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1 MR. ROBERT KONDZIOLKA: You will.

2 DR. PELL: I appreciate that. I will once
3 again invite those of you standing in the back to please
4 come forward, there are plenty of seats up here. I'd like
5 to get a better look at you and let you get a better look
6 at us. So make yourself comfortable if you would. We're
7 all friends here, so let's not worry about creating a
8 commotion by coming up front or anything like that.

9 I'd like to move on. Mr. William Kurtz,
10 representing himself at this point. **AZ05**

11 MR. WILLIAM KURTZ: My name is William Kurtz,
12 K-U-R-T-Z. I'm a resident of Santa Cruz County, Arizona.
13 What I have witnessed over the last five years is a
14 concerted systematic effort on the part of the
15 Administration with the support of Congress to cut down,
16 eviscerate, negate all of the good environmental progress
17 of the last 20 to 40 years. The new corridors alternative
18 in the PEIS before us today seems to me yet another way to
19 reduce and get around present environmental laws and
20 regulations.

21 Of the alternatives enumerated in the PEIS, I
22 think the increased utilization alternative should be
23 adopted and the new corridor alternative should be
24 rejected. If additional corridors are ever needed, they
25 should go through the presently existing procedures. As

1 you have heard, new transmission lines do not happen
2 overnight but are planned 10, 15, sometimes more, years in
3 advance, so this gives plenty of time for permitting under
4 the present system.

5 I think preplanning any corridors as specified
6 in the PEIS is like building a road to nowhere. As soon as
7 it is built, it is used and used and used. Therefore, I
8 say no to the new corridor alternative, yes to the
9 increased utilization alternative, and treat any proposed
10 new corridor just like it is now being done. Thank you
11 very much.

12 DR. PELL: Thank you very much, appreciate your
13 thoughts, Mr. Kurtz. I'd now like to call on Ms. Ellen
14 Kurtz, also representing herself I do believe. **AZ06**

15 MS. ELLEN KURTZ: My name is Ellen Kurtz,
16 K-U-R-T-Z, and I too am a resident of Santa Cruz County,
17 and I appreciate the privilege to be able to address you
18 people and make our concerns known. This will have a major
19 impact on the west and I'm sure it will in the east. This
20 PEIS hearing demonstrates how the corporate utility
21 interests are trying to quote, unquote streamline by
22 virtually eliminating requirements for constructing utility
23 corridors.

24 They are presently required to do a 10-year
25 update or forecast, which allows them ample time to