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1 allowable use in there, and try to reduce as
2 much ambiguity as possible would be very
3 helpful.

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4 And finally, we're always concerned about
5 security and critical energy infrastructure
6 information, and I am sure you are thinking
7 about that, and we just want to make sure that
8 that's a consideration as you go through the
9 process. So thank you.

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10 MS. SOUDER: Thank you. Kenneth Dillon
11 from Portland General Electric.

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12 MR. DILLON: Thank you. My name is
13 Kenneth Dillon from Portland General Electric
14 Transmission Services Department, and I am here
15 representing, today, the electric transmission
16 needs of Portland General Electric.

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17 Portland General Electric Company is an
18 electric utility engaged in the generation,
19 purchase, transmission, distribution, and
20 retail sale of electricity in the state of
21 Oregon. PGE's service area is located entirely
22 within Oregon and covers 3,150 square miles.
23 PGE serves more than 750,000 retail customers
24 and also sells wholesale electric energy to
25 utilities, brokers, and power marketers located

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1 throughout the western United States. PGE has
2 transmission lines for the delivery of
3 electricity from its plants located in Oregon
4 to its service territory, or to the Northwest

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5 grid. PGE also has a 79.5 percent ownership
6 interest in a 20-inch diameter natural gas
7 pipeline that runs approximately 18 miles from
8 Beaver Generating Plant located in Clatskanie,
9 Oregon, to Cowlitz County, Washington, where it

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10 interconnects with the interstate gas
11 distribution system of the Northwest Pipeline
12 Company.

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13 As I said, I am here today to represent
14 the electric transmission side. We applaud and
15 support the effort of coordinating federal
16 agencies to prepare a programmatic and
17 environmental impact statement of the energy
18 corridors in the western states for a number of
19 reasons. The existing transmission system is

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20 becoming more and more congested with system to
21 system transfers. .Establishment of new
22 right-of-ways and construction of new
23 transmission facilities is hard to accomplish
24 today. Right away acquisition is often opposed

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25 by land owners and public interest groups, and

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1 it's hard -- and it's based upon health and
2 environmental and other concerns.

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3 New transmission was previously needed to
4 meet liability and some transfers. Today's
5 system we need far more -- there is far more
6 demand for transferability, and thus, more
7 transmission is needed. Transmission
8 construction can take five to ten years with
9 the majority of that time falling in

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10 right-of-way establishment. Wind and gas
11 generation resources need access to new
12 transmission much faster than traditional
13 resources did. Generation sites close to load
14 are becoming very limited. Assistance with

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15 acquisition of right-of-way land will be
16 crucial to future transmission construction.
17 Cooperation is required for state and federal
18 entities to ensure corridor establishment.

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19 Utilities have accepted that time to construct
20 new lines is long, but market participants
21 continue to demand a short lead time. Much of
22 the transmission needed for PGE system from
23 Eastern Oregon into Western Oregon crosses over
24 federal land.

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25 And in conclusion, PGE would like to thank

14:16:53 1 the agencies once again for this opportunity to
2 participate in the scoping process. Thank you.

3 MS. SOUDER: There is some disturbance,
4 but we can't really -- we've already decreased
14:17:17 5 it as much as we can. Sorry.

6 Natalie McIntire, Renewable Northwest
7 Project.

8 MS. McINTIRE: Good afternoon. I am
9 Natalie McIntire with the Renewable Northwest
14:17:35 10 Project. I recognize many of you in the
11 audience, but for those of you who aren't
12 familiar with our organization, we are a
13 nonprofit renewable energy policy and advocacy
14 organization. We work in the four northwest
14:17:46 15 states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and
16 Montana, and we are working to encourage the
17 development of solar, wind, and geothermal
18 resources.

19 The members of our organization include
14:17:57 20 energy companies, consumer groups, and
21 environmental organizations. We are very
22 pleased, too, that you are endeavoring on this
23 effort to identify corridors because for
24 renewable energy resources, transmission has
14:18:10 25 become a major bottleneck. So we know that

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