY AND
BRING THEM IN HERE TO ANSWER
THESE QUESTIONS, BECAUSE IT IS
NOT JUST MAJOR BUSINESS,
BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE,
YOU KNOW, TONS OF MONEY THAT
THEY ARE PRINTING THE MONEY.
THIS IS A SMALL MOM AND POPS WHO
ARE BUILDING, YOU KNOW, AN
ADDITION 0 ON TO THEIR HOME THAT
NOW CAN'T GET THEIR ADDITION
FINISHED THAT WILL COST THEM
HUNDREDS OF THOUSAND OF DOLLARS
AND, YOU KNOW, WE WANT THESE
PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO STAY HERE.
WE WANT THEM TO NOT HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT PIPES FREEZING
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, NATIONAL GRID
IS IN YAWRP AND THEY DON'T CARE
ABOUT BOSTON.

SO OKAY.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, SO ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, AGAIN FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I HAVE SOME INTEREST IN INFORMATION REGARDING THE LEAKS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO SCHOOLS. AND THE PREPAREDNESS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES HAVE, IF ANYONE CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

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>> THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE CLOSE TO ANY OF THESE LEAKS.

>> AND IT MAY NOT BE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

IT MAY BE A QUESTION FOR BPS AND THEIR FACILITIES, BUT IT IS CONCERNING TO ME TO I GUESS NOT HEAR -- NOT THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, I THINK COLLECTIVELY IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS NOT ONLY -- NOT ONLY THERE ARE NOT LEAKS NEAR OUR SCHOOLS BUT IF THERE IS A LEAK NEAR OUR SCHOOLS IN THE SAME WAY OUR SCHOOLS ARE PREPARING FOR FIRE DRILLS AND UNFORTUNATELY ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS.

>> YES.

>> AND DOING THOSE TRAINING THAT THEY ALSO THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND LIVE IS A SUDDEN HE EVENT THAT THEY NEED TO EVAC ATE FROM PROPERLY.

>> IN BPS, WE LOOK FORWARD, ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS WITH THEM AND ACTUALLY PUT THIS INTO PLACE AS WELL.

>> AND WAS THERE A NOTIFICATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND LEADERS?

>> NO.

BUT THERE ARE SOME SIGNIFICANT LEAKS CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

>> .

UNLESS IT IS HAPPENING OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SYSTEM. I WILL JUST CAUTION OR MAKE YOU ALL MORE AWARE THAT SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CHANGES FREQUENTLY,

UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR SCHOOLS,
TEACHERS CHANGE FREQUENTLY,
UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR SCHOOLS,
AND, YOU KNOW,, THE LOCAL FIRST
RESPONDERS ALSO OFTEN SHIFT TO
DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY OVER
THE COURSE OF ALL OF THEIR
CAREERS, AND OUR DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP ALSO CHANGES.

SO TO MAKE SURE THIS INFORMATION
IS IN THE HAND OF OUR -- IN THE
HAND OF OUR SCHOOL PERSON HELL,
THAT IT IS SORT OF -- THAT THEY
ARE MORE AWARE OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING AROUND THEM, SO THAT
THEY CAN KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE
AND THEIR STAFF SAFE, AND THEIR
PARENTS I THINK INFORMED OF WHAT
IS HAPPENING, I -- UNTIL TODAY I
DIDN'T REALLY THINK ABOUT THE
IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU
HAVE, YOU KNOW, WE THINK OFTEN,
TALK ABOUT ABOUT OUR RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITIES AND THE IMPACT THESE
SHEIKS CAN HAVE ON OUR
BUSINESSES AND WE HAVE SEEN THAT
IMPACT ON THE NORTH -- IN THE
MERRIMACK VALLEY AND THE IMPACT
ON BUSINESSES IN PARTICULAR AND
OF COURSE OUR FAMILIES BUT YOU
HAVE A SCHOOL OF THREE, FOUR,
8,000, 2500 KIDS, THAT TO ME IS
OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN AND I
KNOW WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT NOT
RAISING ALARM BUT MY KIDS ARE IN
SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.

WE A LOT OF US HAVE KIDS IN
SCHOOL.

IT IS IMPORTANT THE SCHOOLS HAVE
THE RESOURCES THEY NEED SHOULD
SOMETHING HAPPEN BUT EVEN MORE
ALARMING TO ME THAT NATIONAL
GRID HAS NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE.
WE ARE AWARE OF THE LEAK BUT NOT
RESPONDING TO THOSE LEAKS,
ESPECIALLY THINKING ABOUT AROUND
OUR CHILDREN AND THEY
UNFORTUNATELY BECOME SITTING
DUCKS.

SHOULD THERE BE A SIGNIFICANT
EVENT SO I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT SCHOOLS ARE IMPACTED IN
AFFILIATION WITH THOSE GRADES

AND MAYBE SOME MAPPING, BUT THEN ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO -- I WOULD LIKE TO BE REASSURED THAT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES ARE AWARE AND THAT THERE ARE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE BUT ALSO AWARE OF BECAUSE WE OFTEN HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT NOBODY KNOWS EXIST.

SO THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME THROUGH THE CHAIR, IF WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS, AND THEN DO WE HAVE A LIST -- I KNOW THERE IS A LIST OF COMPLAINTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TODAY THAT WERE SENT TO THE DPU THAT LOOK LIKE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN DONE BY -- WELL THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN DONE MAYBE BY -- FROM THE LOCKED OUT WORKERS.

DO WE HAVE ANY SORT OF SAM -- A WAY TO TRACK UNREPORTED INCIDENTS INCIDENTS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT UNREPORTED INCIDENTS?

BECAUSE I FEAR WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AS THESE WORKERS ARE LOCKED OUT, THERE ARE INCIDENTS THAT WE ARE JUST COVERING UP, AND NOT DEALING WITH AND NOT FACING AND THAT TO ME LIKE ANY CRISIS THAT WE FACE IN THE CITY THERE IS ONE -- WHEN WE HAVE INFORMATION WE CAN RESPOND TO IT BUT INFORMATION WE DON'T HAVE IS MORE FRIGHTENING. SO IS THERE A WAY TO GET THAT TO TRACK THAT?

IS THERE ANONYMOUS TIP LINE IN WHICH INCIDENTS CAN BE REPORTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT BEEN OFFICIALLY OR FORMALLY REPORTED PROPERLY?

>> THAT'S A LOT.

THANK YOU.

>> SO ANY INCIDENTS THAT ARE REPORTED EITHER THROUGH 311 OR DIRECTLY TO PUBLIC WORKS WE ARE IMMEDIATELY SENDING ALONG TO THE DPU, SO ANYTHING THAT IS COMING IN WE ARE PASSING ALONG TO THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING AND SORT OF

ENFORCING ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT
TAKE PLACE WITH THOSE.
IN TERMS OF UNREPORTED
INCIDENTS, IF IT IS NOT REPORTED

--

>> IS THERE A TIP LINE OR
ANONYMOUS TIP LINE OR SOME SORT
OF INFORMATION SHARING THAT WE
CAN DO WITH THE FOLKS THAT ARE
RIGHT NOW DOING THE WORK THAT
COULD SHARE WITH US?

>> I WOULD ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO
REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO DPU OR 311
AND WE WILL REACH OUT TO DPU ON
YOUR BEHALF.

AND 311 IS ANONYMOUS SO WE DON'T
NECESSARILY PUT NAMES AND PLACES
FOR ANY OF THOSE PLACES.

>> THAT'S IT FOR ME, CHAIR.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF
QUESTIONS.

COUNCILOR MCCARTHY SORT OF
TOUCHED ON THIS BUT I THINK IT
IS PROBABLY FOR YOU, CHIEF OS
GONE AND KATIE, WHAT IS THE
STATUS OF THE DPU'S MORATORIUM
ON GAS WORK?

LIKE WHERE DO WE STAND ON THIS
AND DO WE HAVE A TIMELINE FOR
IT?

>> SO ON OCTOBER 8TH THEY SENT A
LETTER TO NATIONAL GRID
REINFORCING, OUTLINING THE
MORATORIUM AND OUTLINING THEIR
REQUEST, THAT MORATORIUM TO OUR
UNDERSTANDING WILL NOT CHANGE
UNTIL THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL GRID AND
DPU COMPLETED A REVIEW OF ITS,
OBVIOUSLY I CAN'T PREDICT WHAT
THE RESULTS OF THEIR REVIEW WILL
BE.

IN.

>> UNTIL THEN THEY MADE IT CLEAR
EMERGENCY IS IN COMPLIANCE WORK
ONLY SO THAT'S THE ONLY WORK WE
ARE PERMITTING.

>> SO TO MCCARTHY'S POINT AS
PROJECTS ARE BEING BUILT IN THE
CITY THEY CAN BE DONE AND

EVERYTHING --.

THAT'S FALLS INTO ONE OF TWO
CATEGORIES IT WON'T --

>> THAT IS GOOD TO HAVE SOME
CLARITY ON THAT, BECAUSE
CERTAINLY THAT IS AN ISSUE FOR
PROJECTS LARGE AND SMALL IN THE
CITY.

AND WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT
FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATION AND
CERTAINLY SHARE THE CONCERN OF
SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WITH THE
HACK THEREOF AND, YOU KNOW, DPU
PLACING THIS MORATORIUM AND SORT
OF AFTER, YOU KNOW, AFTER THE
MERRIMACK VALLEY AND OBVIOUSLY
WE WELCOME IMPROVEMENTS IN
SAFETY, BUT THERE CERTAINLY HAS
BEEN A LAPSE LAPS THERE AND I
HAVE VERY LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN
FEDERAL REGULATION AT THIS
POINT.

WHAT LEVERS OF INFLUENCE AND
THIS GOES TO THE BILL, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY, THIS BODY PASSED THAT
MAYOR WALSH SIGNED AROUND GAS
LEAKS WHAT INFLUENCE DOES THE
CITY OF BOSTON HAVE OVER THIS?
I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DAY OF THE
REGULATION OF GAS INFRASTRUCTURE
IS A STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITY
WE DON'T HAVE THAT BUT OBVIOUSLY
WHEN THEY WANT TO GO ON OUR
STREETS, OUR SIDEWALKS, TAKE A
PARKING SPACE TO A TRUCK THE
CITY HAS OVERSIGHT OF THAT.
WHAT CAN WE DO?

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO INFLUENCE
BETTER BEHAVIOR AGAIN BOTH IN IT
BOTH FROM THE SAFETY SIDE AND
THE ENVIRONMENTAL GAS LEAK SIDE?
>> SO IN GENERAL, ON THE SAFETY
SIDE THE SAFETY AFFIDAVIT WE PUT
IN PLACE IS REALLY AN EFFORT TO
GET IT EXACTLY -- THAT ISSUE FOR
ALL CONTRACTORS.

>> WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES --
WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR --
ALSO FOR FILING AN INCOMPLETE OR
INCORRECT --

>> SO IF IT IS NOT COMPLETE WE
WILL NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT.

>> AND IF --

>> AND SO WE DO SPOT AUDITS OF

THEM AND IF WE FIND THAT THE INFORMATION IS INCORRECT WE WILL STOP THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OF THE COMPANY AND FIGURE OUT -->> ARE THERE FINES OR A DISBAR. FROM BEING ABLE TO WORK IN THE CITY?

>> THERE IS NO FINES.

ABLE TO WORK IN THE CITY.

>> IF IT IS ON OSHA'S SEVERE VIOLATORS LIST WHICH IS OSHA DESCRIBES AS THE WORST OF THE WORST THEY ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PERMIT FROM THE CITY FROM THE CITY, IF THERE IS ANOTHER BODY OF THAT, WILLFUL REPEAT VIOLATIONS WITH OSHA THEN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE US A SIGHT SPECIFIC SAFETY PLAN EVERY TIME THEY COME IN FOR A PERMIT.

>> IF THIS BODY WERE TO PASS LEGISLATION ALLOWING FOR FINES FOR THOSE VIOLATIONS FOR FALSE BUYING THIS INFORMATION, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE USEFUL? AND IF UNIT ANSWER NOW, MAYBE SOME OF YOU GUYS COULD GO BACK TO --, YOU KNOW, I TRY TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE LIMITATIONS UNDER MASSACHUSETTS HOME RULE OF THE AUTHORITY TO LEGISLATE, BUT WE DO HAVE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF I THINK LEVERS TO PUSH ON THESE THAT WE TONIGHT ALWAYS LOOK AT FORKS THE EXTENT WE CAN IMPOSE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS TO ENCOURAGE GOOD BEHAVIOR, TO PUNISH VIOLATORS I THINK GHEE TOWED BE LOOKING AT PERHAPS SOME OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO BE BROUGHT IN AS WELL AND, YOU KNOW, JUST -- I WILL LEAVE THAT OUT THERE FOR NOW BUT OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO ANY THE REQUIREMENT OF A NEW LEGISLATION OR NEW ORDINANCE IS, YOU KNOW, TOO HIGH OF A HILL.

I THINK IS CLEARLY YOU HAVE SEEN FROM THE COUNCILORS WHO ARE HERE AN APPETITE FOR ADDRESSING THIS.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.
>> THANK YOU, O'MALLEY AND THANK
YOU, O GUYS, JUST A GOOD POINT
OF CLARIFICATION OR A QUESTION I
GUESS.
DID DPU GET EXTENDED AN INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S
HEARING?
>> YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, WHICH IS
THE FEDERAL HAZARDOUS --
>> -- HOO -- WASTE OVERSIGHT
SWAY FEDERAL AGENCY, NATIONAL
GRID AND EVER SOURCE, WHICH IS A
SMALL PART OF BOSTON'S GAS
DELIVERY SYSTEM, WERE ALL
INVITED AND ALL DECLINED THE
INVITATION.

>> SO OUTSIDE OF SORT OF THE
SUBPOENAING OR SOME TAKING, SOME
ADDITIONAL STEPS AND USING
ADDITIONAL TOOLS THAT WE HAVE TO
US TO GET NATIONAL GRID I THINK
IT IS IMPORTANT ANTICIPATE THAT
OUR FEDERAL AGENCY ORGANIZATION
AT LEAST DPU THAT IS INTIMATELY
INVOLVED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS
INCLUDE SOME OF THE GAS LEAKS,
SO YOU BROUGHT UP THE HAINES THE
COUNTERFLYNN, WHICH IS IN MY
DISTRICT AND WE GET A LOT OF
CONCERNS IN CASES OUT OF THAT
AREA AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
IN THAT COMMUNITY FOR A REALLY
LONG TIME, FOR, EVEN LONG BEFORE
I GOT HERE, IN THE SIXTIES, AND
IN THE SORT OF FIXING OF THIS,
THIS PATCHWORK LIKE THEY THEY
ARE JUST ANGERED AND FRUSTRATED
ABOUT WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM
SOLUTION AND PLAN RELATED
TO THESE LEAKS?

AND OF COURSE ADDING A LAYER OF
SORT OF -- WHAT SOME PEOPLE
REFER TO AS EQUITY OR SOMETHING
ELSE THERE ARE PEOPLE A THAT
THIS HAPPENS MORE IN SOME
NEIGHBORS THAN OTHERS AND THE
THE RESPONSE ISN'T THE SAME. SO
I THINK IT IS INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT DPU BE A PART OF THESE
CONVERSATIONS SO WHAT CAN WE

THINK ABOUT IT AND WHAT CAN WE DO AS A COLLECTIVE TO TRY TO GET THEM HERE AS WELL, TO BE ABLE TO GET TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE DIRECT AUTHORITY AROUND SOME OF THIS LIES WITH THE STATE BUT IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO SHOW UP AND TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS.

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT BUT WE SHOW BY THE COLLECTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION WE USUALLY HAVE SOME SUCCESS AND I THINK IN BECAUSE IT INVOLVES PUBLIC SAFETY, BECAUSE THERE ARE CONCERNS, IN THE IMMEDIATE, IN THE MEDIA AROUND PUBLIC SAFETY AND THEN OF COURSE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON TO FOR A LONG TIME FOR MANY CONSTITUENTS WHERE CALLING 311 OR HAVING FOLKS YOU COME OUT TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS ISN'T ENOUGH, I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY SO HAPPY TO SUPPORT ANY EFFORTS TO TRY TO GET THEM HERE, AND THEN GOING BACK TO SOME OF COUNCILOR FLYNN'S QUESTIONS, RELATED TO SOME OF THESE GASOLINES, GAS LEAKS, HOW DO WE HOLD DPU ACCOUNTABLE?

IS IN A PLACE PEOPLE CAN GO AND SAY, I REPORTED THIS.

I WANT TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THAT.

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THAT.

SHORT AND LONG-TERM, WHERE DO THEY GET INFORMATION AND HOW DO WE AS A CITY NOT JUST HOLD CONTRACTORS OR NATIONAL GRID OR ANYONE ELSE ACCOUNTABLE UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE BUS HOW DO WE HOLD SOME OF THE STATE AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS FOR THESE VERY ISSUES AS WELL?

>> .

