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1 So our time has come to get a day in the
2 sun, and I hope that you people that are hearing this
3 talk by me, give your voluntary support to help me get
4 in the position with the Arizona Public Service people
19:25:11 5 and the federal people in to order to make my
6 contribution to this country, which still has yet to be
7 determined. I want to thank you for letting me speak,
8 without interruption and thank you very much.

9 MR. POWERS: Thank you. I forgot to
19:25:36 10 mention, it's in the -- we have an active website that
11 is current and it's going to be updated on a regular
12 basis. That will keep you apprised of the project.

13 The scoping process, for those of you that
14 haven't been involved in the EIS at the time, we go to
19:25:52 15 the public and ask you what issues you think should be
16 addressed in this process. And from the corridor
17 designation standpoint, we haven't really developed any
18 corridor alternatives that will be analyzed in that. We
19 are going to do that after we receive information from
19:26:09 20 the public scoping process.

21 So is there anybody else that would like to
22 make a comment for the record? Yes, do you want to come
23 up here? Please give your name and who you are
24 representing. UT09

19:26:27 25 MS. WYBRECK: Thank you very much. I hadn't

1 really planned to speak, but I have a question and then
2 may -- depending on that, would be my response. I'm
3 Constance Wybreck (phonetic) of the Utah Division of
4 Public Utilities. We assist in all aspects of utilities
19:26:41 5 regulation. As I am learning more about this project, I
6 guess my question is -- it's my question that it's very
7 expensive to even do these studies, the EIS and all of
8 the projects that you are supposed to do by law. Am I
9 right -- I mean, it seems to me it's going to be very
19:27:00 10 expensive. Is that coming out of your budgets or are
11 you going to be recouping the costs later on, if any of
12 these transmission lines or gas pipelines are getting
13 built?

14 MR. POWERS: What we're doing is part of our
19:27:12 15 land use planning process whereby we designate
16 corridors.

17 MS. WYBRECK: Right.

18 MR. POWERS: Accordingly, depending on what
19 comes through the process, we're directed to do this by
19:27:24 20 legislation --

21 MS. WYBRECK: So it's already in your
22 budget? It's already part of your work?

23 MR. POWERS: Well, yeah, we'll figure out
24 how to -- how to get it done.

19:27:32 25 MS. WYBRECK: Okay. My comment was going to

1 be, if you do try to recoup costs later on in the nature
2 of user fees from someone who, say, builds the
3 transmission line or something, I would urge you to work
4 with state utility commissions to make sure that those
19:27:48 5 costs are spread in a fair manner. Sometimes FERC may
6 set rates in ways that we don't think are quite fair.
7 So I would urge you to include the state in these kinds
8 of decisions. Thank you.

9 MR. POWERS: Thank you. Just for a point of
19:28:09 10 clarification, we collect cost recovery and the Forest
11 Service will soon be doing the same thing on all
12 applications for right-of-way, depending on the scope of
13 the projects. Anybody else interested in making a
14 statement on the record? If not, we will conclude this
19:28:30 15 and we'll open it up for informal discussion questions
16 and if -- barring -- if there's no questions, we'll just
17 hang around and be available one-on-one if needed.

18 (Closed at 7:28 p.m.)
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