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BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ) DOCKET NO.  
APPLICATION OF DCR ) L-21088A-19-0309-00185  
TRANSMISSION, L.L.C. OR ITS )  
ASSIGNEES, IN CONFORMANCE WITH) )  
THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. ) CASE NO. 185  
§ 40-360 et. seq., FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE )  
500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE, )  
WHICH INCLUDES THE )  
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 125 MILE) )  
500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE )  
BETWEEN ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE) )  
COMPANY'S DELANEY SUBSTATION )  
UNTIL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA )  
EDISON'S COLORADO RIVER )  
SUBSTATION, TO BE REFERRED TO )  
AS THE TEN WEST LINK PROJECT. )  
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2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before  
3 the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting  
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8 BEFORE: THOMAS K. CHENAL, Chairman

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1 CHMN. CHENAL: Good afternoon, everybody.  
2 This is the time set for the resumption of the Ten West  
3 Link project here in Quartzsite.

4 We had a wonderful tour, it's now the  
5 standard of tours, a helicopter tour of the line. I  
6 note that TEP has a case coming up in February, it's an  
7 8-mile line, but I'm going to insist that we get a  
8 helicopter tour of that line too. I want to thank the  
9 Applicant for putting that together. That was just an  
10 amazing experience to see that from the air.

11 And I talked with counsel before we started  
12 this portion of the hearing, which is essentially to  
13 allow the Committee to ask questions based on what they  
14 saw, because we had decided that there would be no  
15 discussion during the flight because there was no court  
16 reporter. There were two helicopters, and we were  
17 split up and, you know, we didn't want to cross the  
18 line of an Open Meeting law violation.

19 So I don't know about the other helicopter,  
20 but the helicopter that I was in, there was not a word  
21 spoken other than what the pilot said and what Ali,  
22 Mr. Amirali, stated, which was a prepared script, which  
23 is an exhibit -- or, will be an exhibit to the hearing.  
24 So I'm very confident that we followed the rules on  
25 that.

1 I thought it would be a good idea, and I  
2 think the folks that went on the tour, the helicopter,  
3 would enjoy this, to see the Google flyover again. And  
4 if I could ask that we reserve questions to see the  
5 entire Google flyover, which is only five, six, seven  
6 minutes, and then we'll come back and go over it a  
7 second time, and then we can pause at each hover point  
8 and then we can ask questions based on what I saw,  
9 because I know I have a few questions, and you may all  
10 as well.

11 So if that's okay -- is there anything,  
12 counsel, we should discuss before we get into that?

13 MS. GRABEL: No, Chairman, not from our  
14 perspective.

15 But for those who have not been trained on  
16 the microphones, you do need to press the little  
17 speaker button when you want to say something in order  
18 for them to work. It's unlike the one in Phoenix.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: And if you don't press the  
20 button a second time, everything you say under your  
21 breath is going to be heard by everybody, so just a  
22 word to the wise.

23 So do we have the ability to see the Google  
24 flyover?

25 MS. GRABEL: We sure do. Mr. Rogers has the

1 driving seat.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Perfect.

3 MR. ROGERS: Are we ready?

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you.

5 (Virtual tour plays.)

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Very good. Let's go back and  
7 maybe we can, in a moment, start it. I've just got to  
8 say, I saw -- we all saw that virtual tour a couple  
9 times before today. I could see it a hundred more  
10 times, had I not gone on the tour, and I wouldn't get  
11 as much out of it as I did going on the helicopter tour  
12 and then just seeing it one more time. It's just  
13 amazing to see how it puts everything in context. It's  
14 just amazing the difference to have gone on the tour  
15 and see this again, at least me speaking personally.

16 But could we start it again, and then at the  
17 hover points we can ask a few questions.

18 MR. ROGERS: Just let me know when you'd like  
19 to pause it.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: Does it say Hover Point 1?  
21 Because that was our first hover point at Delaney.

22 MR. ROGERS: This is Hover Point 1, yes.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: Because I think normally the  
24 video -- or, the Google Earth pauses. Maybe not.  
25 Okay. Can you roll it back just a little?

1 MR. ROGERS: Sure.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: All right, good. So I had  
3 a -- everyone will have questions, I think, but I had a  
4 question. When we were hovering over Delaney, I was  
5 trying to see the Palo Verde nuclear reactor, which was  
6 southeast of our position. I couldn't see it because  
7 there were mountains in the way, but I was trying to  
8 get a feel for how far we are, as the crow flies, from  
9 Delaney to Palo Verde.

10 MR. ROGERS: Eli, or whoever is controlling  
11 it over there, would you please just go back to the  
12 very start of it. Thanks.

13 I think we might be able to see it in the  
14 distance. All right. Yeah, the way we're looking down  
15 on it, we can't see it in the distance.

16 MR. AMIRALI: Lowell, I'm getting that  
17 information. Give me one second.

18 MS. GRABEL: Mr. Amirali, I have the answer.  
19 Do you mind if I just chime in? It's 15 miles.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: 15 miles.

21 MR. ROGERS: Thank you.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Maybe the best way --  
23 maybe the best way to do this is to go to each hover  
24 point and see if anyone has questions. So does  
25 anyone --

1 Member Riggins, do you have a question?

2 MEMBER RIGGINS: No.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Any questions at this point?

4 (No response.)

5 CHMN. CHENAL: Then maybe we can fly to the  
6 next hover point.

7 MR. ROGERS: We really don't have them  
8 indexed to just jump from one to the other, so if it's  
9 okay to just fly, if there's questions as we go.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah, if anyone has a  
11 question, just ask to stop.