ONE THING IS THE ORDINANCE WHICH WAS FILED AND LED BY COUNCILOR O'MALLEY SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF FOLKS IN THIS ROOM, CHAMPIONED BY THE MAYOR, TO ACTUALLY GET

BETTER GET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INFORMATION THAT NATIONAL GRID AND OTHERS ARE CURRENTLY SHARING WITH DPU TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION THE CITY WHICH WOULD THEN ALLOW US TO DO TWO THINGS.

ONE, PERHAPS IMPROVE OUR REPORTING, IMPROVE THE REPORTING AWARENESS AROUND GRADE 1, GRADE 2, FADE THROUGH 3, HOW MANY ARE OUT THERE, HOW MUCH WAS FIXED ALL OF THESE COMPONENTS, SECONDLY IT ALLOWS US A LOT OF WORK THAT KATIE AND MARK DO, TO YOUR FIRST POINT, WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM FIRST HERE, FIX HERE? THE LONG-TERM FIX IS OFTEN A REPLACEMENT OF THE MAINS IN THE CITY, HOW DO WE PLAN OUR CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO SORT OF ENCOURAGE OR ENSENT VIES OR JUST COMPEL SORT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE AGING GAS MAINS WHICH ARE CAUSING A NUMBER OF THESE LEAKS, SO WE SEE THAT THE DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENT THAT WAS A PART OF THE COUNCILOR'S ORDINANCE IS ACTUALLY A KEY WAY TO GET AT BOTH COMPONENTS OF YOUR QUESTION.

>> AND THAT PART WAS STILL HID IN PACKET, OF COURSE SOME THINGS TAKE A REALLY LONG TIME AND I THINK TO HAVE A STATE AGENCY, COME, LETTING THEM KNOW WHAT WE ARE GOING TO ASK BEFORE THEY GET HERE, THAT'S A WAY WE CAN GET SOME OF THESE ANSWERS QUICKLY AND IT ALL DOES VICE PRESIDENT TO REST ON YOU GUY'S SHOULDERS AS WELL, SOMETHING YOU BRING UP, CHIEF, WHICH WAS ONE OF MY QUESTIONS, IN TERMS OF THE LONG-TERM PLAN, THE PIPES, THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE MORE OVERSIGHT OVER PIECES OF THAT, SO WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH RESPECT TO THAT -- THOSE PIECES?

>> SO WE ARE ENCOURAGE OING THE REPLACING OF CAP IRON MAINS AS

MUCH AS WE CAN BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE THE MOST LEAK PRONE PIPES AND WE WOULD LIKE THEM OUT AND REPLACED WITH SOMETHING THAT IS MUCH LESS COSTLY SO WE COORDINATED WITH NATIONAL GRID AND PUSHED THEM TO REPLACE THE CAST IRON MAINS WHERE IT WILL IMPACT OUR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, SO BEFORE WE GO IN TO RECONSTRUCT A STREET WE WANT THOSE CAP IRON MAINS TO BE REPLACED.

AS WELL AS PUSHING THEM TO MAKE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS AND REPLACE -- THAT EXIST IN THE CITY AND AREAS THAT WE HE DON'T INTEND DO RECONSTRUCT ANY TIME SOON.

SO, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A LARGE INCREASE IN INVESTMENT IN THE THAN PUSHING FOR MORE, WHAT DO YOU FIND IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE?

>> HOW DO WE -- YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN WE DO AS A COLLECTIVE TO GET THEM TO MOVE FASTER?

>> THE.

>> I HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT YET.

>> AND JUST SORT OF THINK ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION, OF COURSE WITH O'MALLEY CONTINUING THE EFFORT OR CONTINUING TO LEAD THE EFFORT BUT WHAT OUR STATE AGENCIES AND STATE COUNTERPARTS AND NOT LETTING SOME FOLKS OFF THE HOOK, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US TOGETHER TO SAY WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT PIECE, SUDDENLY EVERYONE IN THE ROOM IN SAYING WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? WHAT CAN WE DO GIVEN OUR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITY AND POWER, EACH OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE IN SOME BUY TO PUSH.

AND THEN LASTLY MY LAST QUESTIONS, IS, YOU KNOW, I THINK TAKING A STEP BACK AND THIS IS WAY UP HERE, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT NATIONAL GRID OR EVEN CABLE COMPANIES, IN THE LIMITED COMPANIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO

DO THIS AND ALMOST A MONOPOLY ON SOME OF THESE SERVICES, AND THE POWER THAT THEY HAVE AS A RESULT OF THAT AND THAT IS BIGGER CONVERSATION BUT I AM CURIOUS AS TO WHO IS HAVING THAT CONVERSATION IN.

>> BECAUSE I THIS THAT IS A BIG PIECE IN THIS. YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE SUCH POWER AND A LOT OF THAT IS --, YOU KNOW, THE LONG HISTORY AS TO WHY THAT PROBABLY IS THE CASE.

BUT THAT IS BIG CONCERN TOO, THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF COMPANIES -- AND THAT'S IN DIFFERENT SECTORS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS, TO OUR CITY, AND SORT OF GET AWAY WITH BEING ABLE TO SAY WE ARE WORKING ON IT AND NOT BE PUSHED BECAUSE IT IS ALMOST LIKE WE NEED THEM.

SO I THINK THAT HAS TO IN SOME WAY BE A PART OF THIS CONVERSATION TOO IS HOW DO WE TAKE BACK SOME OF THAT POWER AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU, THEY ARE WORKERS, THE PEOPLE, AGENCIES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, AND SORT OF BREAK UP SOME OF THE MONOPOLISTIC POWER THAT THEY HAVE, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED FOLKS WHO DO THIS WORK.

AND I THINK THERE IS A ROLE THE CITY CAN PLAY IN SOME OF THAT. EVEN WHEN I LOOK TAX I LOOK AT MATTAPAN ON THE CABLE FUND, WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AND HOW YOU CAN ACTUALLY AT LEAST TALK TO MORE THAN ONE COMPANY TO COMPARE SOME RISES BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING AND USE YOUR CONSUMER POWER TO SAY YOU KNOW WHAT?

I AM GOING DIFFERENT A DIFFERENT DIFFERENT COMPANY BECAUSE I IDON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU TREAT YOUR EMPLOYEES.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO IN OTHER PARTS WAWDZ IT IS SORT OF COVERED UP.

IT IS SOMETHING I AM THINKING ABOUT WHEN HAVING THESE

CONVERSATIONS AS WELL, AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR CAMPBELL.

>> I WANT TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE'S TIME SO THAT WILL WRAP UP THE FIRST PANEL UNLESS THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR -- FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

OKAY.

WELL, THANK YOU ALL.

IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED, I WOULD LOU I DON'T TO STAY AND HEAR TESTIMONY FROM THE NEXT TWO PANELS, BE UH THANK YOU FOR THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I COULD LIKE TO CALL UP JOHN CARLO, THE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 12 PO '03, JON BON JOVI PAIN, 12012, PRESIDENT, AND RICH ROGERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE -- AND RAMOS, VICE PRESIDENT AT THE GREATEST BOSTON LABOR COUNCIL.

IF YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE THESE SEATS.

>> FOLLOWED THIS BY THIS PANEL WE WILL, AFTER THIS PANEL WE WILL HAVE OUR THIRD PANEL AND GET INTO PUBLIC TESTIMONY, SURPRISINGLY I THINK I ONLY HAVE THREE PEOPLE THAT SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY SO IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR IT SO --

>> THANK YOU.

EVERYBODY FROM THE FIRST PANEL. I WOULD NOTE, RICH PARIS WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS 718 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ON THIS PANEL, TRAGICALLY HIS BROTHER PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY SO I KNOW PLEASE KEEP THE PARIS FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, THAT'S WHY PARIS IS NOT WITH US HERE TODAY.

>> THANK YOU.

LADY, GENTLEMEN WHO WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN?

ANY OPENING STATEMENT?

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR RECORD MY NAME IS RICH ROGERS AND I AM THE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE LABOR COUNCIL, I ALSO HAVE RESIGNED NOWHERE ELSE BUT THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR THE LAST 36 YEARS, INCLUDING THE LAST TWO DECADES IN CHARLESTOWN.

NOW I AM GOING TO GO ON WITH MY PREPARED REMARKS BECAUSE I LISTENED TO A TEST EARLIER AND THE FACT NATIONAL GRID DIDN'T SHOW UP AND I HEARD SOME COUNCILORS SAY THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED OR -- I THINK IT IS NOT JUST DISRESPECTFUL. IT IS A DISDAIN FOR WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD THINK.

IT IS AN AFTER ACE CORPORATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS LOCK OUT IN IS NOTHING BUT THEY WOULD NOT WANT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO ANY GOVERNMENTAL BODY SO I DID WANT TO MAKE THAT OBSERVATION SO I THANK YOU FOR CALLING THIS HEARING.

SCRUTINIZE THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES BROUGHT TO BEAR ON BOSTON THROUGH THE NATIONAL GRID -- UNSCRUPULOUS BIAS.

ON LOCAL THESE ISSUES.

>> THERE HASN'T BEEN NEARLY ENOUGH OF REVIEW OF CONTRACTORS WHO ARE REPLACING THESE WORKERS, NATIONAL GRID IS REPEATED THEIR GOAL FROM THE BE I THINK P BEGINNING TO IN COMMONWEALTH MAGAZINE HAS A REVIEW THIS WEEK THAT THEY ARE USING THIS THIS BLOCKOUT AS ONE THING, TO LEVERAGE AND SQUEEZE CONCESSIONS FROM THE UNION AT THE BARGAINING TABLE.

THEY ARE NOT -- THEY HAVE MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN GEPTS THE WORKERS, STILL ANY DEFLECTED CONCERNS FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY, DOLLAR PARTICULARLY WITH THE MANIPULATIONS OF DPU, LET'S FACE IT AND BE HONEST, THE DPU WAS IN NATIONAL GRID ES POCKET.

IF ANYONE LOOKS AT THIS, THIS IS THE REALITY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THE SAME CONTRACTORS THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD POINTED

TO AS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAWRENCE
GAS LEAK, THEY HAD BEEN WORKING
IN A FOOTPRINT HERE IN NATIONAL
GRID JURISDICTION SINCE THE
FIRST DAY OF THE LOCKOUT.
NOW I HAVE HEARD THE DEFENSE,
THE NATIONAL GRID HAS MOUNTED
WHILE THERE S'MORE FOR YUM NOW.
MY QUESTION IS, DOES THAT MEAN
FOR THREE AND A HALF MONTHS OF
THIS LOCKOUT THE SAME
CONTRACTORS, BY THE WAY THE SAME
CONTRACTORS SHOULD TWO BACK AND
REVIEW THE NEWS ACCOUNTS.
IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH
STORY YOU ARE TELLING.
AND YOU THE U.S. ATTORNEY WAS UP
THERE INVESTIGATING.
THESE SAME CONTRACTS IT WAS OPEN
FOR THEM, TO FOR THE FIRST THREE
AND A HALF MONTHS TO HAVE WORK,
NO ONE IS CONNECTING THE DOTS
HERE.
AN HONEST LOOK AT THE FACT
SITUATION POINTS TO WE UP LOCK
THIS GAS LEAK COMPANY IN NEW
ORLEANS IS NOT IN ONE OF
BOSTON'S NEIGHBORHOODS AND WE
ALL KNOW THE LAWRENCE EXPLOSIONS
HAPPENED IN THE DAY AND ONLY ONE
PERSON LOST THEIR HIVE.
IF IT HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT THE DEPTH TOLL COULD
HAVE BEEN MASSIVE, I AM SPEAKING
ON BEHALF OF 50,000 UNION
MEMBERS THAT CALL BOSTON HOME
AND I COMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR TAKING UP THIS ISSUE, BUT
JUST ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY FROM
NATIONAL GRID, ZERO FROM DAY
ONE, THEY HAVE BEEN HIDING
BEHIND THEIR PR FILMS AND
DODGING EVERY INQUIRY AND TODAY
JUST REINFORCES THEY WANT TO GET
THROUGH THIS THING AND SQUEEZE
THESE WORKERS AND THEY DON'T
WANT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AN
IT WAS JUST INTERESTING MY LAST
OBSERVATION IS, I BELIEVE IT WAS
O COUNCILOR CAMPBELL WAS -- I
SAW HER OUTSIDE, MORE
COMPETITION AND SO ON, THIS IS
THE HISTORY OF DE REGULATION OF
THE UTILITY INDUSTRY AND IT IS

AMERICA.

30 YEARS AGO PUBLIC UTILITIES WERE ACTUALLY PUBLIC UTILITIES AND REGULATED, THEY ARE NO LONGER DEREGULATE, THEY ARE ALL PRIVATE COMPANIES AND MAKING MONEY HAND

CONSUMERS AND OSTENSIBLY DPU IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT, THEY DROP THE BALL AND ABSOLUTELY FAILED ON THIS.

I COMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR TAKING UP THIS ISSUE AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAM VICE PRESIDENT --

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN O'MALLEY AND COSPONSOR PRESSLEY AND FLYNN AND THE OTHER CITY COUNCILORS, GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS DARLENE RAMOS, THE EXECUTIVE LEADER OF UNITED. AND PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER BOSTON LABOR COUNCIL. SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS LONG A WAITING HEAR TO ADDRESS THE BEHAVIOR OF NATIONAL GRID THAT ENCOURAGES TO LOCK OUT THE RM MEN AND WOMEN WHO REPLACE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE HERE IN BOSTON. IT HAS BEEN QUITE CLEAR TO ME AS A RESIDENT, THE A WOMAN OF COLOR WITH TWO CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE INITIAL GRADE CARES MORE ABOUT THEIR MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS THAN THEY DO MY SAFETY AND THE WELL-BEING OF MY FAMILY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COMMUNITY LABOR UNITED WORKS TO WORK TOGETHER THE COMMUNITY AND LABOR PARTNERS TO SPEAK IN ONE VOICE ABOUT, THAT IMPACT WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES IN BOSTON, AND TO ENSURE THAT BOTH WORKERS AND RESIDENTS ARE BENEFITING FROM POLICY CHANGES. AS COUNCILOR O'MALLEY MENTIONED ALREADY, IN 2016, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF STANDING BEFORE MANY OF YOU WITH KNEES SAME WORKERS AN RESIDENTS FROM BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK, MOTHERS

OUT FRONT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATION WHOSE ARE HERE TODAY WHEN THIS COUNCIL PASSED, A GAS LEAKS ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE UTILITIES TO PREPARE LEAKS WHENEVER A ROAD IS OPEN UP FOR WORK.

THIS SIMULTANEOUSLY ADDRESSED AN OPEN GOING THROUGH TO OUR HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT WHILE ALSO -- WE ARE DEALING WITH A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN FOR WORKERS.

SOMETHING WE AT CLU CALL A TRIPLE WIN WE CAN ALL CELEBRATE. UNFORTUNATELY, AS WITH THE HEAVY HEART AND GROWING RAGE THAT I AM HERE WITH YOU TODAY TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO WINNER WITH THIS CONTINUED LOCKOUT BY NATIONAL GRID.

THESE WORKERS ARE OUR COLLEAGUES, OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS, THEY ARE THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE PEOPLE WE DEPEND ON AS RESIDENTS IN THIS GREAT CITY.

AND THE ONLY ONES I MYSELF WILL TRUST TO WORK ON THESE VOLATILE AND EXPLOSIVE GAPS GAS LINES. NATIONAL GRID MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIRING PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WHO DELIBERATELY EXPLOIT POORLY TRAINED, INEXPERIENCED WORKERS JUST TO SAVE A BUCK AND STUD MORE MONEY IN THEIR ALREADY DEEP, DEEP POCKETS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS HEARING IS ABOUT ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, TO PARTICULARLY TO NATIONAL GRID ABOUT THEIR SAFETY RECORD, ABOUT HOW THEY WANT TO RATE RATES AND ABOUT WHETHER UTILITY COMPANY PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE SHOULD AMASS OUTRAGEOUS PROFITS OFF THE BACKS OF THEIR WORKERS BUT HERE IS A QUESTION FOR NATIONAL GRID I WOULD LIKE TO ASK.

DOES NATIONALINGLY CARE ABOUT BOSTON RESIDENTS?

THE MOTHERS, THE FATHERS, THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE SENIORS, THE

IMMIGRANTS, THE MAJORITY PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE TEACHERS, THE HOTEL WORKERS, THE ELECTRICIANS, THE PAYMENTERS, THE GAS WORKERS, WE ARE BOXED IN.

WE ARE WHAT MAKES BOSTON STRONG. AND FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, WITH THE RECKLESS PROFIT AT ANY COST BEHAVIOR, NATIONAL GRID DOES NOT CARE ABOUT BOSTON.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, LOOK FOR ANOTHER TRIPLE WIN SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE AND WORKING WITH THE COUNSELORS TO MAKE THIS RIGHT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAM VICE PRESIDENT.

