

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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 In Re: West-Wide Energy )  
 Corridor Programmatic )  
 EIS )  
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PUBLIC MEETING  
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1           The EIS must also ensure best manage practices are  
2 explicitly detailed and mandated to ensure the impacts on  
3 national resources are limited.

4           The California Wilderness Coalition along with our  
5 conservation partners throughout California will continue  
6 to monitor the process and will provide written comments  
7 in advance of the November 28th deadline.

8           We look forward to the Draft Environmental Impact  
9 Statement and working with the agencies to ensure the  
10 corridor projects does not destroy the wild land that  
11 makes California unique.

12           Thanks.

13           MR. JOHNSON: Is there anyone in the audience  
14 that -- come forward to state your name.

15           MR. WARNER: My name is Michael Warner. I'm an  
16 environmental planner. I just have a couple of questions  
17 and comments.

18           One of the questions I had was whether it's  
19 contemplated this grants of right of -- right-of-way in  
20 the corridors would be issued as part of the Energy Act or  
21 whether they would be flip grants or some other granting  
22 authority, whatever is relevant.

23           The second question I have or comment I have is  
24 whether there is an opportunity for companies or  
25 individuals to engage the project team directly, perhaps

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1 with proprietary or project specific plans? How is that  
2 going to be accomplished? Is there a working group  
3 mechanism that allows that interaction to take place?  
4 And sort of a second part of that question, there may be  
5 security reasons to prevent the public distribution of  
6 some of this information, either for security reasons or  
7 proprietary reasons.

8 It will be useful, I think, to provide some  
9 instructions on that topic about how that is accomplished,  
10 if it's desired.

11 Beyond that, I just want to make a comment that I  
12 think this is in the best interest of the country and it  
13 represents sound environmental planning.

14 I applaud your efforts to go through the process.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Is there anyone else that desires to  
17 make a comment for the record that did not sign up?

18 We want to applaud those that came forward to make  
19 comments for the record.

20 And just to reiterate, there are four ways in which  
21 you can get your comments in. One way is to be -- your  
22 presence here today and reading them into the record. The  
23 other one is the website that is located over to my right.  
24 That is also on the handout you received. Written  
25 comments, which can be faxed or mailed to the Department