12 MR. ROGERS: Just a reminder for the Members,  
13 the blue line is the existing line. So it's almost the  
14 inverse, you know, on the live tour we saw the existing  
15 line, and then on the virtual tour we see the proposed.

16 This is the second hover point.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: Any questions regarding the  
18 second hover point?

19 (No response.)

20 CHMN. CHENAL: All right.

21 MR. ROGERS: We're approaching Hover Point  
22 Number 3, this is the crossing of the interstate.

23 MEMBER PALMER: Mr. Chairman.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Member Palmer.

25 MEMBER PALMER: So at that point, how far are

1 we from the Kofa Wildlife area, where we diverge from  
2 the old line?

3 MR. ROGERS: I'll need to generate that  
4 number.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: We're going to have to do it a  
6 little differently than just having people in the back  
7 yell out the answers to Mr. Rogers. I think they're  
8 going to have to come up to the microphone so we can  
9 make sure we get this on the record; otherwise, it will  
10 become a little bit of a free-for-all.

11 MR. ROGERS: How about they just tell me the  
12 answer and I'll enter it into the record?

13 CHMN. CHENAL: That's good.

14 MR. ROGERS: Roughly 20 miles.

15 MEMBER PALMER: Thank you.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: All right, if we could stop  
17 just for a second. I believe on the tour you'd  
18 indicated that you're working -- that the Applicant is  
19 working with the Central Arizona Project to determine,  
20 I don't know, mitigation measures or the best way to  
21 cross the canal, and I know it crosses at a couple  
22 points, if I remember. Could you just talk about that  
23 for a minute.

24 MR. ROGERS: I'd love to. In this particular  
25 area, there's a number of things going on. So when the

1 canal system was developed, they established a wide  
2 right-of-way to provide for what they call a green-up  
3 area. And this green-up area is a vegetation set-aside  
4 area since, as the sheep flow comes across the Valley,  
5 it gets impinged by the levy system, and there's some  
6 vegetation -- there's some vegetation, just habitat  
7 that they have set aside. One thing that they asked us  
8 to do is avoid impacting those stands of shrubland and  
9 other vegetation. So that's one thing we did.

10           The other thing that we did is there is a  
11 planned pump inlet in this area here, I believe it's  
12 this area here, by the city of Scottsdale, and a  
13 pipeline that would come along this area. So they  
14 asked us if we could avoid that. So initially, we had  
15 planned on coming up further and crossing a little bit  
16 further up here, and so we adjusted that to not  
17 interfere with that future pump facility for the city  
18 of Scottsdale.

19           Then other things that they were concerned of  
20 is just generally our clearance above the canal. They  
21 want to be able to maintain it and get certain new  
22 equipment in there, so and so forth, so we're providing  
23 for that clearance for maintenance.

24           CHMN. CHENAL: Are there -- I said something  
25 under my breath, and I'm glad the microphone wasn't on.

1           Is there an agreement that you have with CAP  
2 or some standards that have been agreed to? I mean,  
3 I'll tell you why I'm asking this, and I'm going to ask  
4 the Applicant to kind of give us a checklist of the  
5 mitigation measures that have been agreed to with the  
6 various, you know, agencies that have been put into  
7 this.

8           And we put that into our CEC that says that  
9 the Applicant will comply with the requirements of BLM  
10 and whatever the document is with the CAP regarding,  
11 you know, whatever. So we need to be able to figure  
12 out what to refer to where those standards are set  
13 forth.

14           MR. ROGERS: Sure. So in this -- in the  
15 hierarchy of right-of-way, this area is owned by the  
16 Department of -- I'm sorry -- the Bureau of  
17 Reclamation, and the CAP is a subsidiary of the Bureau  
18 of Reclamation. So we're going through the federal  
19 right-of-way grant process through the Reclamation.

20           Since the CAP administers it, Reclamation has  
21 deferred to the CAP, and we will get a right-of-way  
22 grant through this area that will have its  
23 stipulations. And some of those stipulations will  
24 reference clearing heights and all of -- everything  
25 from how you get onto their property, in terms of

1 locked gates and so on, to, you know, clearances and  
2 restoration and all of that.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: So there's a specific document  
4 that will contain these requirements, is that what  
5 you're saying?

6 MR. ROGERS: There will be. There is not  
7 yet.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: There will be. But that is  
9 a -- that is a document that we could refer to --

10 MR. ROGERS: Absolutely.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: -- in the CEC for this aspect  
12 of it? Again, I'm going to ask the Applicant to  
13 provide kind of a list of the various standards,  
14 regulations, requirements, you know, that the various  
15 regulating agencies have or will have. And if we could  
16 just refer to it, it would make our job a lot easier.  
17 Okay, thanks.

18 MR. ROGERS: Sure.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: And the line crosses the canal  
20 at at least one other point; is that correct?

21 MR. ROGERS: I think it's two or three times.  
22 So one is here, one is here, and I think it occurs a  
23 couple more times.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Member Woodall.

25 MEMBER WOODALL: So while you're working on

1 your conditions, I know that you previously explained  
2 to us that the conditions in the FEIS apply only to the  
3 land management agencies and do not apply to private  
4 land, or did I misunderstand you?

5 Here is the long and the short of it. To the  
6 extent that you are going to be obliged to do certain  
7 things, and to the extent that those certain things may  
8 be relevant to private lands, I would appreciate it if  
9 you could somehow present for our consideration a  
10 condition of some sort, an incorporation by reference,  
11 so that we know that the private landowners will be  
12 treated, in essence, the same way as it relates to  
13 conditions.