>> GENTLEMEN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR FLYNN, AND THE OTHER COUNCILORS THAT ARE PIER TODAY. MY NAME IS JOHN O BONAPARTE AND I AM PRESIDENT OF U.S., WITH LOCAL 21012 AND BEFORE I GO TO MY PREPARED REMARKS I ALSO TOO WANT TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS ABOUT NATIONAL GRID, NOT COMING HERE TODAY BEFORE IN COUNCIL. IT IS REALLY BEYOND DISRESPECTFUL AND IT IS A COMPLETE DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR ARROGANCE AND I THINK COUNCILOR O'MALLEY SAID AIR FANS WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH FOR THE TERMS OF THE LOCKOUT, BUT WE VAN REALLY DEALING WITH THAT ARROGANCE SINCE THEY ACQUIRED THE GAS SYSTEM IN THIS AREA, AND THAT WAS IN 2007.

THIS IS A COMPANY WHERE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE THE DECISIONS, TO THE BIG DECISIONS, THEY ARE NOT BASED HERE, THEY ARE BASED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND WE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE DISPATCHED IN A DIFFERENT -- ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN MASSACHUSETTS T AND AS BELONG AS THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE MONEY FROM TO THE RATEPAYERS THAT

DISRESPECT AND ARROGANCE IS NOT GOING TO END.

SO I NOT ONLY ASK YOU BUT IMEMPLOYER YOU, WHEN YOU DO DECIDE TO SEASON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING DECISIONS OF NATIONAL GRID FOR WHAT HAPPENS IN MASSACHUSETTS, YOU CALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND THE RIGHT PEOPLE, PEOPLE LIKE THE U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, D SIEVERS, AND THE CEO OF NATIONAL GRID, JOHN PET GROW.

NOT JOHN MET GROW IS BASED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BUT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND HE HAS BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME IN WALL THAN LATELY, SO PLEASE, SKI YOU TO DO THAT.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> FOR YEARS OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE WE HAVE A UNION, WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT WHEN OUR WORKERS ARE THE OR THE PUBLIC ARE IN DANGER. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE CAN SIT HERE TODAY AND SPEAK.

WE ARE A UNION, WE DO HAVE, WE DO HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE ANY CONTRACTORS HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY IN BOSTON, IF THERE ARE, I WILL STAND CORRECTED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE.

BUT WE HAVE TRAINING THAT YOU DON'T 0, THAT YOU DON'T LEARN IN JUST A CLASSROOM.

IT IS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. MOST OF OUR TRAINING IS OUT IN THE FIELD.

MANY OF OUR PEOPLE PERFORM SUPPORT AND GAS RELATED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE WORK IN EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS, INCLUDING THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND INCLUDING MYSELF.

I AM ACTUALLY A WORKER, I HAVE, I HAVE WORKED IN THE FIELD FOR 30 YEARS I AM NOT A FULL-TIME UNION EMPLOYEE.

WE RESPOND TO ALL KIND OF GAS

RELATED EMERGENCIERS, GAS LEAKS,
CO EMERGENCIAS, WE REPAIR LEAKS,
WE INSTALL NEW GAS LINES, WE
REMOVE OLD GAS LINES, WE
REGULATE THE PREPARES PRESSES
PREPARES THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.
AND HONESTLY, I WILL SAY IT HERE
I HAVE SAID IT PUBLICLY, I THE
FIRM.

FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT OVER
PRESSURIZATION WOULD HAVE, WOULD
NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF OUR PEOPLE
WERE ON THE JOB.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT.
OUR PEOPLE HAVE VERY UNIQUE
SKILL SETS.

WE HAVE NOT ONLY SPENT AS I SAY
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF TIME IN
CLASSROOMS, YEARS IN THE FIELD,
WE KNOW THE GAS SYSTEMS.
WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL
INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE.
WE KNOW THE CITY.
WE KNOW ABOUT EVENTS OR
INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED TEN, 20,
30, 40 YEARS AGO THAT WE KNOW
WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO PREVENT
THEM FROM HAPPENING AGAIN AND
THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS RIGHT
NOW IN THE GAS INDUSTRY.
NOT ONLY IN THE STATE BUT
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
I WANT TO APPLAUD THIS COUNCIL
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON GAS
SAFETY ISSUES.

YOU HAVE AN ORDINANCE ON GAS
LEAK REPAIR SHOULD HAVE A
POSITIVE IMPACT ON SAFETY RIGHT
NOW IN THE ENVIRONMENT, IN THE
NEIGHBORHOODS INTRODUCES CITY.
UNFORTUNATELY, AS WE HAVE SEEN
WITH SO MANY COMMON SENSE
MEASURES AND WITH POLICIES THAT
ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
PUBLIC, NATIONAL GRID ACTS ONLY
IN THEIR OWN FINANCIAL INTERESTS
AND HAS HELD UP THAT SIGNIFICANT
POLICY EFFORT THROUGH
LEGISLATION.

AND I WANT TO COMMENT ON
COUNCILOR ZAKIM'S QUESTION ABOUT
SCIENCE.

I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT

EVERY CITY AND TOWN IN THE STATE SHOULD EXPLORE.

IF A CITY OR TOWN CAN ISSUE A PARKING TICKET OR A TICKET ABOUT AN OVERFLOWING DUMPSTER I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T ISSUE A TICKET ABOUT A GAS LINE THAT IS RUPTURING IN FRONT OF SOMEBODY'S HOUSE AND POTENTIALLY CAUSING AN EXPLOSION.

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[APPLAUSE]

>> SO I THINK, I THINK THAT IS LEGISLATION THAT SHOULD BE PURSUED AND EXPLORED NOT JUST BY THE CITY OF BOSTON BY BY, BUT BY PAUL OF TO CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY THE THE STATE SEEMS TO HAVE LOST CONTROL OVER THIS THE PUBLIC UTILITY.

THE DPU IS SORELY DEFICIENT WHEN I COME TO FIELD INSPECTIONS.

THEY ARE JUST NOT STAFFED PROPERLY, IT WAS MY

UNDERSTANDING THAT PRIOR TO THE MERRIMACK VALLEY INCIDENT THEY ONLY HAD TWO FIELD INSPECTORS FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, NOW WHEN YOU CONSIDER TWO THINGS.

ONE, I THINK EVERY CITY AND TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS HAS AN INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THEY HAVE GAS INSPECTORS FOR EACH CITY AND TOWN, MORE THAN ONE FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I MET MANY OF THEM IN THE FIELD OVER THE YEARS.

MYSELF PERSONALLY WORKING IN THE FIELD, YOU KNOW HOW MANY DPU INSPECTORS I MET IN THE FIELD IN 31 YEARS?

ZERO.

ZERO.

THAT'S A PROBLEM.

IT WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM BEFORE THAT INCIDENT AND IT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM NOW AND SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE LEGISLATIVELY TO RECTIFY THAT PROBLEM.

>> THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR SAFETY

AND COST CONCERNS.

THIS IS NATIONAL GRID.

THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE
SPEAKER AND THE GOVERNOR HAVE
ALL CALLED FOR AN END TO THE
LOCKOUT IN THE INTEREST OF
PUBLIC SAFETY, BUT THEY HAVE
BEEN IGNORED.

NATIONAL GRID NEEDED, MADE A
DESPICABLE DECISION TO LOCK US
OUT.

THEY DOUBLED DOWN AFTER THE
TRAGEDY IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY
AND JUST FOR YOUR OWN
INFORMATION, I HAVE BEEN TOLD
FROM PEOPLE WHO WORKED IN THE
FIELD THAT THAT TRAGEDY COULD
HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF THERE WAS
A DEVICE CALLED A RELIEF VALVE
ON THE SYSTEM AND THESE ARE
DEVICES THAT I AM ALSO BEING
TOLD CURRENTLY OR HAVE BEEN
REMOVED FROM THE SYSTEM BY
NATIONAL GRID.

NOW, I CAN SPECULATE ON WHY BUT
SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE A SERIOUS
LOOK AT WHY THEY ARE TAKING THEM
OUT AND WHY THEY ARE NOT
INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

HOW MANY LEADERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS COMPANIES, HOW
MANY LEADERS OF AMERICAN
COMPANIES WOULD NOT PITCH IN TO
HELP AFTER A CRISIS MIKE THE ONE
IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY?

AND THIS AGAIN, THIS IS MY
OPINION, BUT THIS GOES BACK TO
MULTINATIONAL COMPANY THAT IS
BASED OUTSIDE THE U.S. THAT IS
DETACHED AND INDIFFERENT.

I FIRMLY IN MY OPINION BELIEVE
IF THIS COMPANY WAS BASED NEAR
MASSACHUSETTS THAT THE
EXPERIENCED GAS WORKERS WHO WERE
LOCKED OUT BY NATIONAL GRID
WOULD HAVE BEEN UP THERE RIGHT
AWAY WORKING ON THAT TRAGEDY AND
GETTING THOSE PEOPLE BACK UP AND
RUNNING.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS AMEND
RATEPAYERS IN 80 CITIES AND
TOWNS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS ARE
JUST NUMBERS ON A SPREADSHEET.

THAT'S MY OPINION.

SINCE THE LOCKOUT STARTED WE HAVE A NOW SUBMITTED HUNDREDS OF SAFETY VIOLATIONS, VIOLATIONS TO THE DEPOSIT PU INCLUDING ACTIVITY THAT COULD HAVE LED TO OVER PRESSURIZATION EVENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE NEVER MAC VALLEY AND AUBURN AND I HAVE ATTACHED WITH MY PRESUBMITTED TESTIMONY THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS AND THE EXIT LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION INTO OUR COMPLAINTS.

THESE PROBLEMS PERSIST WHILE NATIONAL GRID PRETENDS THAT THE COMPANY IS OPERATING NORMALLY. THEY DIDN'T COME HERE TODAY, WHY?

PRETENDS, MY OPINION IS THEY WOULD RATHER HIDE BEHIND THEIR FULL PAGE ADS IN THE "BOSTON GLOBE" AND THE "BOSTON HERALD" THAN EXPLAIN WHAT IS GOING ON OUT THERE IN FRONT OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY AND THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.

THAT'S MY OPINION.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THE SERIOUS SHORTFALLS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE COURSE OF THE LOCKOUT ARE NOT BEING PROPERLY LOGGED THANKS LARGELY TO THE EFFORTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HEALY.

WE NOW KNOW THROUGH DOCUMENTS NATIONAL GROUP WAS COMPELLED TO SUBMIT, COMPELLED, TO THE DPU THAT YEAR OVER QUEER AND YOU MENTIONED IT EARLIER, COUNCILOR, THE LEAK REPAIRS ARE DOWN 33 PERCENTS, SERVICE FROM EXISTING MAINS IS 50 PERCENT, REPLACEMENT OF FAULTY MAINS IS DOWN BY 80 PERCENT AND I DO HAVE SOME OF THE NUMBERS, SOME OF THE OTHER NUMBERS THAT ARE EVEN MORE STAGGERING WHEN IT COMES TO NEW MAIN REPLACEMENT THIS PAST YEAR, THREE-MONTH PERIOD, IT IS DOWN OVER 70 PARTICIPANT.

>> THESE SHARP DROPOFFS IN COMPLETED WORK ALSO INCREASE THE DANGERS TO THE PUBLIC AND SLOWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING IN THE REGION.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW PROJECTS IN YOUR OWN DISTRICT THAT ARE IDLE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF GAS CONNECTION, THE PROBLEM WITH ONLY GETTING WORSE FOR RESIDENTS AND DEVELOPERS, AND AS WINTER APPROACHES, IT WILL GET MUCH WORSE.

THE ONSET OF WINTER IS SOMETHING OUR MEMBERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT AND WATCHED INEXPERIENCE CREWS MAKE MISTAKES FOR MONTHS AND AS THE FROST COMES WE FEEL THE REPERCUSSION OFFICE THIS LOCKOUT AND NATIONAL GRID'S GREED COULD BECOME WORSE, THE LOCKOUT IS IN THE FIFTH MONTH WITH NO END IN SIGHT, OUR MEMBERS HAD THEIR HEALTHCARE TERMINATED WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE LOCKOUT AND EMPLOYEES WHO WERE SICK OR INJURED ON THE DAY WE WERE LOCKED OUT HAD THEIR PAY CUT, THEIR SICK PAY BENEFITS CUT, THOSE PEOPLE COULDN'T WORK. MEMBERS AND THEIR MEMBERS ARE, MEMBERS AND FAMILIES ARE DEALING WITH THE SAME PROBLEMS, SICK CHILDREN, CANCER, LOVED ONES THAT NEED TREATMENT FOR SERIOUS MEDICAL ISSUES, THEY HAVE HAD THEIR CARE INTERRUPTED OR POSTPONED BECAUSE NATIONAL GRID WANTS A STRONGER NEGOTIATING POSITION AT THE BARGAINING TABLE.

AND I KNOW ONE SITUATION A FELLOW MEMBER OF MINE, 40 YEAR EMPLOYEE, DOUBLE AMPUTEE WAS TOLD HE HAD TO LEAVE HIS PHYSICAL THERAPY FACILITY BECAUSE HIS INSURANCE ENDED WITH NATIONAL GRID.

IT IS DISGUSTING.

>> FOR THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, BEING PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH WHILE NATIONAL GRID A COMPANY THAT

MADE \$4 BILLION IN PROFIT LAST YEAR, DUCKS ITS OBLIGATION. IT IS NOT LOST ON US IN THE UK THEY HAVE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE, BUT IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY USE NATIONAL -- THEY USE HEALTHCARE AS A BARGAINING CHIP, AS A PRESSURE POINT, THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT. THERE, IT IS NO WAY FOR THE FAMILIES TO LIVE OF 1200 FIFTH MEMBERS, THESE ARE TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED WORKERS THAT WORK YEAR-ROUND IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER, THEY PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK, LITERALLY, TO PROVIDE SAFE AND EFFICIENT NATURAL GAS SERVICE.

THEY DESERVE MORE RESPECT FROM NATIONAL GRID.

[APPLAUSE].

MAKE NO MISTAKE, THEY ARE TRYING TO BREAK THIS UNION, ALL IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE BENEFITS AWAY FROM THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS, TO ASK US TO COMPROMISE OUR VALUES, NOT ONLY ON PUBLIC SAFETY BUT ON OUR CHILDREN AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO MAY WORK FOR THIS COMPANY IN THE FUTURE. OUR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RUNS OUT IN JANUARY AND THEY ARE TRYING TO WAIT US OUT.

THAT'S THEIR GAME.

AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR FAMILIES AND THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.

WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE SYMPTOMATIC ISSUES THAT THIS LOCKOUT, THE MERRIMACK VALLEY HAVE EXPOSED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

NATIONAL GRID IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE FAR TOO MUCH INFLUENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND JUST TO COMMENT ON ONE OF THE COUNCILWOMAN'S QUESTIONS, THIS COMPANY IS A MONOPOLY. BUT THERE ARE A LOT BIGGER MONOPOLY THAN THEY USED TO BE. THIS THIS ISN'T BOSTON GAS. THIS IS A VERY BIG COMPANY THAT

RUNS GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES
IN FOUR STATES IN THE U.S. NEVER
MIND WHAT THEY HAVE IN UK AND
OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT
AND RECEIVED RATE INCREASES ONLY
A FEW WEEKS AGO, NATIONAL GRID
RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL RATE HIKE
ON THEIR CUSTOMERS, I THINK IT
WAS OVER \$118 MILLION A YEAR,
INCREASE, THAT'S A YEAR.

A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM THEY
INVESTED MONEY IN AND I HOPE IT
WORKS BETTER THAN THEIR LAST 1
SAP.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
DPU HAS INSPECTORS AS I
MENTIONED EARLIER, NOT EVEN NEAR
WHERE THEY SHOULD BE WHEN YOU
CONSIDER EVERY CITY AND TOWN HAS
GAS INSPECTORS.

REQUIRING THE UTILITIES TO
OBSERVE THE COMMON SENSE SAFETY
PROTOCOLS MEANT TO KEEP THE
PUBLIC SAFETY IS ABSOLUTELY
IMPERATIVE.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN
UTILITIES SKIRT THE RULES, OR
FAIL TO FREQUENCY SERVICES TO THE
PUBLIC THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO
PROVIDE AS A UTILITY, LIKE NEW
SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND GAS
LEAKS, THAT THE DPU HAS THE
AUTHORITY TO LEVY HEFTY FINES,
NOT TOKENS, A \$10,000 FINE TO
THIS COMPANY IS NOTHING.

UNTIL THAT TIME, WE ARE CALLING
ON MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD
HEARINGS LIKE THIS ONE AND
OBLIGE NATIONAL GRID TO ATTEND
IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
SHOCKING DISREGARD FOR GAS
SAFETY HAPPENING ON OUR NEIGHBOR
STREETS, IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT
BOSTON, IT IS ABOUT ALL OF THE
CITY AN TOWNS IN THEIR SERVICE
TERRITORY.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU
WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
YOU MAY NEED AND I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> MY NAME IS JOE, I AM
PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1203, USW.
AND I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR
FLYNN, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, ALONG WITH
THE REST OF THE COUNCIL FOR
BEING, STINK FORWARD AND HOLDING
THESE TYPE OF HEARINGS THROUGH
THE 80 CITIES AND TOWNS.
I THINK IT IS VERY IMPRESSIVE I I
WILL TRY TO CLEAN UP SOME STUFF
I HEARD HEAR BEFORE I TESTIFY.
WHEN THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN,
NATIONAL SEEMED TO BRAG ABOUT
34,000 JOBS AND NUMBERS ARE VERY
DECEIVING.

