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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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1 federal land in the west will be needed for
2 transmission corridors, but at this point we
3 have not identified all of those corridors or
4 the timing that's necessary. So at this point

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5 we want to just make some very brief comments,
6 and we will be making more written comments at
7 a later point, probably in conjunction with the
8 American Wind Energies Association and West
9 Wind Wires.

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10 So I just want to encourage you to look at
11 all of the work that has been done so far,
12 SSG-WI effort, RMATS, the NTAC effort, as well
13 as other subregional transition planning
14 organizations. Also, we would like to point

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15 you to the Western Governors Association CDEAC
16 study, the draft wind report from that effort
17 on this is very strong, and that could help
18 direct towards the wind resources in the west.

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19 We would also encourage you to look at the
20 National Renewable Energy Lab information, as
21 well as the Renewable Energy Atlas of the west,
22 which indicates renewable energy resource sites
23 around the west.

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24 I am sure you are aware, and many of the
25 others in the audience are as well, but

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1 renewable resources bring both economic and
2 environmental benefits, and so transmission
3 corridors that can help support the development
4 of renewable resources should be given the
5 priority in this study. And renewable
6 resources are not usually located near load
7 centers and so transmission is critical in
8 order to get that electricity to the load.

9 And as Mr. Dillon mentioned as well, the
10 time frames between development of renewable
11 energy resources and transmission are a little
12 bit disconnected between a couple years'
13 development of wind, to five, ten more years
14 required for transmission. And so planning and
15 working through this environmental impact
16 statement and coordinating between all of the
17 departments, federal departments, should help
18 to limit that time disconnect. So as much work
19 that we can get done ahead of time will help.

20 We thank you again, and we will be
21 submitting some more comments and look forward
22 to participating as the process goes along.

23 MS. SOUDER: John Thiebes with the
24 National Wild Turkey Federation. Did I say the
25 last name right?