14 And just -- you don't need to respond, I just  
15 want you to ponder and muse on that. Thank you.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: Member Woodall, am I sensing a  
17 breakthrough here?

18 MEMBER WOODALL: What? No. What do you mean  
19 "a breakthrough"?

20 CHMN. CHENAL: I'll explain later.

21 MEMBER WOODALL: No, I'm going to continue to  
22 be a pain.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: I see a breakthrough here.

24 Okay, so let's keep going with the flyover.

25 MR. ROGERS: This is another crossing of the

1 CAP. A couple more crossings of the CAP. This is  
2 Hover Point -- is it 5 -- Hover Point 5. Whoops, I'm  
3 sorry. And here we're coming up on the series  
4 compensation station.

5 MEMBER VILLEGAS: Mr. Chairman.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Member Villegas.

7 MEMBER VILLEGAS: How close is the  
8 compensation station to the freeway? I'm just a little  
9 concerned about the visual impact to the drivers.

10 MR. ROGERS: It's approximately 2,500 feet.  
11 And if you recall in my testimony, we have visual  
12 simulations from both directions of the travel way on  
13 the freeway that you could reference.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: And there's going to be some  
15 sort of fencing around -- of some sort around the site;  
16 is that correct?

17 MR. ROGERS: Yes, Chairman, there will be,  
18 for security and safety. I mean, it's an electrified  
19 yard, so we need to provide for safety.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: All right.

21 MR. ROGERS: It's going.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Spooling up, is that the word,  
23 "spooling up"?

24 MR. ROGERS: Well, it was in the pause kind  
25 of mode.

1           There's Quartzsite in the distance. This is  
2 where we stopped to go back for fuel, just to remind  
3 you. And there was a question earlier about proximity  
4 to Kofa. This is Kofa in the distance. At our closest  
5 point, we're about half a mile.

6           CHMN. CHENAL: Can we stop it right there?  
7 So that's about a half a mile at the closest point or  
8 less?

9           MR. ROGERS: This hover point here is .6  
10 miles from Kofa.

11          CHMN. CHENAL: And since it doesn't touch  
12 Kofa, were there any comments by the, whatever agency  
13 regulates --

14          MR. ROGERS: Yes, there were.

15          CHMN. CHENAL: Could you just summarize,  
16 generally, what their position was, given that the line  
17 is going to be outside the Kofa wilderness area or  
18 Wildlife Refuge?

19          MR. ROGERS: So I'll just reread from the  
20 tour, just for consistency. It says, "Regarding this  
21 hover point, we are now close to the northwest corner  
22 of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, where DCRT will  
23 implement additional mitigation requirements developed  
24 as part of the biological assessment process with the  
25 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project will avoid

1 construction activities in the area during the Sonoran  
2 pronghorn breeding season, and will stop work in this  
3 area any time that the pronghorns are present in the  
4 Kofa National Wildlife Refuge within 1 mile of the  
5 project center line."

6 That's the requirement.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. And again, if I could  
8 ask the Applicant to include that within the list of  
9 the various obligations, regulations, you know,  
10 standards, agreements that apply to this project.

11 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, absolutely, we will do  
12 that. However, because there are a number of  
13 mitigation measures that follow the entire route,  
14 including the 103-mile Arizona portion, it's going to  
15 be a really long list. It might be easier to refer  
16 simply to the Plan of Development for the mitigation  
17 measures and incorporate those by reference, rather  
18 than provide a long list.

19 MR. ROGERS: May I offer a suggestion?

20 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes.

21 MR. ROGERS: Perhaps the standard would be to  
22 obtain approval from X agency to proceed, that means we  
23 have satisfied the litany of requirements that that  
24 agency had, obtain the approval of DOT for crossing  
25 I10, obtain the approval of CAP Canal for crossing

1 their facilities.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, that's part of it. But  
3 where we have certain documents that have  
4 specific standards, for example, you just read  
5 something that refers to the biological assessment,  
6 where we have a specific document or will have a  
7 specific document, I'd like to reference the document.

8 We don't have to -- we can incorporate by  
9 reference the various mitigation factors, but I just  
10 would like to have something in the CEC, for example,  
11 that says that the Applicant will comply with all  
12 requirements set forth in --

13 MS. GRABEL: X, Y, and Z document.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: -- X, Y, and Z. And we can  
15 then just generally refer to the documents.

16 MS. GRABEL: Understood.

17 MEMBER DRAGO: Chairman.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, Member  
19 Drago.

20 MEMBER DRAGO: Around this area, there was an  
21 operation, it looked like a permanent operation  
22 somewhere nearby. For the record, could you describe  
23 what that operation is?

24 MR. ROGERS: I'm sorry, I didn't catch what  
25 kind of operation.

1           MEMBER DRAGO: There was a facility near this  
2 area, I'm trying to think what side it's on, it was  
3 very evident on the helicopter.

4           CHMN. CHENAL: Was it like a mining  
5 operation, is that what you're talking about?

6           MEMBER DRAGO: No, maybe like a gas pipeline.

7           MR. ROGERS: So I didn't see the exact  
8 facility you're referencing. However, I will say that,  
9 being a national energy corridor, this section does,  
10 especially going into Copper Bottom Pass, there is the  
11 existing Devers transmission line, there is an existing  
12 natural gas pipeline. And if it was a structure  
13 facility, like a building --

14          MEMBER DRAGO: Yes.

15          MR. ROGERS: -- it could have been, I don't  
16 know for sure, but it could have been a pump station  
17 for the gas pipeline. There are a number of them along  
18 the project.