34,000 SEEMS LIKE A BIG NUMBER.
BUT IF IT WEREN'T 1250 PEOPLE
LOCKED OUT OF WORK I GUARANTEE
YOU, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS
DONE, AND THAT IS A FACT.
THE OTHER THING THAT ALSO NEEDS
TO AT LEAST I NEED TO MAKE A
STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO IS
KATIE THAT WAS ON THE PANEL, ON
I APOLOGIZE I DON'T KNOW THE
OTHER FELLOW'S NAME, I THINK HE
WAS THE CHIEF -- CHIEF OSGOOD
AND KATIE CHO WHO WORKS AT THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ONE OF THEM SAID THEY CLEARLY
SUPPORT THE DPU, AND KATIE ALSO
SAID THAT WE RELY ON THE DPU.
AND I WANT ON THE RON, RECORD
JUST TO STATE AND I DON'T STATE
THIS LIGHTLY, THAT THE DPU IS A
JOKE.

THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE.
THEY HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS AND
WE WENT TO THE DPU WEEK AFTER
WEEK DEMANDING A MEETING.
SO THAT WE COULD TELL THEM ABOUT
THE SAFETY PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT
BOSTON AND THE OTHER
COMMUNITIES.

AND IF IT WASN'T UNTIL THREE
HOURS AND 18 MINUTES AFTER THE
MERRIMACK VALLEY EXPLOSION THAT
WE GOT AN E-MAIL STATING WE WILL
MEET WITH YOU.

THREE HOURS AND 18 MINUTES AND
WE WENT WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER

WEEK TRYING TO GET IN.

AND WITH REGARDS TO THE DPU, IT SEEMS TO BE A PLACE WHERE THEY ROTATE GAS WORKERS INTO THE DPU AND BACK OUT INTO THE GAS BILL AGAIN AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE THAT STATES THERE IS TAKE SOME TYPE OF BREAK WITH REGARDS TO THAT AND THESE PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DPU REALLY NEEDS TO HELP PEOPLE AND TO BE SEPARATE FROM KNEES GAS COMPANIES SO YOU JUST DON'T LEAVE ON MONDAY AND GO BACK TO WORK ON THE GAS COMPANY FOR TUESDAY.

THE DPU NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED AND OVERHAULED AND THEY DEFINITELY NEED MORE PEOPLE. AND AS FAR AS THE DPU GOES, TO ME, IT APTS TO PROMISES ARE LIKE PIECRUST, WE SENT THEM HUNDREDS OF WHAT WE BELIEVE VIOLATIONS AND THEY ARE SLOWER THAN A SNAIL.

AND EVERY ASPECT OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE SO SLOW, THEY JEOPARDIZE THE CITY -- THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THE OTHER THING THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT WHICH I THINK KATIE DIDN'T PICK UP, UP PICK UP ON, SHE SAYS SHE SPEAKS ABOUT GRADE 2S, GRADE 3S AND INFORMATION ON GRADE 1 IN A TIMELY FASHION, BUT PART OF DEALING WITH NATIONAL GRID IS KNOWING WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK, AND THEY NEED TO ASK ABOUT ENCROACHMENTS BLASTING JOBS AND INSIDE PIPING INSIDE PEOPLE'S HOMES AND THEY NEED TO KNOW HOW SAFE THAT STUFF IS, WHICH I WILL GO INTO.

THE OTHER ONE, I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE THAT THE GOVERNOR STATED THAT THE MORATORIUM WOULD BE IN EFFECT UNTIL A LOCKOUT ENDED, HE PUBLICLY STATED THAT AND I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT ON RECORD.

ONCE AGAIN I WANT TO, FROM MY STATEMENT, I WANT TO THANK THE

COUNCILORS AND AGAIN, YOU ARE THE FIRST TO STEP FORWARD AND WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP I HOPE OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS FOLLOW THE AVENUE YOU ARE FAKING IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WE ARE NOT HERE OVER A CONTRACT, WE ARE HERE OVER PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ENDANGERMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON BY NATIONAL GRID. THAT'S THE REASON THAT WE ARE HERE.

WE DID NOT START OUR SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON JUNE 25TH AND THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM THAT WE JUST BROUGHT UP SAFETY BECAUSE WE GOT LOCKED OUT.

IT IS CLEARLY BEEN GOING SINCE 2011, IN FACT, I SENT 101 PAGES OF SAFETY INCIDENTS, THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED ACROSS THE BOARD.

I SENT THEM TO THE GOVERNOR, THE DPU AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, FROM 2011 TO 2015, TO TWO CEOS AND TWO PRESIDENTS OF US OPERATIONS. SO THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF NATIONAL GRID NOT WORKING SAFELY, WHICH HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED FROM 2011 UP UNTIL TODAY, .

[APPLAUSE] IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE THE LOCKOUT THAT WE WENT TO THE DPU AND WE SPENT 10S OF THOUSANDS OF OUR OWN DOLLARS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY IN REGARDS TO PROBLEMS IN THE GAS INDUSTRY WITH NATIONAL FRIDAY.

WE DIDN'T GO THERE FOR WAGES, PENSION OR HEALTH INSURANCE, WE WENT THERE ONLY OVER SAFETY, AND WE WENT PRIOR TO THIS LOCKOUT. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DOZENS AND DOZENS OF INCIDENTS OUTSIDE THE CITY, LEXINGTON HIGH PRESSURE -- THREE HOURS AND FIVE HOURS AND DOWN AT QUINCY 12 HOURS, HIGH PRESSURE GAS BLOWING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

I WILL ONLY SPEAK TODAY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON GAS SAFETY
PROBLEMS.

AND I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND
THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF
DIFFERENT WAYS THAT PEOPLE CAN
GET KILLED OTHER THAN GRADE ONE
LEAKS AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT, ONE
OF THE ONGOING PROBLEMS FOR
YEARS BEFORE WE GOT LOCKED OUT
AFFIDAVIT I WOULD HAVE TO
BELIEVE IT IS HAPPENING TODAY,,
IS THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS WITHIN
THE VEHICLES THAT WE DRIVE.
THOSE COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE
CRITICAL TO ALL OF THE WORKERS
WHO DO THIS TYPE OF WORK BECAUSE
IF YOU PULL UP IN FRONT OF
SOMEONE'S HOUSE AT 3:00 O'CLOCK
IN THE MORNING AND GET OUT TO
MARK A GAS MAIN, OUR GAS
SERVICE, OUR MULTIPLE GAS MAINS
AND THE COMPUTERS ARE DOWN, LIKE
THEY HAVE BEEN, FOR ONE HOUR,
TWO HOURS, TWO DAYS, THREE DAYS
OR MORE, YOU ARE IN THE DARK
LITERALLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW
WHERE THE HIGH PRESSURE GAS MAIN
IS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE
SERVICE, IS YOU DO NOT KNOW
WHERE TO MARK.

IF YOU ARE RESPONDING TO THAT
GAS LEAK THE AND YOU SHOW UP
WITH A CREW THAT HAS TO EXCAVATE
AND THOSE COMPUTERS ARE DOWN,
YOU ARE ALSO IN THE DARK -- FIX
AND FIND A LEAK WHEN THOSE
COMPUTERS ARE ARE NOT
WORKING.

I URGE YOU TO INVEST GATE THE
COMPUTERS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE
UP AND RUNNING SO WE CAN DO OUR
JOB PROPERLY TO KEEP THE
CITIZENS OF BOSTON SAFE.
GRADE ONE LEAKS.

-- TURNED IN IF THE CITY OF
BOSTON ALONE.

THESE GAS LEAKS WE FOUND BECAUSE
WE BOUGHT COMBUSTIBLE GAS
INDICATORS.

WE HAVE THEM CALIBRATED.

THE ONLY QUESTION WE HAVE IN
REGARD 0 GRADE ONE LEAKS IS

WHERE DID YOU BUY YOUR GAS
COMBUSTIBLE INDICATER.
IN OTHER WORDS -- MAKING THE
POINT WE GOT THEM THROUGH
ILLEGAL MEANS.
WITH THAT SAID -- OUR FIRST K-RB
K-RB KINDERGARTEN EDUCATIONAL
CENTER.
THERE HAS BEEN A LEAK THERE
SINCE 8-13.
WORKING THE LEAK WITHOUT
SUCCESS.
FINALLY THEY INSTALLED A VENTED
MAN HOLE OVER THE LEAK SO THE
GAS WOULD GO UP IN THE AIR AS IT
DID ON THE NORTH WASHINGTON
STREET BRIDGE.
IT'S OUTRAGEOUS A LEAK IS THAT
CLOSE TO A KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL
AND NOT FIXED.
10-23 WAS THE LAST TIME WE
CHECKED IT.
WE FOUND 3% GAS READS IN THE MAN
HOLE.
THE OTHER THING THAT'S NECESSARY
TO BRING UP IS THE L & G.
THE L & G PLANT HERE IN WORST
ON, IT'S BEEN DOCUMENTED IN THE
PAST ABOUT NOT DOING PERIMETER
CHECKS, ABOUT THEM CARRYING
GUNS, KNIVES, LEAVING THE GATES
OPEN, THE GATES BROKEN NOT BEING
REPORTED, LETTING PEOPLE TAKE
PICTURES OF THE TAG, ACTUALLY
SHOEPG ON THE JOB.
HOST RECENTERY WE HAVE TAKEN A
VIDEO OF A GUARD SMOKING AND
BARBECUING WITH THE FLAME UP
TKW-PBTS THE STRUCTURE WITH THE
FLAMES COMING OUT, ON A VIDEO.
THAT'S A PROPANE GAS TANK.
TO ME IT'S JUST PLANE INSANITY
TO HAVE AN L & G PLANT THERE.
TORE PEOPLES INFORMATION I CAN
JUST TELL YOU WITH TWO QUICK L &
G PROBLEMS.
ONE HAPPENED IN THORBG CITY IN
NEW YORK WHERE 40 PEOPLE WERE
KILLED WITH AN L & G EXPLOSION
IN 197 P.
IN CLEVELAND OHIO IN 1946 A
SQUARE MILE WAS LEVELED WITH A L
& G PLANT.
THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE HERE.

130 PEOPLE WERE KILLED.
SOMEONE NEEDS TO LOOK IN TO SEE
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE L & G
PLANT OVER THERE.
ENCROACHMENTS.
THIS IS ANOTHER TICKING TIME
BOMB.
I NEED YOU TO REALLY LOOK INTO
THIS.
EVERY TIME IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
OR ANY OF THE OTHER 80 SIT OWES,
BUT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WHEN
THE DPW EXCAVATES A HOLE, A
WATER COMPANY EXCAVATES A HOLE,
SEWER WORK OR ANY SUCH WORK AND
THEY EXCAVATE WILL ARE THREE,
FOUR, SIX BY EIGHT CAST IRON
FRAMES.
AN INSPECTOR IS SUPPOSE TO GO
DOWN THERE AND MAKE SURE THE
PIPE IS NOT ENCROACHED.
IF THE PIPE IS ENCROACHED.
IT HAS TO BE CUT OUT AND
REPLACED.
IT HAS TO BE SURVEYED EVERY
SINGLE DAY.
EVERY DAY UNTIL IT'S FIXED.
WHETHER THAT'S SIX MONTHS OR
NINE MONTHS.
IT'S MY BELIEF THAT'S -P
HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
IF IT'S BEEN ENCROACHED, BACK
FILLED AND NOT SURVEYED YOU
COULD HAVE THE REASON THE
ENCROACH PH-PBTS TOOK PLACE.
-- A BUILDING BLEW UP, KILLED A
RESIDENT AND INJURED OTHERS.
THAT'S WHY THE ENCROACHMENTS ARE
ANOTHER WAY THAT CAN ACTUALLY
KILL PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.
NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.
I WILL END ON A FEW NOTES FROM
THE PAST, ALL CITY OF BOSTON.
COUNSELOR FLYNN MENTIONED THE
POLICE STATION, NO INSPECTORS.
AIR TEST BLEW EVERY WINDOW OUT
OF THE MISS STATION.
WHY WITH ALL OF THESE BILLIONS
WILL THEY NOT PUT AING SPECTER
OUT WILL TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC?
FRO MONT STREET GAS PLATES, FIRE
DEPARTMENT GOING BACK AND FORTH
FOR 70 DAYS AND THEN THEY USE

CONTRACTORS WHO PUT IN 30 FEET
OF PIPE AND WE SIT IDLE.
THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS.
EAST EAGLE SQUARE.
I BROUGHT THAT UP.
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME IT
HAPPENED.
I BELIEVE THE SAME THICK
HAPPENED IN WATER TOWN, GAS
CAUGHT ON FIRE.
IN REGARDS TO THAT THE MAIN
BURNT UNTIL THEY PULLED THE
PLATES MONDAY MORNING.
ANOTHER REASON INSPECTORS ARE
NEEDED IN MORE PLACES THAN CAN
BE THOUGHT OF OUT HERE.
I WOULD JUST SAY -- WE HAVE
BASICALLY THROW HUNDRED WORKERS
THAT COULD OF STEPPED UP, PUT
THE FOR OUT AND DID THEIR JOB.
WHAT ELSE DONE THAT WAS
OUTRAGEOUS IS THEY DUMPED SAND
ON A LIVE FOR.
ANYONE IN THE GAS INDUSTRY KNOWS
YOU DON'T PUT A GAS FOR OUT
UNLESS YOU PUT IT OUT BY
CONTROLLED MEANS.
WHAT I'M TELLING YOU TODAY IS
JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
TRULY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
THIS ARE HUNDREDS OF E-MAILS TO
NATIONAL GRID, DOCUMENTATION
COMPLETE.
I AGAIN WANT TO THANK YOU.
I THINK BY OUR ACTIONS AND YOUR
ACTIONS WE WON'T ONLY CHANGE
NATIONAL GRID.
I THINK WE WILL CHANGE THE IN
INDUSTRY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.
THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]
>> PASSIONATE LEADERS, YOUR
RESPECTIVE LOCALS THIS BODY HAS
A FIRMED AND WILL CONTINUE TO A
FIRM WE STAND WITH YOU.
WE STAND BEHIND YOU EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY.
NOT ONLY DID YOU BOTH VERY
SUCCINCTLY ARTICULATE WHY IT'S
SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE SKILLED MEN
AND WOMEN BACK AT WORK, NOT ONLY
FOR THE INHERIT SAFETINESS BUT
ALSO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT WE

HAVE A HELL OF A LOT OF WORK TO DO.
WE NEED YOU BACK OUT THERE MAKING US SAFE.
I HAVE A COUPLE OF BRIEF QUESTIONS.
I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE COUNSELOR FLAHERTY JOINING US.
THIS IS WEEK 15, WEEK 19.
>> GOING INTO 19.
INSURANCE RUNS OUT IN JANUARY?
>> UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RUNS OUT IN JANUARY.
I THINK IT'S A SAFE ASSUMPTION TO CONCLUDE THAT PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE LOCKING TO DO.
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHY I FIND THIS TERRIFYING.
JOE, YOU WERE QUOTED IN THE STATE HOUSE NEWS.
I WILL READ THE QUOTE.
THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO READ, ALSO TERRIFYING.
ONE PERSON -- THIS IS STATE HOUSE NEWS STORY.
ONE PERSON WHO IS BAD AT HANDICAPING -- ONE OF THE TWO UNIONS LOCKED OUT OF WORK BY NATIONAL GRID.
SKROE SAYS "I HATE TO SAY THIS BUT THE WAY IT'S GOING NOW AND THE COLD WEATHER COMING IN DECEMBER OR WHEN EVER.
IT'S NOT IF A HOUSE WILL EXPLODE TO ME IT'S WHEN A HOUSE WILL EXPLODE ."
WE HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE.
JOE, DO WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT AND WHY THE COLDER IT GETS THE INCREASED RISK WE'RE ALL PUT AT.
>> YES, COUNCIL.
NOBODY WANTS TO SCARE THE RESIDENTS ANY WHERE.
AS THE FREEZE SETS IN THE SOLID THE GROUND GETS AND GAS CAN'T VENT.
GAS FIND IT'S WAY THROUGH LEAST RESISTENT IT WILL FOLLOW DUCTS INTO HOMES AND THE GAS WILL PILE INTO THE HOMES.
ALL IT NEEDS IS A IGNITION OF 5-15% GAS AND WILL YOU HAVE A EXPLOSION.
THE NUMBER OF GRADE ONE LEAKS I

WILL SAY THAT I MENTIONED WERE ALL FOUND BY THE UNION, NOT BY NATIONAL GRID.
IF IS NATIONAL GRID IS SUPPOSEDLY SURVEYING I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'RE NOT FINDING THESE GRADE ONE LEAKS.
AGAIN ENCROACHMENTS ARE ANOTHER WAY BESIDES GRADE ONE LEAKS THAT CAN BREAK AND CAUSE A BUILDING TO BLOW UP.
>> THANK YOU FOR.
THAT YOU ARE RIGHT.
I AGREE WITH.
THAT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO CREATE A PANIC.
WE HAVE TO FACE FACTS.
WE HAVE OLD AGING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS LEAK PRONE.
WE DON'T HAVE THE MOST QUALIFIED MEN AND WOMEN OUT THERE KEEPING US SAFE.
WE WOULDN'T BE DOING OUR JOB IF WE DIDN'T CONVENE MEETINGS LIKE THIS AND HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS, SUCH AS YOU ALL.
JOHN, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE MERIMACK VALLEY.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS IS CLEAR.
IT WASN'T NATIONAL GRID OVERSEEING THIS.
IT WAS A COMPANY CALLED COLUMBIA GAS.
YOUR WORKERS DO DELIVER GAS TO LOWELL.
CORRECT.
>> YES.
>> LOWELL IS THE CLOSEST CITY TO WHAT HAPPENED --
>> WE SERVICE ALL THE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT SERVICE THAT PART OF THE VALLEY.
>> IF THE LOCK OUT WAS NOT HAPPENING IS IT SAFE YOU WOULD OF BEEN ACTIVATED TO CLEAN UP?
>> ABSOLUTELY.
WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE RESPONDED BEFORE COLUMBIA HAD THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES FROM SPRINGFIELD AND BROCKTON.
WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.
SO THAT'S ABSOLUTELY --

>> YOU HAVE MORE MAN POWER THAN THE FOLKS AT EVER SOURCE, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> YES ON THE GAS SIDE.

