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8	22	saw straight up, instantly – well, it took maybe	saw it took maybe...	Clarification
9	14	checking the lockup at all	checking the lockup (making sure no gas was getting through) at all	Clarification
10	3	where the problem was. So --	where the problem was. Steve McGinnity had shut this regulator down. So --	Clarification
10	13 & 14	These weren't placed far enough apart.	[remove]	Clarification
11	2	100	156	Clarification
12	14 & 15	two of Springfield, four in Brockton, four in Northampton	four in Springfield, four in Brockton, two in Lawrence and one in Northampton	Clarification
15	12	12900	900	Transcription Error
15	16 & 17	away as far as – you know, it doesn't meet our new standards, but – with two runs, multi-run.	Away. But it doesn't meet our new standards which require two runs.	Clarification.
15	20	because one runs going wide open.	because they would all be connected to the same main.	Clarification.
16	3 & 4	And I told – there's people will tell you I spend a lot of money that they don't want me to spend. I'm very passionate about that I do and I – if somethings not right, it's fixed.	And I told – there's people will tell you I spend a lot of money on safety when it may not be budgeted. I'm very passionate about what I do and I – if something's not right, it's fixed. And the company has always backed those efforts.	Clarification.
16	18	complaints	compliance	Transcription Error

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16	20, 22 & 24	compliance basis	confined spaces	Transcription Errors
18	2	if I see a problem	if they see a problem	Transcription Error
23	19	I saw where the relief valve blew	I saw where the bypass blew	Transcription Error
28	19	they're doing the cut or they're doing the upright or they're doing the tied-over.	they're doing a cut-off or they're doing an uprate (raising the MAOP) or they're doing a tie-over.	Transcription Errors
31	6	of every single station	of almost every single station	Clarification
32	22 -24	2015, the control lines were put on those -- clamped on the cast iron main. The plastic main itself, I don't know the exact date of that, so -- but 2015 was the control lines were moved.	I understand that in 2015 one of the two control lines was moved.	Clarification
33	25	No, they didn't even tell us.	No, we were so busy that they didn't even tell us.	Clarification
34	5	all four teams	all 14	Transcription Error
34	9	they	Steve, Tom and Larry	Clarification
36	7 & 8	dead man	dead band	Transcription Error
36	9	our 275s are 273	our 273s are 272	Transcription Error
38	15	data	date	Transcription Error
40	22	in Vernon.	inverted.	Transcription Error
41	11 & 12	Except for the newest stations, there's no, there is no, there is no drawings of control lines.	Except for the newest stations, there are not many drawings of control lines.	Clarification
42	5 – 25		[REDACT]	National Security
43	1 – 25		[REDACT]	National Security

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45	1		[REDACT]	National Security
46	2	On a single feed system you do not need an EDX,	On a single feed system, Part 192 says you do not need an EDX,	Clarification
47	23	I'm losing one, and that will be – another job will be	I'm losing one, but he will be	Clarification
50	19	state	stations	Transcription Error
51	22	they shut	They (the Distribution Department) shut	Clarification
55	23 & 24	Uprights	uprates	Transcription Error
58	13	full tab 2-inch	full port 2-inch	Transcription Error
60	16	I'm only exceeding	I'm going to be exceeding	Transcription Error
64	7	very old deadband	very good dead band	Transcription Error
65	9	no back pressure	no pressure	Transcription Error
65	10 & 11	The springs are not going to have any effect, diaphragm is just, it's just wide open.	The diaphragm is not going to have any effect, the spring is going to cause it to go wide open.	Clarification