19          MEMBER DRAGO: Thank you.

20          MR. ROGERS: Sure.

21                 So again, the proving range is on the left in  
22 yellow.

23          CHMN. CHENAL: If you could stop it there,  
24 Mr. Rogers, I guess I have the same question. Are  
25 there any documents that outline or define obligations

1 the Applicant has to follow in connection with -- you  
2 know, from the Yuma Proving Grounds regarding that  
3 area?

4 MR. ROGERS: There were comments back and  
5 forth during the NEPA process that -- and meetings that  
6 we've had that comes to an approval of this arrangement  
7 of the project spanning the physical boundaries. The  
8 exact language will represent itself in the  
9 right-of-way grant that we receive from DOD, which is  
10 in process right now. It doesn't exist yet, but it  
11 will.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. So you'll have a  
13 specific right-of-way from whom, from the Department of  
14 Defense?

15 MR. ROGERS: Yes, sir.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: And that right-of-way  
17 agreement will outline obligations, obviously, of the  
18 Applicant.

19 MR. ROGERS: Yes, it will.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: So we can refer generally to,  
21 for example, in this case to --

22 MR. ROGERS: I believe so, yes. That's what  
23 I'll refer to.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. The right-of-way  
25 agreement with the Department of Defense to be

1 acquired.

2 MR. ROGERS: That's right.

3 MEMBER PALMER: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Member Palmer.

5 MEMBER PALMER: Just to refresh my memory, my  
6 recollection of what we heard on the tour, and I think  
7 earlier in this hearing, was that no structures will be  
8 on DOD land, but rather, just an aerial span across  
9 that corner; is that correct?

10 MR. ROGERS: Yes.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: Could you hit pause just for a  
12 second. Now, I just have a curiosity question. As we  
13 flew through here, I think it was one of the most  
14 dramatic points of the flight, we had to go going and  
15 coming, but it didn't seem like there was a lot of room  
16 in there to build. And I mean, there is here, but as  
17 you go up, it's a lot less --

18 See, my watch is going off.

19 It didn't seem like there was a lot of room.  
20 It was very narrow. So, I mean, are there requirements  
21 as to a minimum distance between lines such that if one  
22 falls, it doesn't impact the other? I mean, how does  
23 that all work in a very limited space? Because it was  
24 very limited.

25 MR. ROGERS: It is definitely a narrow

1 corridor, narrow pass, mountain pass here. Currently  
2 our design, as represented in our application, complies  
3 with our -- all of our requirements for separation to  
4 maintain reliability requirements.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: And where are those  
6 requirements found?

7 MR. ROGERS: Those are found in our -- in our  
8 agreement with the CAISO and also -- let me reference.  
9 Let me -- just one second, please.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure.

11 MR. ROGERS: Just verifying that I had the  
12 correct -- the NAERC reliability requirements,  
13 National -- NAERC. And as far as constructing, that's  
14 why we're employing a number of different techniques.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: So did I hear correctly that  
16 this will all be done by helicopter through this --

17 MR. ROGERS: No, no. If you go -- if you  
18 wouldn't mind if I start back up.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah, please.

20 MR. ROGERS: As we go, these yellow lines,  
21 those represent access roads. You will note that some  
22 of the structures don't have a yellow line to them;  
23 those will be helicopter-only construction. And we'll  
24 just scroll through here real quick, as soon as it  
25 starts back up. It's at our hover point pause. And

1 I'll try to pause it for an example.

2           Particularly here on this area. We turn and  
3 there we go. So this is a helicopter-only tower, this  
4 one, this one, this one. So there's a stretch here  
5 that's -- it's going to be challenging.

6           (Member Jack Haenichen entered the  
7 proceedings.)

8           CHMN. CHENAL: And then how will the lines  
9 be -- the conductors be installed?

10          MR. ROGERS: So once the --

11          CHMN. CHENAL: At this area, this area, this  
12 Copper Bottom Canyon area.

13          MR. ROGERS: Really, they'll be installed the  
14 same way here as everywhere else in the project. So  
15 once the structure is constructed, insulators are hung.  
16 Does everyone know what I mean by insulators? There  
17 will be essentially wheels put on the bottom of the  
18 insulator, they're called travelers, and by helicopter  
19 we'll string in a sock line, this is a rope, that the  
20 helicopter, maybe one of the two helicopters you rode  
21 in today, will pull rope through this area, stringing  
22 it into these wheels, these pullers.

23                 At locations on either end where we can set  
24 up, we'll have pull and tension equipment.

25 Essentially, what that does is on one end it's a

1 puller, on the other end it strings out the wire. So  
2 it will go from the rope to a steel cable, and then it  
3 will pull in the aluminum conductor. So it just pulls  
4 it in so...

5           And then when it's done and the sag, which is  
6 the amount of belly, sag, in the wire is right, and  
7 it's all very specifically designed, then the  
8 conductors will be clamped in, and those wheels will be  
9 removed, and that will be its final position. So  
10 that's the methodology of -- it is strung in by  
11 helicopter. And we'll do that not in 100 percent of  
12 the project, but a lot of the project we'll employ that  
13 kind of technique.

14           CHMN. CHENAL: Colorado River looks pretty  
15 muddy there.

16           MR. ROGERS: Caught it on a bad day.

17           CHMN. CHENAL: Can you go back just to that  
18 area. Okay. So where is the substation going to be?  
19 Where is the substation located?

20           MR. ROGERS: The substation is --

21           Could we just go back 30 seconds, Eli? Okay,  
22 go ahead and let it run from there. And I'll try to  
23 get -- I'll see if it has the right perspective to see  
24 it.