>> YES, NOT THE ELECTRIC SIDE OF COURSE.

TALK ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE RELIEF VALVE.

>> I HAVE BEEN TOLD. I'M NOT A EXPERT.

THERE IS A DEVICE CALLED A RELIEF VALVE.

IF IT WAS ON PLACE ON THAT PART OF THE SYSTEM IT COULD OF PREVENTED THE OVER PRESSURIZATION.

WHAT A RELIEF VALVE DOES IT RELIEVES EXCESSIVE PRESS USUAL. LIKE A STEAM WHISTLE WHEN THE STEAM BUILDS UP.

THERE ARE RELIEF VALVES THAT SHUT DOWN THE GAS.

THEY'RE CALLED SLAM SHUTS IN THE INDUSTRY.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT NATIONAL GRID HAS THESE.

THE FORMER COLONIAL GAS SERVICE TERRITORY, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVING THEM.

I THINK PEOPLE SHOULD REALLY TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE NECESSITY FOR NOT ONLY IMPROVING THEM BUT ADDING THEM TO THE SYSTEM.

>> I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY -- WHY.

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS HYPOTHETICALLY.

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO REMOVE THEM.

>> YOU WOULD HAVE TO ASK THEM.

THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS I WOULD WANT TO KNOW.

I AM ONLY SPECULATING.

I KNOW THEY'RE EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN AND INSTALL.

THAT'S JUST A OPINION.

I COULDN'T TELL YOU FOR SURE.

THEY WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND TO THAT.

>> OKAY.

>> CAN YOU TALK BRIEFLY, ANY OF YOU PARTICULARLY JOE AND JOHN, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE WERE

991 REPORTED VIOLATIONS IN THE
LAST CALENDAR YEAR AND NEARLY
90% PLUS INVOLVED DAMAGE TO GAS
LINES.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
THE SPECIFIC TRAINING YOUR
MEMBERS HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ASK
CLEAN UP THESE TO ELIMINATE
HUMAN ERROR.

>> WE HAVE A GREAT NUMBER OF
CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE IT'S DONE
BY CONTRACTORS.

WE HAVE, WE HAD IT ALL WHERE WE
ENDED UP MOVING SOME OF THE WORK
TO THE CONTRACTORS.

I'M NOT VERY PROUD OF SEEING
WHAT HAPPENED IN REGARDS TO THAT
CLEARING WHAT HAPPENS IS WE HAVE
INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE HERE.

THEY KNOW, A LOT OF THE GAS
MAINS ARE FROM MARKING THEM,
NUMBER ONE.

THEY KNOW HOW TO USE THE
EQUIPMENT FROM BEING IN THE
FIELD, BEING TRAINED.

CONSTANTLY BEING TRAINED.

THEY'RE ABSOLUTE PROFESSIONALS
AT THIS.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE COIN WITH THE CONTRACTORS
YOU CAN LOOK AT SOMEONE MAKING
\$14 AN HOUR, \$15 AN HOUR WITH NO
INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE.

SOMEONE WILL OFFER A JOB FOR
\$16.50 AND THEY SAY SEE YOU
LATER.

THEY NEVER GET THE INSTITUTIONAL
KNOWLEDGE PUT IN PLACE.

AGENCY AS THIS CHANGES, THEY'RE
MORE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE AND
FIND.

IT'S HARD TO FIND THAT IN THE
FUTURE.

>> CAST IRON, A BACK HOE AND YOU
HIT PLASTIC IT'S FLEXIBLE.

THE CHANCES ARE BETTER YOU WILL
DISTURB IT AND CAUGHT A LEAK.

A LOT OF THE SYSTEMS NOW ARE
HIGHER PRESSURE THEN THE LOWER
PRESSURE SYSTEMS IS THAT ARE
HISTORICALLY THROUGHOUT.

THIS IS CRITICAL THAT YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT PEOPLE LOCATING WHERE
THE GAS LINES ARE UNDERGROUND.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CLASSROOM
EXPERIENCE IT'S ABOUT KNOWING
THE JOB.

BEING IN THE INDUSTRY AND
KNOWING WHERE THE SYSTEM IS
UNDERGROUND.

>> I SEE YOUR MEMBERS HAVE MORE
TIME.

SOMETHING I VALUE.

I WANT TO DIFFERENTIATE WHO ARE
WATCHING.

WHEN RAY CONTRACT EMPLOYEE WHO
IS BROUGHT IN TO WORK AND HAS
BEEN WORKING THE LAST SEVERAL
MONTHS I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY
THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH TRAINING
AND EXPERIENCE AT NATIONAL GRID
LIKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

I WANT YOU TO TALK ABOUT A NEW
EMPLOYEE JOINS YOU AND WHAT IS
THE TRAINING THAT HE OR SHE HAS
BEFORE THEY'RE OUT IN THE FIELD.

>> FIRST OFF MOST PEOPLE DON'T
JUST GET HIRED AND GO INTO THE
JOBS.

THEY'RE IN THE FIELD A LOT OF
TIMES FOR DECADES IN THE FIELD.
THE WORK IS SO PHYSICAL BY THE
TIME YOU GET 40, 50 YEARS OLD
YOU GET PHYSICALLY BEAT UP.

SO, IT'S ALSO CONSIDERED A GOOD
JOB TO GET AWAY FROM A JACK
HAMMER OR SHOVEL TO DO THIS.

YOU HAVE PICKED UP A LOT OF THE
INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE.

YOU USE THE MACHINES IN THE
FIELD YOURSELF IN REGARDS TO
FINDING SERVICES AND MAINS IN
REGARDS TO THAT.

SO, YOU ARE COMPLETELY WELL
VERSED BEFORE YOU EVEN START TO
RUN AROUND WITH PEOPLE DOING
THIS JOB FULL TIME FOR WEEKS ON
END.

YOU SHOW -- ARE YOU SENT TO
SCHOOL.

YOU ARE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL WHAT
YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO DO.

TO BE HONEST WE'RE NOT HAPPY IN
THE TRAINING NATIONAL GRID GIVES
THE PEOPLE.

WE SUGGESTED THAT ON TUESDAYS
THAT WE, WE OURSELF TEACH OUR
PEOPLE EXACTLY UNDER MANAGEMENT

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT ARE OUT THERE SO WE CAN, WE CAN BE EXPERTS ON EVERY AVENUE OF. THAT CLEARLY THE CONTRACTORS, THEY'RE NOT GETTING. THAT THEY'RE CHANGING CONTRACTORS. IT'S NOT JUST THE PERSONNEL FOR THE CONTRACT. IT'S THE CONTRACTORS THEMSELVES ROTATING.

>> AS IT RELATES TO GAS LEAKS SPECIFICALLY. I SAW THIS IN A MEDIA REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT SENT TO DPU FROM GRID THEY HAVE SPENT ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNT ON FIXING GAS LEAKS. THE NUMBER OF RAW DOLLARS YET GAS LEAKS ADDRESS SAN DIEGO HALF OF WHAT IT WAS A YEAR AGO. SO, I THINK ALL RATE PAYERS SHOULD BE DOUBLY CONCERNED THAT WE, THERE ARE HIKE IN TERMS WHAT HAD WE ARE PAYING. WE ARE GETTING FAR INFERIOR SERVICE --

>> THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. CAN YOU IMAGINE GOING FROM AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER. YOU CONDITIONED FIND A LEAK AND THEN DROPPING A MAN HOLE ON IT TO VENT IT NEAR A SCHOOL. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. OUTRAGEOUS. IT'S HARD TO FIND A GAS LEAK WHEN YOU WATCH THE PATRIOTS GAME ON THE BACK OF YOUR TV.

[APPLAUSE]

>> WELL SAID. I WILL THROW IT TO MY COLLEAGUES THOU. START WITH COUNSELOR ED FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU COUNSELOR O'MALLEY. I WANTED TO START WITH RICH AND DARLENE IF I MAY. RICH, ONE OF THE WORST THINGS COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO TO A FAMILY, AS YOU KNOW, IS CUT OFF THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST

DESPICABLE THINGS I HAVE SEEN A COMPANY DO TO THESE HARD WORKING FAMILIES THAT PROVIDE A TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO OUR CITY AND TO OUR STATE.

IT'S A UK COMPANY.

THEY COME IN TO BOSTON, COME INTO MASSACHUSETTS, IN A WAY THEY PUSH US AROUND.

THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT IN THE UK.

WHAT CAN WE DO JUST THINKING, THINKING LONG TERM ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES THAT COME TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, TREATING OUR WORKERS WITH SUCH DISRESPECT AND CALLOUSNESS?

>> I WISH I HAD AN EASY ANSWER TO THAT, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN HERE CLOSE TO 40 YEARS.

YOU KNOW THERE WAS AT ONE TIME A LABOR RELATIONSHIP IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE WAS A PUSH OF RESPECTING WORKERS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

I HAVE SEEN THAT DECIMATED OVER THE LIFE OF MY WORK.

TO BE HONEST -- THEY ARE HISTORY, YOU MAY KNOW THIS.

YOU'RE A REAL BOSS, YOU AND MIKE, YOU KNOW TEN YEARS.

THEY USE TO CALL IT THE EDISON -- THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE JOB.

ONE OF MY MENTORS, HE'S STILL WITH US, THESE WERE JOBS PAYING LIVING WAGES, BENEFITS, IF HAD YOU A GOOD WORK ETHIC YOU WOULD MAKE A LIFE, WORK, RAISE YOUR FAMILY AND SEND KIDS TO SCHOOL THIS.

IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

THESE GUYS MAKE LIVING WAGES, MEN AND WOMEN WORKING FOR NATIONAL GRID.

THEY MAKE A LIVING WAGE THIS.

IS A EDGE OF CORPORATIONS TO DRIVE IT DOWN.

IT'S REALLY A LOT INEQUALITY AROUND THE WORLD IS HAPPENING. UNIONS ARE WEAKENING.

MY ANSWER TO YOU IS IT'S NOT FARE TO ASK THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSTON I BELIEVE WAGE AND

INEQUALITY IS THE EASIEST
SOLUTION TO IT IT MAY NOT SOLVE
THE PROBLEMS.
BUT WE WOULDN'T HAVE THIS.
I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER.
JUST THE FACT YOU'RE SPEAKING UP
AGAINST NATIONAL GRID I'M
PLEASED TO DO THAT.
THAT OF ITSELF, NOBODY HOLDING
THESE GUYS ACCOUNTABLE.
I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
[APPLAUSE]
>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, RICH AND TO DARLENE
FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR THE
WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR
CITY AND OUR STATE.
>> CAN I ANSWER THE QUESTION
TOO.
>> I'M SORRY, OF COURSE.
>> I JUST WANT TO SAY THE
PRESSURE NEEDS TO COME FROM THE
BOTTOM UP AND TOP DOWN.
WE NEED TO SUPPORT COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AND UNIONIZATION
ACROSS THIS COUNTRY.
WE CAN'T TAKE BACK OUR CITIES,
STATES AND TOWNS WITHOUT PEOPLE
ACTUALLY COMING TOGETHER IN A
COLLECTIVE WAY AND HAVING A
VOICE.
THESE LEADERS, LABOR LEADERS
HERE JUST SAID.
THAT THEY CAN'T BE HERE WITHOUT
A UNION.
IT HAS TO COME FROM THE TOP
DOWN.
PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF POWER
NEED TO STOP CONTRACTING OUT TO
IRRESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS.
THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE HERE.
COMPANIES, U.S. CORPORATIONS,
FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WHATEVER
YOU CALL IT ARE TRYING TO SKIRT
THE RESPONSIBLE TO WORKERS, THE
COMMUNITY BY CONTRACTING OUT THE
PRIVATE COMPANIES SO THEY'RE NOT
LIBEL FOR ANYTHING.
SO FOR US WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT
OUR LEGISLATORS, ELECTED
OFFICIAL, ADMINISTRATION NEEDS
TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT ONE,
BRINGING BACK WORKERS INTO THE
PUBLIC GOOD FOR THESE PUBLIC

SERVICES SO THEY'RE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE AND THINGS ARE MORE
TRANSPARENT.

NUMBER TWO, STOP CONTRACTING OUT
TO IRRESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, DARLENE AND RICH.
I WAS THINKING HERE WE ARE
WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE BEST
HOSPITALS IN THE WORLD.
HERE IS A INTERNATIONAL COMPANY
YOU KNOW THROWING PEOPLE OFF
THEIR HEALTHCARE.
IT'S SO IRONIC TO ME THAT THIS
IS HAPPENING IN THE MOST LIBERAL
PLACE IN THE COUNTRY,
MASSACHUSETTS.

IT'S DISCOURAGING.

JOE, I WANTED TO FOLLOW-UP ON
THE, THE GRADE ONE LEAK.
IT'S STILL BOTHERING ME THAT THE
GRADE ONE LEAK MAY OR MAY NOT BE
ADDRESSED YET ON HAYNES EARLY
EDUCATION CENTER.

I MOE YOU TALKED ABOUT IT.
WE TALKED ABOUT IT HERE TODAY.
YOU HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT IT.
IT'S SO CLOSE TO A SCHOOL AND
IT'S STILL NOT FIXED.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS
OF THE LEAK AND WHAT TYPE OF
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THERE ARE
RELATING TO IT.

IF IT'S STILL ON GOING.
STILL ON GOING GRADE ONE LEAK
WHAT SHOULD THE CITY DO ABOUT IT
WHAT SHOULD THE STATE DO ABOUT
IT?

>> NUMBER ONE TO BE FAIR AND
HONEST, EVERYTHING I KNOW.
ON 10-23 WE CHECKED IT.
THERE WAS 3% GAS IN THE MAN
HOLE.
SO THAT WOULD MAKE A, NOT A
GRADE ONE LEAK IN REGARDS TO THE
PERCENTAGE OF GAS THIS AND IT'S
VENTED.

WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS
IN REGARDS TO WHERE THE LEAK IS.
IF THE GROUND FROZES AROUND IT.
IT WOULD, WOULD COME BACK AND
BECOME A GRADE ONE LEAK AGAIN.
FROM WHAT I HAVE HERE.
WHEN BOSTON GAS WAS HERE WE USE

TO GO OUT TO GRADE ONE LEAKS.
WE WORKED THEM CONTINUOUSLY.
SOMETIMES THEY WOULD TAKE TWO
DAYS.
SOMETIMES THEY WOULD TAKE THREE
DAYS.
WE WOULD WORK THEM AROUND THE
CLOCK UNTIL THE LEAKS WERE FIXED
TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC WAS
SAFE.

NATIONAL GRID HAS A TENDENCY TO
GO OUT THIS.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO THEM AND
STRUCK YOU THIS ISOFOAM WHERE
GAS IS GETTING INTO BUILDINGS
AND THEY ISOFOAM THE DUCTS AND
CALL THE LEAK OFF.

THEN THAT MAYBE, THE ENTRANCE
MAYBE BLOCKED.

THE LEAK IS NOT FIXED.

SO THE GAS WILL SEARCH OUT
ANOTHER PLACE.

WERE IT'S THE WATER PIPE OR
SOMETHING ELSE.

SO VENTING THEM, AIRIATING THEM,
THESE ARE NOT FIXES.

IT'S A QUICK WAY TO SEND THE
CREW HOME.

TO GET THE MANAGER OFF THE JOB
FOR THE NIGHT.

IT'S NOT WORKING.

WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IS SIMPLE.
CONTINUALLY WORK THE LEAK UNTIL
IT'S FIXED.

NOT FORCE A LEAK THAT'S A GRADE
ONE TO BE CALLED A GRADE TWO.
FIND IT, FIX IT AND REPAIR IT.

