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PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT,
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MODERATOR:
Scott Powers, BLM

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1 So in sum, Williams supports the concept.
2 We look forward to working with you as we go through
3 this to learn more about what it means. But keep in
4 mind these corridors should not be exclusive corridors
14:34:34 5 and people need to be able to build outside of them as
6 well. Thank you.

7 MR. POWERS: Thank you. I just wanted to
8 add two quick points. The we didn't talk about some
9 specific requirements of the act itself, but we are
14:34:52 10 required to consider and identify the width of the
11 corridor and the compatible uses that would be allowed
12 within that corridor. So that's some of the kind of
13 information we're looking to getting through scoping.

14 Next person is Kris Hohenshelt with Kern
14:35:12 15 River Gas. UT03

16 MR. HOHENSHELT: Good afternoon. My name is
17 Kris Hohenshelt. I am the Manager of Land & Environment
18 for Kern River Gas Transmission Company. Kern River Gas
19 Transmission Company owns and operates 1,679 miles of
14:35:39 20 interstate natural gas pipelines through the states of
21 Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. Approximately
22 850 miles are located on federally managed lands. Kern
23 River transports a design capacity of 1.7 billion cubic
24 feet of natural gas per day.

14:35:56 25 Kern River appreciates the opportunity to

1 participate in this important endeavor being undertaken
2 as mandated in the Energy Policy Act. The study,
3 hopefully resulting in the establishments of better
4 defined and expanded energy corridors, is critical to
14:36:10 5 the economy and well-being of the western United States.

6 The proposed Programmatic Environmental
7 Impact Statement should assess corridors with
8 traditional multiple use principles -- corridors that
9 will accommodate not only electric use transmission
14:36:23 10 lines, but pipelines and other energy infrastructures as
11 well, adding to the statement of Mr. Draper. Corridors
12 should also be established to accommodate not only
13 multiple uses, but also multiple numbers of facilities.

14 Some energy corridors have been established
14:36:41 15 through land use planning documents on federal lands for
16 years, but an intrinsic flaw in the process excludes
17 corridor establishment on private, state, and local
18 lands. The Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
19 should address the establishment of contiguous corridors
14:36:52 20 on a regional basis taking into account lands that are
21 not federally managed. City and county governments must
22 be involved and become firm stakeholders in this
23 process.

24 All too often energy interests are directed
14:37:11 25 and counseled to utilize established corridors and then

1 realize the fate that eventually the corridor does not
2 exist when federal land interfaces with state, local,
3 and private urban development. That has always been an
4 issue. A perfect example right here locally is the
14:37:27 5 canyon utility corridor that comes over the mountain
6 near Bountiful and Centerville. It's a designated
7 corridor over Forest Service lands. You get to the
8 bottom of the mountain and there is no corridor. So
9 that's an example of the type of things we need to look
14:37:39 10 at in this process because a 50-mile corridor doesn't
11 get you from Wyoming to California.

12 We will be filing formal written comments
13 prior to November 28th. I appreciate the opportunity.
14 I am also taking the opportunity to speak in Las Vegas
14:37:55 15 on some more site-specific issues there. Thank you.

16 Oh, and Mr. Fisher and any other members of
17 the DEQ are more than welcome to come look at the
18 reclamation and re-vegetation of the Kern River
19 Pipeline. We are very proud of it. UTO4

14:38:10 20 MR. POWERS: Thank you very much. Mr. John
21 Jurrius with the Ute Indian Tribe.

22 MR. JURRIUS: Good afternoon. If the panel
23 would allow me, I represent the Northern Ute Indian
24 Tribe. It would be appropriate to allow our Chair to
14:38:34 25 open for me, if that would be acceptable to the panel?