25           Okay. So if you'll look at the map on the

1 right side, we are approximately right there in the  
2 view that you see, and we're looking in at this  
3 direction, okay? This is a mountain range here. It's  
4 that mountain range there. Is everybody following?

5 So the line continues along there until it  
6 gets out of the basin and on the plateau, then it  
7 turns, and that's this turn here, and it follows an  
8 existing transmission line. So it kind of comes off  
9 this way, and then it goes up and then back in, and the  
10 substation is right about there, generally.

11 Does that answer your question?

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes. Yes, thank you.

13 MR. ROGERS: Actually, yeah, same spot, just  
14 generally right there.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: Member Woodall.

16 MEMBER WOODALL: I'm going to address this to  
17 Ms. Grabel; but if you have a witness or someone from  
18 the Applicant who knows the answers, by all means,  
19 confer. Ultimately who is paying the cost of the  
20 siting proceedings? Is it going to be the Applicant  
21 solely or will it be CAISO?

22 MS. GRABEL: I'm going to ask Mr. Rogers to  
23 correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that all of the  
24 costs ultimately are being borne by the CAISO, their  
25 customers.

1           MEMBER WOODALL: Okay. And so my next  
2 question is: The helicopter tour that was taken, did  
3 it present any unusual challenges in terms of the  
4 actual piloting, as far as you are aware?

5           MS. GRABEL: I'm not sure I understand the  
6 question.

7           MEMBER WOODALL: What I'm trying to get at is  
8 I would like to get an estimate of what the cost was  
9 for this helicopter tour; and to the extent that the  
10 pilots got hazard duty because of, you know, Copper  
11 Canyon or what have you, I'd like to know what that is.  
12 I'd like to get an idea of the cost of this helicopter  
13 tour.

14           MS. GRABEL: Go ahead, Mr. Rogers.

15           MR. ROGERS: So, no, this was routine flying.  
16 It wasn't hazardous or anything.

17           MEMBER WOODALL: And were the pilots or the  
18 company paid by time or by distance?

19           MR. ROGERS: I believe it was a combination  
20 of the two. There's fuel costs --

21           MEMBER WOODALL: Do you have a number?

22           MR. ROGERS: I don't have a number.

23           MEMBER WOODALL: The reason I'm asking is  
24 because in this case, these costs are going to be paid  
25 for by people in California. But if we have an Arizona

1 utility that is doing a siting proceeding, it would be  
2 my expectation that probably they would want to pass  
3 along those costs in connection with their rate case or  
4 not.

5 So I'm trying to get an idea how expensive or  
6 inexpensive these tours are, because we should probably  
7 take that into account before determining that we want  
8 transmission line helicopter tours in the future.

9 MS. GRABEL: Understood. And Member Woodall,  
10 like any utility or company, we want to make sure that  
11 any expense was prudent at the time we made it. And if  
12 you look at the comparison, the Committee wanted to do  
13 a tour of the entire line, which is 103 miles. And so  
14 to extend the hearing, the amount of time we would have  
15 to extend it to, you know, give the Committee what they  
16 wanted, would have been prohibitively expensive  
17 compared to the cost effectiveness of arranging a  
18 helicopter tour.

19 MEMBER WOODALL: I'm just looking for a  
20 number so when APS files its next line case, and it's a  
21 line of however long it is and it's determined that a  
22 helicopter tour would be the thing to do, I'd like to  
23 get a sense of what the cost might be. And I'm  
24 assuming you have some kind of ballpark or can provide  
25 one before the end of the hearing.

1 MS. GRABEL: We can certainly get back to  
2 you.

3 MEMBER WOODALL: Thank you very much.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: And I'd like a percentage that  
5 that represents of the total cost of this project of  
6 roughly \$400 million, to break that into a percentage.

7 MEMBER WOODALL: I'm sure it would be a  
8 pittance.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: It is, in relation to the cost  
10 of the project.

11 All right. Any further questions on the  
12 flyover?

13 MEMBER RIGGINS: Mr. Chairman.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes.

15 MEMBER RIGGINS: Mr. Rogers, I'd committed  
16 this to memory during the flight, and it was just a  
17 quick question, I think. I believe it was around  
18 Quartzsite where we kind of break off and start heading  
19 down towards Kofa to meet the DPV line. You were  
20 mentioning, in your narrative, something about there  
21 was concern about avoiding Quartzsite. And then there  
22 was an area, it was a BLM recreation site or --

23 MR. ROGERS: Sure. So I'm referring to -- so  
24 there's Quartzsite here. I think we're right there  
25 right now. So when we come along I10 and we turn

1 south, this area here on both sides of Highway 95 are  
2 called the BLM's long-term visitor area. And this is  
3 an area that users can pay, it's a multi-day, I think  
4 it's an extended amount of time they can actually camp  
5 on BLM land for a pretty low cost, and it's definitely  
6 an area of attraction for users. It seems heavily  
7 utilized to me. But that's what it is, it's the BLM's  
8 long-term visitor area.

9 MEMBER RIGGINS: And you said there were  
10 safety concerns expressed about off-road travel, some  
11 of the off-road vehicles. Was that from stakeholders  
12 or was that from the BLM?

13 MR. ROGERS: That was only from the BLM, and  
14 that's in this area here predominantly. So in the  
15 BLM's opinion, the guyed-V structure with the guy-wires  
16 poses a safety risk to off-road vehicle users. That's  
17 their result.