>>

[APPLAUSE]

>> IS THERE ANYWAY THAT THE CITY
OF BOSTON WOULD RECEIVE FROM
NATIONAL GRID A LIST OF ON GOING
GRADE ONE AND OR GRADE TWO LEAKS
AND YOU KNOW HAVE THE LIST IN
HAND AND TRY TO COME UP WITH A,
YOU KNOW I THINK YOU ALMOST NEED
TO PREPARE AS ONE OF THE
PREVIOUS PANELS SEDAN EVACUATION
OR EMERGENCY PLAN.

I THINK HAVING THAT TYPE OF
INFORMATION IS BENEFICIAL.

I'M NOT ASKING --

>> THINK THAT'S PRETTY SIMPLE.
YOU WRITE NATIONAL GRID AND SAY

NATIONAL GRID WHERE ARE YOUR
GRADE ONE LEAKS AT THIS POINT IN
TIME.

WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THEM.

IF YOU HAVE A GRADE ONE LEAK AND
THEY TELL YOU IN TWO WEEKS IT'S
A GRADE TWO LEAK.

WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE REPAIR, YOU
DID MAKE THE REPAIR?

IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE REPAIR
THEY JUST DID SOMETHING TO TAKE
TO HAVE THE BOOKS FOR A FEW
WEEKS.

WITH THIS WEATHER COMING IT
WON'T BE LONG AT ALL IT WILL
COME RIGHT BACK.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS WRITING THEM.
ASKING THEM WHERE THE GRADE ONE
LEAKS ARE AND FOLLOWING UP.
THE OTHER THING WE'RE LOCKED
OUT.

IF THERE IS A GRADE ONE LEAK
GOING INTO A HOME OR
NEIGHBORHOOD THEN THE
SURROUNDING PROPERTIES NEED TO
BE CHECKED FOR GAS LEAKS.

IT'S MY BELIEF NUMEROUS TIMES
THEY'RE NOT EVEN GOING IN TO
CHECK IF THE SURROUNDING HOUSES
ARE SAFE.

THAT'S JUST OUTRAGEOUS AND
DANGEROUS.

SO THAT SHOULD BE ASKED OF THEM
TOO.

HOW MANY HOUSES DID YOU CHECK,
WHAT WERE THE READS.

I SPOKE EARLIER ABOUT IT.
THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
TO FIND OUT IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON ABOUT THE ENCROACHED
PIPED.

HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY DIG NEAR
A CAST IRON.

HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY HAVE A
INSPECTOR THERE.

WAS IT ENCROACHED OR NOT?

IF IT WAS ENCROACHED ARE YOU
SURVEYING IT EVERY SINGLE NIGHT
UNTIL THE PIPE IS CUT OUT AND
REPAIRED.

THINK IT'S A HUGE QUESTION THAT
NATIONAL GRID NEEDS TO BE ASKED
AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR.

>> CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION
COUNSELOR.
I WOULD BE REMISSED IF I DIDN'T
THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR
SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL 26 FOLKS.
I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT
THERE BUT MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE A
VISIT OUT TO ONE OF THESE SITES
WITH JOE AND TRY TO DRAG THE
MEDIA ALONG.
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU I HAVE
LEARNED MORE ABOUT SAFETY IN THE
GAS INDUSTRY LISTENING TO JOE.
I'M NOT A EXPERT, I HAVE
LISTENED TO JOE.
WE NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONVEY
THIS IN MEDIA STORIES.
LET'S BE HONEST --
>> MAYBE SOMETHING INNOVATIVE
AND WORK TO BRING ATTENTION TO
THIS.
JUST YESTERDAY, I'M NOT A SOCIAL
MEDIA PERSON, I SAW YOU AT THE
HOTELS SUPPORTING THE LOCAL 26
FOLKS.
>> THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA AND
SOMETHING I WOULD LOVE TO DO.
I WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH JOE AND
JOHN.
MAYBE I CAN GET A GROUP OF CITY
COUNCILORS TO TAKE A LOOK AT
SOME OF THE WORK THAT COULD BE
GOING ON.
>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
TO GET BACK TO WHERE DO YOU GO?
THIS REALLY FALLS IN THE DPUs.
THEY SHOULD HAVE THE NUMBER OF
INSPECTORS TO RESPOND.
WHETHER YOU'RE A CITY COUNCILOR,
A MAYOR, OR A CITIZEN HAS A
CONCERN AND A COMPLAINT THEY
SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND.
OBTVIOUSLY THEY DON'T HAVE NEARLY
ENOUGH PEOPLE TO RESPOND.
I THINK JUST IN THIS CITY NEVER
MIND THE 300 SOME ODD OTHER
CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE STATE.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WILL HAPPEN
THROUGH LEGISLATION, WE HOPE.
I KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL
AT SOME POINT HOLD HEARINGS
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE
MERIMACK VALLEY.
THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SENATE

AND CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.
I HOPE THAT COMES OUT OF THAT.
THAT THE DPU IS STAFFED TO A
LEVEL THEY REALLY NEED TO BE.
>> ONE OTHER THING IN REGARDS TO
DPU.
WHETHER IT'S TWO OR THREE
INSPECTORS FOR OVER A MILLION
GAS CUSTOMERS.
I'M NOT SURE THE NUMBER THEY
HAVE EXACTLY WHAT I DO KNOW IS
WHEN THEY HIRE YOU TO BE A
PIPELINE INSPECTOR IT TAKES 18
MONTHS TO BE FULLY QUALIFIED.
IF THEY HIRE TEN ON MONDAY THEY
WON'T BE FULLY QUALIFIED FOR 18
MONTHS.
THAT SHOWS HOW FAR BEHIND THEY
ARE.
>> AND JOE OR JOHN, I WANT TO
HIGHLIGHT THE NATIONAL GRID IN A
LETTER DATED OCTOBER 25th,
2018, I'M QUOTING, I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT NATIONAL GRIDS GAS
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN BOSTON
ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IS
OPERATING PROPERLY.
SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR TOP
PRIORITY.
PROBABLY THE FURTHEST THING FROM
THE TRUTH THAT WE HEAR FROM
NATIONAL GRID.
>> I BELIEVE --
>> SAFETY IS NOT THE TOP
PRIORITY.
IT'S MONEY.
>> THEY SAID THE SAME THING
BEFORE THE INCIDENT.
>> I WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER THAT
WITH WORDS THAT CAN'T BE USED IN
THIS CHAMBER.
[LAUGHING]
>> THEN MY FINAL, I DON'T WANT
TO MONOPOLIZE THE CONVERSATION.
MY FINAL POINT IS LIKE YOU, I'M
VERY TROUBLED ABOUT BRINGING IN
CONTRACTORS TO DO THE WORK OF
SKILLED HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS.
THEY'RE PUTTING PUBLIC SAFETY IN
JEOPARDY.
THEY'RE PUTTING OUR CITY AND
STATE IN JEOPARDY.
I THINK IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE
INVESTIGATED.

IT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED.
YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK OUR CITY
CAN CONTINUE OPERATING THAT WAY
OR OUR STATE CAN CONTINUE
OPERATING WITH REPLACEMENT
WORKERS IN THE CITY OR STATE
WITH NO IDEA OF WHAT THEY'RE
DOING.

IT'S VERY TROUBLING TO ME.
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
UNION LEADERSHIP AND RICH AND
DARLENE AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU
BACK AND SAY THIS IS ONE OF THE
FINEST CITY COUNCILS I HAVE SEEN
IN MY LIFE.

YOU PEOPLE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD
OF YOURSELF.

VERY PROUD.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

>> ARE THERE GOING TO BE ANYMORE
QUESTIONS?

I DID WANT TO SAY ONE THING.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE
COUNSELORS.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE
COUNSELOR PRESSLEY, CONGRESS
WOMAN ELECT.

HOW MUCH WE ADMIRE AND RESPECT
HER.

WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER OVER THE
PAST TEN YEARS.

WE WILL MISS YOU AT THE CITY
COUNCIL BUT CITY COUNCIL'S LOSS,
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS'
GAIN.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

>> HERE HERE.

>> THAT IS A PERFECT SEGWAY TO
THE QUESTIONING OF CONGRESS
WOMAN ELECT AYANNA PRESSLEY.

>> I'M HUMBLLED AND HONOR TO HAVE
A BIGGER PLATFORM TO FIGHT ON BE
HALF OF WORKING FAMILIES AND
WORKERS RIGHTS, TO TALK ABOUT
THE INJUSTICES OF A NATIONAL --
GRID.

[APPLAUSE]

>> BEFORE I GET TO THAT I WANT

TO GET BACK TO THE WORK FORCE
FOR A MOMENT HERE.
SINCE THIS IS A LOCKOUT DOES
THAT MEAN THERE IS NOT AKIN TO A
STRIKE FUND.
HOW ARE FAMILIES TAKING CARE OF
EACH OTHER AND MEETING BILLS IN
THE PART OF THE LOCKOUT.
>> THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS
PROVIDES ASSISTANCE, IT'S CALLED
A BILL PAY.
SOMEONE SUBMITS A PW +*T BILL AND
A PORTION OF IT WOULD GET
REIMBURSED.
OTHER THAN THAT WE HAVE
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.
THAT'S UP A SMALL PERCENTAGE
WHAT HAD WE NORMALLY MAKE
CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF HOURS
WE PERFORM IN THE FIELD.
>> I AM ALSO ACQUIRING.
PEOPLE ARE WONDERING HOW THEY
CAN SUPPORT FOLKS.
WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER AT THE
STATE HOUSE AND MANY RALLIES AND
EVENTS.
PEOPLE WONDER HOW TO BEST
SUPPORT WORKERS AND FAMILIES.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO
ADD TO THAT?
>> I WAS GOING TO ADD THAT IN
HEALTHCARE, I BELIEVE THEY HAVE
A COVERT OPTION, IT COSTS SO
MUCH TO EXER SITE THE OPTION.
SOME OF THE MEMBERS ARE ACTUALLY
ON MASS HEALTH.
NOW I WANT TO STOP, WE SHOULD BE
PART OF MASS HEALTH.
WE TRIED VERY MUCH IN THE STATE
OF MASSACHUSETTS BEFORE THEY DID
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WE HAD IT.
I NEVER THOUGHT THE INTENT OF
MASS HEALTH, IT'S TO HELP PEOPLE
BRIDGE, TO HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY
NEED HELP BEFORE THEY GET A JOB.
THERE IS A HOST OF REASONS.
I NEVER THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE
SOMETHING A CORPORATION COULD
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.
NATIONAL GRID IS OFF THE HOOK.
THEIR MEMBERS ARE GETTING A LOCK
OUT.
IT'S WRONG.
I'M GLAD THAT THEY GET IT BUT

IT'S ANOTHER NAIL IN NATIONAL
GRIDS CORPORATE GREED THEY RELY
ON MASS HEALTH TO TAKE CARE OF
HUNDREDS OF THE WORKERS.
IT'S WRONG BUT I'M GLAD THEY
HAVE IT.
>> THANK YOU, RICH.
STICKING WITH THAT LINE OF
QUESTIONING FOR A MOMENT AND
THEN I WILL SHIFT.
WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IF
WITH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.
WITH OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.
AROUND OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS AND
SAFETY.
MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE
SUPPORTING THOSE WORKERS ON THE
ILLNESSES THAT THEY DISPORTION
ATELY HAVE BECAUSE OF THE RISK
OF THEIR JOB.
I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT
THAT.
WE KNOW GAS IS -- WE APPRECIATE
YOU'RE WELL TRAINED AND SKILLED.
WE DON'T WANT TO JUST TALK ABOUT
THE RISK TO THE PUBLIC.
I'M CONCERNED WITH THE RISK TO
YOU AS WELL.
TRAINING IS CERTAINLY PART OF
THAT.
I THINK THE AVERAGE GAS LEAK CAN
BE AS OLD AS 1 YEARS OR
SOMETHING LIKE.
THAT MY QUESTION IS WHAT DOES
THAT IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC
HEALTH.
THAT SLOW LEAK FOR THAT LONG.
ARE YOUR MEMBERS DISPORTION
ATELY AT RISK TO CERTAIN
DISEASES AND ILLNESSES AND
THINGS LIKE THAT?
IS THERE A FUND OR EDUCATION TO
SUPPORT YOU.
>> I'M NOT A EXPERT IN THE AREA
BY ANY MEANS.
THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS HAVE A
HEALTH AND SAFETY OCCUPATIONAL
DEPARTMENT.
THEY LOOK AT DIFFERENT THINGS.
I HAVE HEARD DIFFERENT THINGS
THROUGH THE YEARS.
CERTAIN PARTS OF NATURAL GAS ARE
UNHEALTHY.
THE GOOD PEOPLE FROM MOTHERS OUT

FRONT MADE ME AWARE OF A STUDY
RIGHT NOW.

WE HOPE TO WORK WITH THEM AND
THE STEEL WORKERS TO FIND OUT
MORE INFORMATION ON HOW
DANGEROUS INHALING AND BEING
EXPOSED CONTINUALLY TO NATURAL
GAS IS TO OUR HEALTH.

SO, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
LOOKING INTO.

>> OKAY.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT I
THINK IT'S PRETTY WELL KNOWN
THAT GAS HAPS RUST IN IT,
BENZENE IN IT AND PCPS.
IT'S BYPRODUCTS IN THE SYSTEM.
IT'S BEEN STOPPED BUT STILL
COMES IN FROM WHEN IT WAS USED
AS LUBRICANTS AND THINGS OF THAT
NATURE.

WE'RE ALL ABOUT FIXING GAS LEAKS
BUT I TRY TO SAY THIS TO THE
ENVIRONMENTALISTS WE WANT GRADE
THREE LEAKS FIXED.

IF THEY DON'T HAVE PROPER
PIPELINE INSPECTORS OUT THERE.
THEY HIT MAIN LINES THAT WILL
BLOW FOR THREE, FOUR, TWELVE
HOURS.

THEY WILL BLOW MORE GAS IN 12
HOURS THEN ALL THE THREE GRADE
LEAKS.

FIX THOSE LEAKS BUT THINK ABOUT
WHERE YOU GET YOUR BANG FOR YOUR
BUCK IN PREVENTING THEM.

PREVENTING THEM EVERYONE IS A
HUNDRED PERCENT BETTER OFF AND
THEN FIX THEM.

>> RAOUR WELL TRAINED AND YOU
SAID IT'S ON THE JOB, NOT THE
CLASSROOM.

WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THE
TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMPUTERS AND
THE VALVES THAT HE WE NO LONGER
HAVE IT GOT ME THINKING ABOUT
ARE THERE THINGS WE NEED TO
CONSIDER RETROFITTING OR OTHER
THINGS TO CONSIDER TO SUPPORT
YOU IN YOUR OWN HEALTH.
THAT'S WHAT PROMPTED THE
QUESTION.

I WILL MOVE ON.

THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD IS
THERE ANYTHING, I KNOW AT ONE

POINT SENATOR MARKY HAD INITIATED FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRED THE LEAKS TO BE REPAIRED IN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

CONSIDERING THE GOOD WORK OF COUNSELOR -- WE'RE LOSING THE RATE PAYERS WE'RE PAYING FOR AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND ALL.

THAT IS THERE ANYTHING ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO BE DONE, LEGISLATIVELY TO SUPPORT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

WHETHER IT'S INSPECTORS WITH POPULATION, REPAIRS BASED ON THE GRADE OF EACH LEAK THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

COULD THIS BE MANDATED LEGISLATIVELY?

>> I THINK YOU WILL SEE A LOT OF TALKING POINTS IN REGARDS TO TRYING TO PROVE, IMPROVE ON THE SAFETY OF THE SYSTEM.

I CAN TELL YOU, I HAVE BEEN UP THERE FOR TWO YEARS WITH A EXTREMELY SIMPLE BILL JUST SAYING PLEASE FIND A VALVE BEFORE YOU USE DYNAMITE NEXT TO A GAS MAIN.

>> WHAT IS THAT BILL.

>> PREPLANNED EXCAVATIONS.

I CAN'T THINK OF THE NUMBER OFF MY HEAD.

THERE WERE TWO PARTS TO IT BEFORE YOU KNOW YOU WILL DIG A HOLE IN THE STATE HOUSE OF CITY HALL AND IT'S ADVANCED NOTICE FIND THE TWO VALVES TO SHUT THE SYSTEM DOWN.

THE SECOND PART IS IF YOU USE DYNAMITE NEXT TO A GAS MAIN MAKE SURE YOU FIND THE VALVE AHEAD OF TIME.

THERE IS NOTHING, IT WAS ONLY FOR GAS COMPANIES.

IT DIDN'T EVEN EXTEND TO CONTRACTORS.

IN TWO YEARS WE COULDN'T MOVE IT ANYWHERE.

YOU ARE PROFESSIONALS.

YOU KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET LEGISLATION.

I THINK BETWEEN THE POLITICIANS
NOW EXHIBIT GAS UNIONS IN THE
INDUSTRY I REALLY BELIEVE THINGS
WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I KNOW THE OTHER REASON I
ASKED THE QUESTION IF WE COULD
MANDATE SOMETHING ACCORDING TO
POPULATION.

