

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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 In Re: West-Wide Energy)
 Corridor Programmatic)
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PUBLIC MEETING
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1 And what we would like for you to do is come up,
2 state your name and state the company that you're
3 representing so that our reporter can record that.

4 Our first speaker is David Kates.

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5 MR. KATES: I hate being the first speaker. I'm
6 David Kates. I'm with the Nevada Hydro Company. We are
7 the developers of the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage
8 Project, which is a pump storage and transmission line
9 project of Southern California. Part of our transmission
10 group may be on that western governor's association map.
11 We've never seen it in enough detail to know but it looks
12 pretty similar.

13 We're going to be submitting formal comments to you
14 but one of the things I wanted to bring to your attention,
15 we're involved in a Federal licensing effort now through
16 FERC that is very advanced. We've been studying the route
17 for five years. We have a Draft EIS coming out sometime
18 before Thanksgiving and we expect our Final EIS Record of
19 Decision sometime first or second quarter of next year.

20 So we want to participate in your process but we only
21 want to do so if your process isn't going to slow down
22 what is happening at FERC.

23 So the Lake Elsinore Project is a critical project.
24 The Southern California infrastructure is 500 megawatts of
25 advanced pump storage. It will be the most efficient

1 storage project in North America and the 5th most
2 efficient and highest in the world. So it's a world-class
3 facility.

4 Our transmission lines will be connecting Southern
5 California Edison systems with San Diego Gas and Electric
6 system in the south. It will be the first connection
7 between the two systems. It will contribute to form the
8 backbone of our PG&E's territory, which they now don't
9 have.

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10 Thank you.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Terry O'Brien.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. My name is Terry
13 O'Brien. I'm the Deputy Director of the California Energy
14 Commission. I'd like to thank the Federal representatives
15 for allowing the opportunity to comment today. I have a
16 prepared statement I'd like to read into the record.

17 The California Energy Commission appreciates the
18 opportunity to provide comments on the preparation of
19 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to designate
20 energy corridors on Federal land in the 11 western states
21 including California.

22 The Commission anticipates working closely with the
23 Department of Energy, the Federal land use agencies
24 including the Bureau of Land Management and the United
25 States Forest Service to identify potential energy