18 MEMBER RIGGINS: Thank you.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Any further questions?

20 MR. ROGERS: If I could just clarify.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure.

22 MR. ROGERS: That is why we're using the  
23 self-supporting style structure in that area.

24 MEMBER WOODALL: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Member Woodall.

1           MEMBER WOODALL: To be clear, I'm not  
2 questioning the value of the helicopter tour as it  
3 relates to this particular project. I'm trying to get  
4 an idea of how much the cost would be if, say, we had a  
5 6-mile line proposed by APS. I'm trying to get an idea  
6 of like what would be the cost per mile, et cetera.

7           Because I'm assuming that the Applicant got  
8 the best available rates, and that's the reason I'm  
9 asking the question. I'm not questioning its value in  
10 connection with this case. Thank you. I just want to  
11 make that clear.

12          CHMN. CHENAL: I mean, I just think it was  
13 the best tour that we've ever had, and I found it  
14 invaluable. And I was kidding when I said I was going  
15 to ask TEP to give a helicopter tour for the 8-mile  
16 line.

17          MEMBER WOODALL: Well, that's what generated  
18 my questions, Mr. Chairman.

19          CHMN. CHENAL: I was kidding.

20          MEMBER WOODALL: I mean, I thought you might  
21 be joking, but --

22          CHMN. CHENAL: Yes.

23          MEMBER WOODALL: -- I thought I would just  
24 get that in the record. Thank you very much.

25          CHMN. CHENAL: All right. So any further

1 questions? Stop them right there.

2 All right. Actually, that took a little  
3 longer than I thought. It's actually 5:00. I didn't  
4 know it was going to take quite that long, but I think  
5 it was valuable to do it.

6 So, Ms. Grabel, I mean, technically, we could  
7 stop right now and have public comment at 5:30. I know  
8 there's some people here that would like to give public  
9 comment. I'm not opposed -- I'm happy to take that  
10 public comment now, to not make these people wait for  
11 an extra half hour. I don't know what kind of level of  
12 comment we're going to have at 5:30, but we're happy to  
13 do that now.

14 If there's anything else you think we should  
15 address or, Staff, if there's something you think we  
16 should address before we do that or if there's  
17 something we should talk about before we basically  
18 adjourn the hearing this evening.

19 Ms. Grabel.

20 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, I'm happy to defer to  
21 the members of the public who are here now to speak, if  
22 they would like to speak now or wait until 5:30.  
23 They're actually officials, not just members of the  
24 public.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, I'm aware of that. So as

1 a courtesy to them, we're happy to take their comment,  
2 public comment now.

3 MS. RUHT: We have a microphone, too, if you  
4 prefer to stay where you're sitting or if you want to  
5 stand up.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: And if I could ask you,  
7 please, to state your name and your position, and we'd  
8 love to hear your comment.

9 MS. IRWIN: Okay. My name is Holly Irwin.

10 MS. GRABEL: Just a quick logistical thing.  
11 I'm very sorry to interrupt you.

12 We do have a sign-in sheet for the public up  
13 here on the right-hand side of this first table. We  
14 can point it out. But before you leave, anyone who  
15 wants to make a public comment --

16 Are you here for public comment too, sir?  
17 Oh, no? Okay.

18 If you could just sign in, that would be  
19 great.

20 Thank you. Sorry.

21 MS. IRWIN: My name is Holly Irwin, and I'm  
22 currently one of three La Paz County Supervisors  
23 representing part of my district as representing  
24 Quartzsite. And I just wanted to put on the record  
25 that in the beginning of this project we had some -- we

1 did have a couple of issues with the route that had  
2 been proposed.

3 In working with the different agencies and  
4 also with the -- those involved with this project, they  
5 helped work through those issues, which also involved  
6 our off-highway vehicle community that is very popular  
7 here in Quartzsite, also working on different routes  
8 that wouldn't impede a proposed project that's also  
9 called the Arizona Peace Trail, which encompasses just  
10 under 700 miles of off-highway trails, and it's a  
11 proposed loop system that's going through three  
12 counties right now, Yuma, Mojave, and also La Paz.

13 So this proposed route that we have now, we  
14 are in support of this project and have been in  
15 communication with the developers from the get-go.  
16 It's been ongoing for quite some time. So I just  
17 wanted to come and voice my support for the project  
18 itself.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you very much.

20 MS. IRWIN: Sure.

21 Someone else take the mic.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Is there anyone else?

23 MR. MARTIN: I'm Dustin Martin with D&D  
24 Power, I'm here with the contractor, and I'm just  
25 observing what the local -- anything that the locals

1 might be worried about. So when we do begin  
2 construction, just feel free to let me know. Thank  
3 you.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. If I could ask,  
5 again, both speakers to just list the information in  
6 the sign-up sheet, we'd appreciate that.

7 All right. Before we adjourn, let's discuss  
8 tomorrow's lineup.

9 Ms. Grabel, who are you anticipating  
10 tomorrow?

11 MS. GRABEL: Certainly. So tomorrow,  
12 according to the procedural order, we reconvene at  
13 9:00 a.m.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes.

15 MS. GRABEL: Just remember, we are staying on  
16 the California side of the border, so that means set  
17 your alarm for an 8:00 hearing, but in Arizona it will  
18 start at 9:00.

19 We will call Judy Chang by telephone. She  
20 will participate maybe an hour, perhaps two hours. And  
21 after that, we'll have Lowell Rogers present his  
22 environmental study, which will mostly consist of the  
23 BLM's environmental review, the NEPA process, and the  
24 public outreach that was done, and the various  
25 alternative studies and how the route changed in

1 response to stakeholder comments.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Very good. Will Staff have  
3 any -- other than possible cross-examination, will  
4 there be any further witnesses in Quartzsite, or will  
5 Ms. Little be available next week in Phoenix?