MY QUICK RESEARCH SAYS THE
OLDEST INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE
COUNTRY IS BALTIMORE AND BOSTON
RESPECTIVELY.

I'M CURIOUS.

WE CAN LOOK INTO THIS ON OUR
OWN, WHAT ARE THEIR STAFFING
RATIOS AND WHAT IS THEIR
INSPECTOR SCHEDULE.

THEY HAVE THE OLD
INFRASTRUCTURE.

IS THERE ANYTHING TO ADD ON
THAT?

>> I KNOW THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION IN -- THEY'RE
RESPONSIBLE FOR CMI192 THAT'S
THE PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATIONS
THAT GOVERN THE COUNTRIES.
THE STATES LIKE THE DPU ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE
COMPANIES FOLLOW THE
REGULATIONS.

I AM HOPING THAT WHEN THE RIGHT
PEOPLE ARE IN THE HOUSE IN
NOVEMBER THAT THINGS WILL CHANGE
IN THOSE INDUSTRIES.

AT THE AGENCIES.

THINK SOMEONE SHOULD TAKE A GOOD
TOP TO BOTTOM LOOK AT THE
FEDERAL REGULATIONS THAT AFFECT
US EVERY DAY HERE IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

>> HERE HERE.

I WILL CLOSE BY, THANK YOU ALL
FOR WHAT YOU DO.

YOU EMBODY IN EVERY WAY THE
SPIRIT OF BOSTON STRONG.

DESPITE THE WAY WHICH YOU ARE
NOT TAKEN CARE OF YOU'RE
COMMITTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND PUBLIC SAFETY THERE IS A
DOMINO RESIDUAL AFFECT HERE.

WE KNOW WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF AN
AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRACT.

SO MANY DEVELOPMENTS ARE PWOLT

WILL NECKED AND CAN'T HAPPEN
BECAUSE WE CAN'T ADDRESS THE
INFRASTRUCTURE.

IN MY HOME NEIGHBORHOOD OF
DORCHESTER THEY'RE TRYING TO
BUILD HOUSING FOR THOSE WITH
DISABILITY TO HAVE INDEPENDENT
LIVING.

THAT PROJECT HAS BEEN STALLED.
WE KNOW IT'S HAPPENING
EVERYWHERE.

YOU THIS FOR EMBODYING BOSTON
STRONG.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR
PRESSLEY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COUNSELOR McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR.

I WILL BE REALLY BRIEF.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

RICH, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
AS ALWAYS.

I WILL TAKE YOU UP ON THE SITE
VISIT.

NOBODY LIKES A GOOD ROAD TRIP
BETTER THAN I DO.

I AM WITH YOU AS FAR AS THE
LEARNING CURVE.

YOU KNOW I WAS IN PUBLIC WORKS
BEFORE THIS.

I HAD A LITTLE BACKGROUND
INFORMATION WORKING WITH
UTILITIES.

I HAVE LEARNED A TON SINCE THIS
WRITE DICK AOUOUS LOCK OUT
BEGAN.

I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION WE
HAVE BEEN GETTING.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA PART.

WE HAVE MENTIONED HERE A COUPLE
OF TIMES TODAY.

PEOPLE SAO +*EU THE WORDS "SCARE
TACTICS."

TO ME A SCARE TACTIC IS
SOMETHING IF THE REASON TO BE
SCARED ISN'T REAL.

THIS IS SCARED REALITY.

WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE
THE PUBLIC IS AWARE IN THE
SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE MEDIA
COVERS THE POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN, THE NEGATIVE

POSSIBILITIES, THE THREATS ON
OUR FAMILIES LIVES AND PEOPLES
LIVES.
I A APPRECIATE THE NUMBERS.
80% OF LEAKS THEY HAVEN'T
CHECKED.
42% MORE LEAKS THEN USUAL.
THOSE ARE ALL IMPORTANT.
WHAT HITS ME THE MOST.
THINK WHAT HITS MOST BOSTONS IS
THE PERSONAL ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE
STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR THEIR
MORTGAGE.
STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR THEIR KIDS
EDUCATION.
STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR THEIR KIDS
MEDICAL BILLS.
SO, IF THERE IS ANY PART OF
CAMPAIGNING ON THAT I AM IN.
I AM IN FULL TILT WITH YOU.
MY LAST QUESTION REALLY IS A
KNOW MAYOR WALSH OFFERED CITY
HALL AS A NEUTRAL NEGOTIATING
SITE AND I KNOW IT'S AVAILABLE.
WHERE ARE WE WITH THE
NEGOTIATIONS.
>> THAT'S NOT AN EASY QUESTION
TO ANSWER.
I CAN TELL YOU THE COMPANY
DIDN'T MODIFY THEIR PROPOSAL
UNTIL OCTOBER 19th WHERE THEY
DID MAKE MODIFICATIONS.
THEY DIDN'T ADDRESS SOME OF THE
BIGGER ISSUES THAT OBVIOUSLY AT
ISSUE.
WE TALKED ABOUT IT EARLIER,
TAKING CARE OF NEW EMPLOYEES.
WHAT DO WE DO FOR HEALTHCARE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY.
WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS
THAT ARE RELATED TO PUBLIC
SAFETY THAT THE COMPANY HASN'T
ADDRESSED AT ALL.
THEY HAVE ADDRESSED A COUPLE OF
THEM.
MANY THEY HAVEN'T ADDRESSED AT
ALL.
I THINK UNTIL THE COMPANY TAKES
A REAL HARD LOOK AT SOME OF THE
THINGS THAT THE UNION IS LOOKING
AT.
YOU KNOW, WE WON'T HAVE REAL
MOVEMENT.
I'M HOPING THEY DO THAT.

I'M HOPING THAT -- THE GAS
SYSTEM SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLE.
CAN'T SAY WHEN.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO ADD.
TO ME THERE SEEMS TO BE A WAY OF
FINDING A WIN WIN IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

I MEAN YOU HAVE A COMPANY THAT
IS \$4 BILLION IN PROFIT OR BACKS
OUR SWEAT.

SHAME ON US IF WE CAN'T FIND A
WAY FOR A WIN WIN.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC IS A HUGE
PART OF WIN WIN FOR THE
INVESTORS, FOR NATIONAL GRID,
FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE
UNION.

MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION IT'S
IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT
THE NEXT GENERATION OF PEOPLE
COMING INTO OUR JOBS, OUR
CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN, GRAND
CHILDREN, AND FOR FOREIGN MULTI
NATIONAL CORPORATION JUST TO
TELL US THAT THEY NEED
CONCESSIONS TO MOVE FORWARD IS
SICKENING.

>> TO JUST, I KNOW THIS HASN'T
BEEN SAID YET.

I HAVE BEEN SAYING IT PUBLICLY
AND I WANT TO SAY IT AGAIN HERE.
THEY LOCKED US OUT.

WE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE LOCKED
OUT.

WE OFFERED TO CONTINUE TO WORK
WHILE WE BARGAINED.
AND THEY SAID NO.

WE WANT TO PRESSURE YOUR PEOPLE.
WE WANT THEM TO COMPROMISE THE
VALUES ON SAEUFRTY . WE WANT
THEM TO COMPROMISE THEIR VALUES
OB HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE NEXT
GENERATION OF WORKERS.

WE WILL DO THAT LOCKING YOU OUT
OF YOUR JOB, CUTTING YOUR PAY,
HEALTHCARE, LIFE INSURANCE,
CUTTING SICK TIME IF YOU'RE OUT
SICK, SHAMEFUL.

WE HAVE EXTENDED OUR CONTRACTS A
NUMBER OF TIMES AND CAME TO
AGREEMENTS WITH THIS COMPANY.
THEY DECIDED NOT TO DO THAT THIS
TIME.

IT DIDN'T WORK FOR THEM.

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY, IT DOESN'T
WORK FOR US.

SOMEONE HAS TO REMIND THEM THAT
THEY ARE WORKING FOR US.

THEY WERE ALLOWED TO COME IN
HERE AND SERVICE THIS SYSTEM BY
LEGISLATION REALLY WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT IT.

A PIECE OF PAPER.

THEY SHOULD LIVE UP TO THE
RESPONSIBILITY AND DO IT RIGHT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNSELORS.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

I WANT TO PICK UP ON TWO THEMES
THAT WE JUST HEARD.

RICH SAID ABOUT MASS HEALTH.
THE BEHAVIOR OF NATIONAL GRID
AND THE FACT THAT THEY'RE MAKING
MONEY OFF THE PRIVILEGE OF
SERVICING UTILITIES IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND
THEY'RE SHIFTING THEIR BURDEN
AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE TAXPAYERS
OF MASSACHUSETTS, WORKERS AND
PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.
THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT AS SE
SEE LIFTED FROM THE EARLIER
PANEL AND THE WALSH

ADMINISTRATION, AS MUCH AS THIS
BODY SKPAOEUT WANTS TO HOLD GRID
ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISS BEHAVIOR.

NOT JUST PROVIDING SAFE
INFRASTRUCTURE BUT TO YOU ALL,
WORKERS, FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES.

THEY NEED TO BE HELD

ACCOUNTABLE.

I WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE BEYOND A
MORATORIUM.

THE DPU, GOVERNOR BAKER AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION ARE TAKING VERY
SERIOUSLY THE LEVELS OF
INFLUENCE THEY HAVE OVER
NATIONAL GRID AND OTHER PUBLIC
UTILITIES.

HOW THEY'RE BEHAVING AND
TREATING WORKERS IN OUR
COMMUNITIES IS UNACCEPTABLE IT
CONTINUES A PATTERN OF LARGE

CORPORATION AS CROSS THIS
COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH NOT PAYING ADEQUATE
WAGES AND HEALTHCARE.

THAT'S PICKED UP BY THE PEOPLE
HERE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS, THE CITY OF
BOSTON, AS YOU MENTIONED BEFORE
THEY'RE MAKING \$4 BILLION IN
PROFIT THEY SEND RIGHT OUT OF
THE COUNTRY.

WE NEED TO ADDRESS.

THAT THAT'S NOT REALLY A
QUESTION FOR ANY OF YOU.

I WANT TO SAY THESE ARE
IMPORTANT POINTS THAT I THINK
ARE OFTEN LOST IN THIS, YOU KNOW -- THIS IS JUST A LABOR
DISPUTE WITH NATIONAL GRID AND
WORKERS.

THIS IS JUST A ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUE WITH GAS LEAKS.

WE'RE ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC
SAFETY ISSUE.

THAT'S ALL REACTION AIRY . THINK
WE AS A COMMUNITY ARE REACTING
TO THESE THINGS.

THERE IS ALSO A BIGGER PICTURE
THIS.

IS ONE INSTANCE OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH.

I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES, I KNOW
MAYOR WALSH, AND I KNOW THE CITY
OF BOSTON WANT TO ADDRESS THIS
AND MAKE CORPORATIONS ARE
TREATING WORKERS FAIRLY IN THE
COMMONWEALTH.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
STRENGTH, YOUR WORK SKPERTZ MEN
AND WOMEN IN YOUR FAMILIES GOING
THROUGH THIS.

WE STAND WITH YOU.

WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT
WAYS AS I MENTIONED THAT THE
CITY CAN EXERCISE OR HAVE
AUTHORITY OVER THE AUTHORITY TO
BEHAVE BETTER AND MOVE FORWARD.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR ZAKIM.
COUNSELOR FLAHERTY, HAS STEPPED
OUT WELL.

WILL GET TO HIM.

WE HAVE ONE MORE PANEL BEFORE
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR YOU FOUR.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I KNOW IT'S BEEN AWHILE,
FOLKS.

I THINK IT UNDER SCORES THE
IMPORTANT TOPIC.
OUR FINAL PANEL BEFORE PUBLIC
TESTIMONY, FOUR EXPERTS.
I WOULD LIKE PROFESSOR NATHAN
PHILIPS.

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>> I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME,
FOLKS.

IF YOU CAN TAKE YOUR
CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE TO BE
RESPECTFUL OF THE THIRD PANEL
WHO HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO
WAIT.

AUDREY OR NATHAN, WHO WANTS TO
BEGIN --

>> INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
WE WILL DO THE PANEL AND GO BACK
TO OPENING STATEMENTS.
>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR
O'MALLEY.

THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THE
HEARING AND CARRYING ABOUT THE
ISSUE.

I KNOW IT'S BEEN LONG.
MY NAME IS NATHAN PHILIPS.
I'M A PROFESSOR IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND
ENVIRONMENT AT THE BOSTON
UNIVERSITY.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN STUDYING
GAS LEAKS THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.
I WAS PART OF A STUDY WITH THE
GENTLEMAN TO MY RIGHT, THE FIRST
STUDY OF IT'S KIND TO MAP OVER
3000 GAS LEAKS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON IN 2013.

AS A ADVOCATE I HAVE BEEN
WORKING WITH A GROUP OF 20 NON
PROFITS CALLED THE GAS LEAK
ALLIES TO ADVOCATE TO SOLUTIONS
TO THE GAS LEAK PROBLEM.

I WANTED TO TOUCH ON THREE
OBSERVATIONS FROM THE MERIMACK
VALLEY --

>> EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU CLOSE THE

DOOR.
PROCEED.
>> THROW QUICK OBSERVATIONS
ABOUT THE M. VALLEY GAS
EXPLOSION PERTAINING TO BOSTON.
ONE CAN IT HAPPEN HERE.
THE ANSWER IS YES.
TWO ARE THERE LESSONS TO BE
LEARNED FROM THAT FOR BOSTON.
THERE ARE MANY, I WILL TOUCH ON
A COUPLE.
LASTLY, WHAT IS A PATHWAY
FORWARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?
THE ANSWER IS YES.
WHAT SHOCKED MANY PEOPLE IN THE
M. VALLEY WAS THE SCALE AND
SCOPE.
IT WAS A SYSTEM LEVEL GAS
FAILURE.
ABOUT 1500, EXACTLY 8517 HOMES
WERE WITHOUT GAS.
THE LARGE MAJORITY ARE STILL
WITHOUT GAS GOING INTO WINTER.
THAT DOES HAVE -- THERE IS
PRECEDENCE IN BOSTON FOR
SOMETHING LIKE.
THAT PRECEDENT JOE OF THE GAS
WORKERS UNION BROUGHT IT UP ON
HYDE PARK AVENUE ON
DECEMBER 31st, 2017 THERE WAS
A FIRE AT 340 HYDE PARK AVENUE.
THAT RAGED FOR 36 HOURS.
ACCORDING TO THE NEW ENGLAND
CABLE NEWS NETWORK 8500, UP TO
8500 HOMES WERE AT RISK OF GOING
WITHOUT HEAT.
IF YOU REMEMBER AT THAT TIME IT
ACTUALLY WAS A SITUATION TYING
THE RECORD FOR THE LONGEST COLD
SNAP.
7° FAHRENHEIT.
IT WAS A PRECARIOUS SITUATION ON
NEW YEARS EVE INTO THE NEW YEAR.
THOUSANDS OF HOME IN BOSTON WERE
AT RISK FOR VERY, VERY SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES.
WE REALLY DODGED A BULLET, IF
YOU WILL.
IT WOULD OF GONE MUCH WORST IN
THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION.
YES, IN BOSTON WE'RE SUSCEPTIBLE
TO A SYSTEM LEVEL FAILURE LIKE
THAT.

AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY WE ARE RESEARCHING WITH A GRADUATE STUDENT, JESSICA WRIGHT, IN THE AUDIENCE AND HER COLLEAGUE. THEY'RE LOOKING AT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN MAPS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON'S GAS NETWORK TO LOOK FOR THE VULNERABILITIES.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A LINE LIKE THAT ON HYDE PARK AVENUE GOES DOWN.

HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS ARE AT RISK? THAT LINE THERE IS NOT CONSIDERED A CRITICAL MAIN BY NATIONAL GRID.

HOW CAN MANY OF THOSE BE VULNERABLE TO A SINGLE POINT FAILURE AND NOT CONSIDERED A CRITICAL MAIN.

TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES HAS NOT INVESTIGATED WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SREPBLT.

WE CAN'T DRAW LESSONS THERE. IS NO INVESTIGATION OF HOW IT OCCURRED OR DEGREE OF RESPONSE. AS WE HAVE HEARD THERE COULD OF BEEN UP TO 300 OF THE GAS WORKERS RESPONDING TO THAT EVENT THAT DIDN'T.

SO THE SECOND POINT I WANTED TO DISCUSS WAS JUST LESSONS THAT WE CAN LEARN FROM WHAT HAPPENED IN THE M. VALLEY SITUATION.

THERE ARE SO MANY.

I JUST WANT TO MENTION A COUPLE FROM HAVING DONE RELIEF WORK THERE AND BEING ON THE STREETS. FIRST OF ALL THINGS LIKE THE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR RELIEF FORMS AND PEOPLE TO SHOW UP TO GET INFORMATION IT WASN'T THERE. SPANISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS OF RELIEF AND CLAIM FORMS WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

THESE ARE THINGS WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOREHEAD OF TIME AND PROACTIVE ABOUT.

ANOTHER THING WAS UNDERSTANDING THE WAY TO RESPOND TO THIS.

