

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY

AND ENERGY RELIABILITY

Re: Section 368, Energy) Public Law 109-58 (H.R. 6)
Policy Act)

Verbatim Record of Proceedings

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

November 3rd, 2005

A-P-P-E-A-R-A-N-C-E-S:

PANEL MEMBERS

JULIA SOUDER

Western Regional Coordinator
Office/Electricity Delivery,
Energy Reliability

DAVID QUICK

Public Affairs Specialist
Bureau of Land management

MARYANNE KURTINAITIS

U.S. Forest Service
Washington, D.C

Also Present

Jerry Magee
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon State Office

Allen Gibbs
USDA Forest Service
Public Affairs coordinator

Reporter of Record

Allen R. Emerson
CSR/Washington State
allen.emerson@verizon.net

Rough & Associates, Inc.
Court Reporters
1218 Third Ave., Suite #1518
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 682-1427

will turn off the recorder and we can take a break and have informal discussions with agency representatives from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Will those folks stand up who are here from the local offices. I appreciate that, thank you.

We would like to keep your comments to ten minutes but with such a small group that is not really a problem today if you wanted to go over. We really appreciate you attending this meeting, your participation is important. Lets get started, are there - oh, one more thing, this would be a good time to turn off your cell phones and pagers.

Are there any elected officials or tribal representatives who would wish to speak at this time:

MR. RIGDON: I'm actually not an elected official but I would like to comment.

MS. KURTINAITIS: Please. If you could come up here that would be great and just state your name.

WAO1

MR. RIGDON: My name is Philip Rigdon and I'm the director of natural resources for the Yakima Nation. Generally one thing that the Yakima

Nation will be concerned about is any impacts to our Reserve Treaty Rights within designated corridors and how those impacts will affect access and so forth for our usual gatherings, hunting and within that, any impacts to these Reserve Treaty Rights and the need for the government to have participation under the Energy Policy Act with the Yakima Nation.

MS. KURTINAITIS: Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to make a formal presentation at this time? Or any questions that you have that you would like to get on the record?

Okay, at this time then what we will do, since the meeting will run from 2:00 to 5:00 and folks may be strolling in a little bit later, we will take a fifteen minute break and break into informal discussions and go off the record and then we will get back together about 2:30 and see if there are some folks who would like to make a formal presentation.

(Recessed 2:15 PM)

(Reconvened 2:30 PM)

MS. KURTINAITIS: All right, we will get started again and go back on the record and see

if we have any new folks who have showed up that would like to give a formal presentation or if they have questions that they would like to get on the record.

(No Response)

MS. KURTINAITIS: All right, we will just go off the record again and wait to see if anyone else appears and we will get back to our informal discussions.

(Off the record)

(Reconvened 7:00 PM)

MS. SOUDER: Good evening everyone. Usually we like to have our local agent introduce us but he may have left sick so we will introduce ourselves. I'm Julia Souder with the Department of Energy and I'm the Western Regional Coordinator for the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability and again I want to thank you for your time. There is a lot of traffic and crazy weather out there but we appreciate your coming in and joining us.

MR. QUICK: My name is David Quick and I work with the Bureau of Land Management in the Public Affairs Office in Washington D.C.

MS. KURTINAITIS: My name is Maryanne

Kurtinaitis, good evening, thank you for coming. I'm with the Washington D.C. Office, also for the Forest Service in the Lands and Realty Management Program.

MS. SOUDER: Just before we get to the formal comments I just want to go over again the reasons why we are here. Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act was signed in August of this year and it directs the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy and Interior to designate energy corridors under our respective authorities on Federal Land in the eleven western states within two years. The key to these designations are going to occur in the Land Use Planning Process. Agencies determine that the designation of corridors, as required by the Act, is a major federal action. We intend to prepare a Problematic Environmental Impact Statement to address environmental impacts and proposed actions and a range of reasonable alternatives. This public participation in the West Wide Energy Corridor Study is an important part of the process.

The intent of the scoping meeting is to solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope in the context of the Problematic EIS. Federal Agencies, public interest groups, Native

American Tribes, businesses and members of the public, environmental groups are also asked to help refine our preliminary alternatives that are listed in the Notice of Intent.

This is our last day of our eleven city tour and there are four ways that you can submit comment as outlined on our poster and also in paper form that is in front of you. You can submit a comment through our website, which is also on the poster here and on the board and regular or snail mail and just to kind of highlight that, there are some problems receiving mail such as cd's or packages and we would recommend that you send it Express Mail. Also faxing information to us is welcome or just being here today presenting a formal comment on the record or filling out the comment card that you received in your packet is a great way to comment but whichever way you comment, they are all given equal weight.

The end of the scoping period, which began with a Public Notice of Intent, ends November 28th. If we do receive documents a day or so later we are not going to say no they can't come in but we are trying to stick to the November 28th date

but we do understand that things do happen in life,
a lot of things can happen.

Today we are looking for comment on what is
important to you in outlying and identifying
compatible

uses within proposed corridors or existing corridors
and try to be specific in describing from point "A"
to point "B", which will help us refine those
alternatives that are listed in the Notice of Intent.

We also have a website that has a lot of good
information that will help you understand the process
we're going through today.

The formal comments that we receive today will be
recorded in an official record. However during the
formal presentation we would prefer not to have
questions and answers. When you come up to the podium
during your formal comments you can ask any questions
that are of concern to you and that will be included
in a publication and that will be out in January
or February of 2006, where we will have all the formal
comments listed from all the presentations from all
the western cities and also via fax or through the
web.

So once we do receive formal comments and you

don't have anything more to say, then we will go off the record and have informal discussions with agency representatives from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. We will limit our public comments to fifteen minutes, usually we say ten but we have a small group here. Again, thank you participating in this process.

Are there any elected officials or tribal representatives who wish to speak? And at this time I would ask everyone to turn off their cell phones and pagers.

Again, is there anyone in the audience who wants to come up and present information at this time?

(No Response)

We will take a fifteen minute break and wait and see if more people come and go off the record at this time and then come back on the record at 7:30 or 7:35.

(Recessed 7:15 PM)

(Reconvened 7:31 PM)

MS. SOUDER: Thank you again for all being here. It's after 7:30 and I'm wondering if anyone would like to make a formal request on the