6 MS. SCOTT: Chairman Chenal, we will not have  
7 any witnesses that we will be presenting tomorrow.  
8 Ms. Little will have an exhibit, as you know, that she  
9 will be filing. And if testimony is desired by the  
10 Committee Members to explain that exhibit, I'm sure  
11 she'd be happy to in Phoenix.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: We enjoyed Ms. Little so much  
13 the first time that I think we'd love to have her come  
14 back to answer a few questions.

15 MEMBER WOODALL: Here, here.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: Seriously, because there were  
17 some follow-up items that I know she was going to look  
18 at. So I think we'd love to have her back.

19 MS. SCOTT: Okay.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: So tomorrow I'm not sure how  
21 long it's going to take with Ms. Chang and Mr. Rogers.  
22 It may not take the whole day. If that's the case, we  
23 break early. And then we follow up next Thursday back  
24 in Phoenix, and we'll have Ms. Little. And who else  
25 will we have?

1 MS. GRABEL: We will actually probably begin  
2 the day with the CAISO witness --

3 CHMN. CHENAL: CAISO witness.

4 MS. GRABEL: -- who is flying out. I think  
5 it was rather nice to accommodate the Applicant that  
6 way. We will also do the comprehensive comparison of  
7 the DPV2 proposal with the Ten West proposal. And  
8 we'll have an exhibit to walk the Chair through that as  
9 well.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: So the CAISO representative,  
11 the comparison between the two projects, two  
12 applications, we'll have Ms. Little. Will there be  
13 anything else?

14 MS. GRABEL: The Applicant will give a short  
15 closing.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: Short closing.

17 MS. GRABEL: We will -- also, you've asked,  
18 Chairman, for a presentation kind of showing what the  
19 flow is like on the system with Ten West, and so we  
20 will give that sort of analysis as well.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes. And I don't know if  
22 Mr. Amirali will be the one doing it, but yes, we did  
23 ask for kind of the flows, the structure, and how that  
24 ties together.

25 You know, and just, again, I know Member

1 Haenichen has been asking for some flow data back and  
2 forth between California and Arizona. I have asked for  
3 kind of the litany of various standards, requirements,  
4 obligations, documents that require or will require the  
5 Applicant to comply with those in construction, in  
6 operation of the line.

7 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, we will be prepared  
8 tomorrow to outline the list of all of the outstanding  
9 items we think we owe the Committee and their status.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Very good.

11 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Mr. Chairman.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Member Haenichen.

13 MEMBER HAENICHEN: I just need clarification.  
14 I'm not sure I understood what was said. Is the CAISO  
15 representative going to be here tomorrow, or is he  
16 going to be in Phoenix?

17 MS. GRABEL: The CAISO representative will be  
18 in Phoenix next Thursday, February 6th.

19 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Thank you.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. So is there  
21 anything else we should discuss before we adjourn?

22 MS. GRABEL: Actually, Chairman, there's one  
23 more thing.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes.

25 MS. GRABEL: I understand that the CAISO

1 representative just docketed a letter today that you  
2 might want to review prior to her testimony before the  
3 Committee. And if you'd like, we can print out a copy  
4 and give it to you in advance.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: That would be great.

6 MS. GRABEL: Okay.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Ms. Scott, Mr. Arias, anything  
8 we need to discuss in terms of procedure before we  
9 adjourn for this evening?

10 MS. SCOTT: Thank you, Chairman. We don't  
11 have anything at this point.

12 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Member Haenichen.

14 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Just a procedural thing.  
15 If it was noticed that we will have the public  
16 participation here at 5:30, shouldn't we -- don't we  
17 have to wait until 5:30?

18 CHMN. CHENAL: We do. I'm just going to  
19 adjourn the hearing.

20 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Okay.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: And then we'll remain here  
22 until 5:30 for the public comment.

23 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Thank you.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Sorry, that's what I was  
25 intending to say.

1 MS. GRABEL: Quick question, Chairman.

2 Actually, Member Woodall, this goes to one of  
3 your questions. With respect to the cost information,  
4 I believe my client might be sensitive to putting  
5 something like that on the record. Is it possible to  
6 do it under seal, if necessary?

7 MEMBER WOODALL: I will not arm wrestle  
8 anyone. I think the point that I was trying to make  
9 was, while such an expense obviously might make a lot  
10 of sense for a hundred-mile tour, it might not make a  
11 lot of sense for a shorter line. And I misinterpreted  
12 Chairman Chenal's remarks, which, in retrospect, were  
13 clearly facetious. So you need not follow up on that.

14 MS. GRABEL: I appreciate that. Thank you,  
15 Member Woodall.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: I thought they were humorous,  
17 not facetious, but that's --

18 MEMBER WOODALL: Oh, they were humorous.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: -- me being facetious.

20 MEMBER WOODALL: Anyway, they were amusing.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. So if there's  
22 nothing else, let's adjourn for this evening. Thank  
23 you, everybody. And the Committee will stay here until  
24 5:30 and we'll take any public comments. So thanks to  
25 the people for coming and making public comment. See

1 everyone at 5:30.

2 (Off the record from 5:07 p.m. to 5:33 p.m.)

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Good evening, everybody. This  
4 is the time set for public comment on the application  
5 of Ten West Link for their line, the application for a  
6 line from Phoenix connecting to a substation just west  
7 of Blythe.

8 So for public comment, we like to hear input  
9 from the public on their thoughts. It's not evidence  
10 in our case, but it provokes us to ask questions of the  
11 Applicant and it helps inform our decision, so it's  
12 very important to us and we take it very seriously.  
13 But it's not the situation where we can get into a  
14 back-and-forth conversation with you or we get into  
15 answering questions; we just hear what you say and your  
16 comments.