IN PARTICULAR THE ABILITY FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO FIND ANOTHER TEMPORARY SOLUTION WHEN THEY'RE

OUT OF GAS AND STILL OUT OF GAS
THEY CAN'T HEAT THEIR HOMES,
THEY CAN'T MAKE HOT WATER, SO
ONE THOUGHT WAS SINCE THE
ELECTRICAL GRID CAME BACK ON
VERY QUICKLY WITHIN A COUPLE OF
DAYS PEOPLE COULD HEAT USING
ELECTRICITY AND COOK USING
ELECTRICITY.

BUT WHAT HAPPENED IS THOUSANDS
AND THOUSANDS OF VERY
INEFFICIENT APPLIANCES.

HOSS PLATES AND SPACE HEATERS
WERE DELIVERED.

THEN THERE WAS A REALIZATION
THAT THE ELECTRICAL CAPACITY FOR
THE OLDER HOMES WERE NOT UP TO A
LEVEL TO USE THE EQUIPMENT.

IT CREATED EVEN MORE
VULNERABILITIES.

SO ONE THING THAT BOSTON CAN
LEARN FROM THAT IS WE CAN NOW
PROACTIVELY ASSESS WHAT THE
STATE OF OUR HOUSING STOCK IS
WITH REGARD TO THE ELECTRICITY
AND WHAT KIND OF UPGRADES,
MODEST UP GRADES CAN BE DONE NOW
THAT ACTUALLY PUT HOUSES IN A
BETTER POSITION TO SWITCH AND
USE ELECTRICITY AS A BACK UP IN
THE EVENT THERE IS A SYSTEM
COLLAPSE FOR THE GAS.

THAT HAS TO GO ALONG WITH
WEATHERIZATION AND INSULATION.
THESE ARE OTHER PROACTIVE
MEASURES THAT CAN BE DONE.

THEY HELP BUILD RESILIENT -- AS
WE MOVE TOWARDS BOOSTING THE
ELECTRICITY SYSTEM IN HOMES TO
GIVE THEM THAT RESILIENT AND
WEATHERIZE THE HOMES AND
INSULATE THEM WE'RE TAKING THE
STEPS THAT BOSTON NEEDS TO BE
TAKING TO, FOR OUR FUTURE.

>> MOST EXPERTS AGREE THAT BY
2050 WE HAVE MONTH MOVE OFF OF
ALL FOSSIL FUELS INCLUDING THE
GAS NETWORK.

WE HAVE TO ELECTRIFY THE
BUILDING OR HEATING SECTOR.
BY MAKING THE MOVE NOW TO
WEATHERIZE AND TO MAKE OUR
HOUSING STOCK ELECTRICITY READY
BUILDING A RESILIENT AGAINST A

GAS DISASTER WE'RE TAKE THE
FIRST STEPS TO TRANSITION TO THE
PLACE WE NEED TO BE, A
ELECTRIFIED HEATING SECTOR
INCREASING AMOUNTS OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY AND
THROUGH THE REGION BUILDING THE
RESILIENT AT THE SAME TIME IT'S
MIT GATING CLIMATE CHANGE.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, NATHAN.

THANK YOU, DR. PHIL EUPZ.

>> YOU WANT ME TO GO.

>> YES.

>> OKAY.

I HAVE NOTES HERE.

>> I THINK IT'S PROBABLY FOR
THIS PANEL TO JUST OPEN YOUR
BACK GROUND, ANY OPENING
STATEMENT AND THEN GO THROUGH
THE FIVE OF YOU AND THEN SOME Q
& A.

THANK YOU.

>> HI, BOB FROM TKPWAF SAFETY
INC.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

IN I TALK ABOUT SAFETY MORE THAN
ANYTHING ELSE.

THE NUMBER ONE SAFETY ISSUE FOR
ALL GAS WORK WOULD BE THE DIG
SAFE LAWS.

ALSO ANY RESIDENT IN THE CITY OR
COMMONWEALTH IF YOU SMELL GAS
CALL 911.

GAS COMPANIES WILL BE THERE
WITHIN AN HOUR.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TYPICALLY 3
MINUTES.

ANYTIME THERE IS A GAS EMERGENCY
I ADVOCATE CALLING 911 FOR THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT GETTING THERE
FIRST.

NATHAN TALKED ON THIS POSSIBLY
HAPPENING AGAIN WHAT HAPPENED IN
M. VALLEY.

WE HAVE HAD ALL KIND OF
INCIDENTS.

I HAD A COPY OF A BOOK "THE
BLACK SWAN" LOW PROBABILITY,
HIGH CONSEQUENCE.

OVER PRESSURIZATION IN M. VALLEY
OR LEXINGTON -- LOST A HOUSE IN
LEXINGTON TO OVER PRESSURIZATION

AS WELL.
WE HAVE HAD SERIOUS INCIDENTS
HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS.
IN BOSTON ONE WAS THE FLOODING
OF THE GAS SYSTEM IN DOWNTOWN
BOSTON WHEN A WATER MAIN BROKE
ON SPRING LANE.
WATER POUR THE INTO A SLOTTED
MAN HOLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF
DEVONSHIRE AND SPRING LANE.
IF YOU RECALL THAT THE GAS
SYSTEM WENT DOWN.
I HAD A WONDERFUL PATH FOR MANY
YEARS OF TESTING THE GAS LINES
IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON THROUGH THE
WINTER.
WE HAD GAS READINGS THERE.
IT WAS A SLOTTED MANHOLE.
YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SLOTTED
MANHOLE BY THE SCHOOL.
THEY TOOK THE COVERED MAN HOLE
AND PUT THE NEW ONE ON.
WE GET A SLIGHT GAS RANGE, NOT A
ONE.
THAT MOODED THE SYSTEM.
THE NATIONAL GRID SAID YOU
FLOODED OUR SYSTEM.
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE LEAKS.
THE WATER HAD TO GET IN SOME
WAY.
THAT WAS A CRAZY SITUATION.
ANOTHER SITUATION WHICH MAY OR
MAY NOT BE GAS RELATED.
I BELIEVE IT WAS WAS THE
EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES AT HANOVER
PRINCE.
WE LOST THE ELECTRICITY ON THE
NORTH END FOR I CAN'T REMEMBER
THE AMOUNT OF DAYS.
IT WAS IN THE SUMMER.
TREMENDOUS BUSINESS LOST.
THE GUYS AND GALS AT NATIONAL
GRID WOULD LET YOU KNOW PRINCE
STREET HAS A 30-INCH GAS MAIN.
IN FRONT OF PAUL REVERE'S HOUSE,
GOES LEFT OVER HANOVER.
I SAW THE RAGING FIRE THAT WOULD
HAPPEN WITH THESE FIRES THEY
DRAW IN LEAKING JOINT LEAKS AND
SOMETIMES POP THE MAN WHOLE
COVER LIKE DOWN THE STREET HERE.
SO, I WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH UPON A
COUPLE OF OTHER ONES NOT HERE.
MAINLY FROM BROKEN CAST IRON

MAINS.

SERGEANT IN GLOUCSTER HIS HOUSE
BLEW UP WITH HIM IN IT HE
SURVIVED.

ALLEN TOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, HAD
TWO SERIOUS BROKEN MAINS
RESULTING IN MULTIPLE DEATHS AND
THE HORRIBLE ONE IN
PHILADELPHIA. WE ARE COMING INTO
WINTER NOW.

I WILL TOUCH ON SAFETY.

ON GOING SAFETY HERE.

I LOOKED AT SOME RECORDS.

DID I A LOT OF JOBS AT THE
NATIONAL KWREUD.

I HAVE OLD DATA THAT INDICATES
300 TO 400 KAFLT IRON MAINS IN
BOSTON.

WE HEAR A LOT OF TERMS OF LEAK
PRONE THE GAS PEOPLE KNOW IT'S
NOT JUST LEAK PRONE IT'S CRACK
PRONE.

POSTALLY FROM FROST CONDITIONS
AND EARTH MOVEMENT.

BOSTON HAS THREE HUNDRED TO FOUR
HUNDRED CAST IRON.

I WENT ON THE SAFETY MATERIALS
ADMINISTRATION 2017 ANNUAL
REPORT.

BOSTON GAS WHICH THEY STILL GO
BY IN THE REPORT BECAUSE THEY
HAVE ESSEX AND COLONIAL GASES AS
WELL TO MAKE UP NATIONAL GRID.
THEY HAVE 1767 MILES OF CAST
IRON MAIN IN THE ENTIRE AREA.
THEY HAVE 187 NF, NATURAL FORCE,
TYPICALLY CAST IRON FROST
BREAKS.

YOU HAVE ABOUT A TEN PERCENT
CHANCE OF A BROKEN CAST IRON
MAIN OR YOUR PIPE.

ANY GAS WORKER WILL TELL YOU
THAT BROKEN CAST IRON MAINS ARE
PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
DANGEROUS LEAKS OTHER THAN A
RUPTURED MAIN.

IT TYPICALLY HAPPENS IN THE
FROST CONDITION THAT'S JOE
TALKED ABOUT. EVERY HOUSE IS A
SRAPL YOU'LL.

GAS TRAPS QUICKLY.

I WILL MENTION THE BROKEN MAIN
BETWEEN MASS AVE AND
TKPWHROFTER.

THEY LIFTED A BROWN STONE UP
THREE FEET AND DROPPED IT DOWN
IN THE 90s.

SO AS WE COME NO WINTER I HAVE
WORKED ON THANKSGIVING DAY FOR
BOSTON GAS WHERE WE HAD WINTER
PATROL.

THEY HAVE SAVED A LOT OF MONEY
ON WINTER PATROL WITH MILD
WINTERS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT.

WE STARTED FROM DECEMBER 15th
TO MARCH 15th.

THEY PUSHED THAT.

>> I USE TO DO DOWNTOWN BOSTON
EVERY NIGHT WHEN FROST SET IN.
OTHER TOWNS WERE GIVEN FOUR,
FIVE, SIX DAY SWINGS.
EVEN TWO WEEK SWINGS.

IF HAD YOU A CAST IRON PIPE ON
WEST ROXBURY THAT PIPE WOULD BE
GOING OVER ONCE EVERY EIGHT TO
FOURTEEN DAYS OR SEVEN TO
FOURTEEN DAYS AND DOWNTOWN
BOSTON WAS DONE EVERY NIGHT.

THEY WERE MORE WORRIES ABOUT
THAT ANYONE LIVING ON THE STREET
WITH A CAST IRON MAIN SHOULD
CALL IN ANY ODORS OF GAS.

THE BIG QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE
FREQUENCY OF THE WINTER PATROL
IN YOUR AREA.

THAT WOULD BE MY NUMBER ONE
SAFETY CONCERN TO NATIONAL GRID
OR ANY GAS COMPANY IN A
COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS THE FREQUENCY OF PASSES
OVER A CAST IRON MAIN.

COMING INTO WINTER TYPICALLY
IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK.

AS SOON AS WE HAVE ONE BROKEN
MAIN EVERYONE IS WORKING 12
HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.
EVERY PERSON IS ON 7 DAYS A WEEK
1 HOURS A DAY.

SO, THAT IS WHAT WE'RE COMING
INTO IF IT GETS REALLY COLD.

I WILL GO OVER A COUPLE OF BRIEF
ISSUES REGARDING SAFETY.

LEAK GRADING.

GAS LEAK GRADING HAS GOTTEN
COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL.

EVERYTHING IS A GRADE THREE OR
POTENTIALLY A GRADE ONE ANYMORE.

NOTHING IS REALLY -- IT'S OKAY

TO HAVE GAS ODORS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
LEAKS MIGRATING TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.
LEAKS WITH CONSISTENT ODORS.
I CAN SMELL THE GAS ON ROUTE 16.
I PICK IT UP IN MY SPECTROMETER IN MY CAR WHEN I DRIVE.
IN LEAKS ARE SO STRONG ON ROUTE 16.
IT'S CRAZY.
IT'S THE 12-POUND LINE.
IT'S THE 22-POUND LINE.
PEOPLE DON'T CALL IN LEAKS THEY DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED ANYMORE.
NOW WE HAVE, I WILL GET BACK TO THE LEAKS HERE IN A SECOND.
ONE THING THAT THE GUYS DIDN'T TOUCH ON WAS THE GAS MAIN VALVE ASSESSABILITY AND OPERABILITY.
CITIES AND TOWNS ARE PAVING OVER VALVE BOXES AND THEY'RE NOT OPERABLE WHEN YOU OPEN THEM UP THEY'RE FILLED WITH DIRT.
THAT GOES FOR EVERY PERSON'S SERVICE LINE GOING TO THE HOUSE.
MOST SHUT OFF VALVES ARE BURIED.
EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT BURIED WHEN YOU OPEN THE COVER THEY'RE FILLED WITH DIRT.
THIS WAS A HUGE PROBLEM IN M. VALLEY.
NOBODY HAS MAINTAINED THE VALVES.
THEY'RE NOT MAINTAINING THE SRAFLDZ.
EVERY TIME THERE IS A FIRE THEY END UP CUTTING THE CURVES OFF THEY CAN'T FIND THE VALVE.
SO THE GAS MAIN AND THE CUSTOMER CUSHMAN VALVE ACCESSIBILITY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.
GETTING BACK TO THE LEAKS FOR A SECOND HERE.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GRADE THREE AND A GRADE TWO, WITH A READING IN A MANHOLE IS A FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT.
SO IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN ONE PERCENT IN A MANHOLE IT'S GRADE THREE.
>> IF YOU GET MORE THAN ONE PERCENT IT'S A GRADE TWO UP

UNTIL IT'S 4% THEN IT'S A GRADE ONE.
WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IS THAT THOSE READINGS CHANGE WITH THE WEATHER.
THE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE WHEN IT'S A LOW PRESSURE ON A CLOUDY DAY THE READING IS HIGHER THEN IN A HIGH PRESSURE DAY.
YOU CAN GET 4% IN THE MANHOLE IN A STORM AND THAT'S WHEN WE HAVE THE PROBLEMS, A LOT OF PROBLEMS. THAT'S IN FOUL WEATHER.
YOU CAN HAVE A STORM AND HAVE THE ELEVATED MANHOLE LEVEL GET TO EXPLOSIVE RANGE.
THEN THE WEATHER CHANGED AND IT'S BELOW THE EXPLOSIVE RANGE.
I WORKED AT PUBLIC SERVICE IN NEW JERSEY.
ANY READING IN A MANHOLE WAS CONSIDERED A GRADE ONE.
HERE WE HAVE THREE CLASSIFICATIONS.
THE LEAK GRADING IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL.
WE HAVE LEAKS THAT PERSIST IN ODORS.
WE HAVE, WHAT I HAVE BEEN ON SINCE 2006 WHEN I LEFT THE GAS INDUSTRY TALKING ABOUT DAMAGE TO PUBLIC SHADE TREES.
WE HAVE LOST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TREES IN BOSTON.
I HAVE BEEN UP AND DOWN EVERY STREET IN THIS CITY MORE THAN 20 TIMES.
EVERY STREET IN THE CITY.
I HAVE BEEN BY EVERYBODY'S HOUSE HERE.
YES, YOU GUYS TOO.
SO, THE OTHER QUESTIONS I HAD THERE IS A LOT OF STEEL SERVICES OUT THERE.
IF YOU WANTED TO KNOW YOU HAVE THE SHUT OFF VALVES WITH THE STATUS OF THE STEEL, MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS.
WE HEAR ABOUT THE CAST IRON.
THE BARE STEEL IS BAD.
WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PROTECTION.
HAS THE DPU BEEN CHECKING UP TO SEE IF THEY PUT THEIR BAGS IN

PROPERLY.
PROPERLY PROTECTED WITH THE
CORROSION PROTECTION.
LASTLY I WILL SAY IT AGAIN.
I HAVE BEEN ALL OVER THIS CITY.
THE DAMAGE OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES
ON THE J WAY.
DOWN IN YOUR DISTRICT.
I HAVE DONE WORK DOWN THERE.
WHAT I HEAR IS THAT'S DCR
PROPERTY.
YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THE CITY'S.
ANY TREE IS, THAT IS WITHIN CITY
IS THE PEOPLES TREES.
I DETECTED, I ACTUALLY LET THE
MALL KNOW ABOUT THE DAMAGE ON
THE MALL ON THE IN BOUND SIDE
FROM MASS AVE TO ARLINGTON
STREET.
WE HAD 67 TREES BEING KILLED OR
KILLED BY GAS.
THAT WAS ON THE IN BOUND.
JOE CARROLL MET WITH MARGARET
GOT THAT LINE REPLACED AND
ELIMINATED.
THE LAST BLOCK IS WHERE THE RITZ
CARLTON IS.
THAT BLOCK EXCUSE ME WAS NOT
REPLACED.
I HAVE BEEN THIS MANY TIMES.
I WAS THERE THIS SUMMER.
THE RITZ CARLTON GAVE UP
PLANTING TREES ON THE SIDEWALK
ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF
COMMONWEALTH AV.
THEY BLOCKED THEM IN.
THERE WAS GAS ON THE FOUNDATION
THERE.
I CALLED THE LEAK IN LAST TIME I
CHECKED.