17 We ask you to put your contact information,  
18 name, on the sign-in sheet for reasons that have to do  
19 with any future action taken on the application and the  
20 certificate, if we issue it, the Applicant may need to  
21 get in touch with you.

22 So with that, we're delighted to hear public  
23 comment. And if anyone would like to come up to the  
24 microphone, push the button so it's green, we're ready  
25 to hear what you have to say. There's a mad dash,

1 usually, for the microphone.

2 MR. ROSS: Which one and what thing do we  
3 have to fill out here?

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Fill out to your left, sir,  
5 yes. And if you push the button, the center button, it  
6 will turn green, the light will go green, and you're  
7 live.

8 MR. ROSS: My name is Doug Ross, I'm a  
9 resident in Quartzsite. I'm also representing Arizona  
10 Peace Trail. If everybody is not familiar with that,  
11 that's a route, ATV/UTV route, 625 miles, encompassing  
12 Kingman to Yuma in a circle. I also represent the  
13 Arizona SunRiders OHV Club.

14 And we have been working with the Ten West  
15 Link group for several years. Their proposals were to  
16 go down one of our trails, pristine trails, it was on  
17 the Peace Trail route. And working with them, they are  
18 not going down that route anymore.

19 We've had a very good relationship with them.  
20 When the power line construction is going to start,  
21 they're going to work with us, with our trails, notify  
22 us of closures, temporary closures and that sort of  
23 thing, and work around that.

24 So we've had a very good relationship and are  
25 very happy to endorse this project.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you for your comments,  
2 sir. And if you would leave your contact information,  
3 that would be appreciated.

4 MR. WILSON: I guess there's two microphones  
5 for a reason.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: If you push the middle button,  
7 sir, the green light will come on, you'll know your  
8 mic's live. Thank you.

9 MR. WILSON: Good evening. My name the D.L.  
10 Wilson. I'm a La Paz County Supervisor, been in that  
11 capacity for seven years. I want to thank the  
12 Commission for coming out to La Paz County. I  
13 understand you had a great tour. I prefer to travel by  
14 helicopter on those kind of tours.

15 But I want to address a couple things. One  
16 is, La Paz County filed to be a party to this hearing,  
17 and that is not a negative thing. Primarily, I asked  
18 the County to do that because if we're not a party to  
19 this hearing, we can't be a party to the Commission  
20 hearing on the same topic. And I reflect back on the  
21 Palo Verde Devers Number 2 line and what happened to  
22 that. So I wanted to position the County to be in the  
23 best possible condition to support this proposal.

24 The other thing I wanted to address is the  
25 economic impact. I don't know if you are aware, but

1 for about the last three and a half years La Paz County  
2 has been working with our federal congressional  
3 delegation, Senator Kyl, Representative Gosar, now  
4 Senators Sinema and McSally, to get federal legislation  
5 passed that would convey -- it was originally 8,000  
6 acres, it was reduced to 6,000 acres of BLM land to  
7 La Paz County, with the intent to develop photovoltaic  
8 solar generation on that property.

9 We chose to go that route. Because of the  
10 long time frame -- if you are looking at property that  
11 is not designated for disposal, you're talking a very  
12 long process through BLM to acquire that property.  
13 Based on the schedule for the Ten West line, we felt  
14 that we needed to move quicker than that.

15 So we pursued the federal legislation in 2018  
16 and made it through the House, but not through the  
17 Senate. It was added on to the Dingell Act, which  
18 passed a year ago now.

19 So we've been working with BLM. On  
20 December 30th, there was a Record of Decision signed,  
21 signed off on the environmental report, that -- the  
22 Record of Decision basically orders the BLM to convey  
23 the land to La Paz County.

24 The appraisal process is completed. We're  
25 currently working on an environmental site assessment

1 to check for any hazardous waste. And this property is  
2 east of Hovatter Road, south of the interstate. So the  
3 Ten West line will actually go through the property,  
4 which is a good thing, because that enables great  
5 access to the transmission line.

6 So at this point, it appears that by June we  
7 should have possession of that property. The economic  
8 benefit to the La Paz County, we estimate at build-out  
9 it could be almost equal to our current property tax  
10 assessment for the county, and that's just on lease  
11 payments, that doesn't include the property tax or the  
12 sales tax or any other benefits from it.

13 So we're very much in favor of this project.  
14 It's going to be -- in order for us to achieve our  
15 vision of a solar development along the line, the line  
16 has got to be there. So obviously, La Paz County is  
17 very much in favor of it.

18 So thank you, and my contact information is  
19 here. If anybody has any questions, please don't  
20 hesitate to get ahold of me.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Great, thank you very much.  
22 Very helpful to have that background.

23 Does anyone else wish to speak?

24 Ma'am, I'm looking in the back row. There's  
25 a couple ladies in the back.

1 MS. MCFATE: I'm Marilyn McFate, a resident  
2 of Quartzsite since '69. I really don't like the  
3 esthetics of transmission lines coming down the  
4 freeway, down Blood Alley, and then over to the LaMi  
5 area. And I'm not sure, are you coming across that  
6 Gold Nugget or below Gold Nugget Road?

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Ma'am, I think the way this is  
8 going to work is, why don't you give us the comments  
9 you have. The Applicant is here, and after you give  
10 your comment then you can meet with the Applicant and  
11 they can give you the answer to your question. But  
12 we'd like to hear what your -- if you're opposed or in  
13 favor of the project and why.

14 MS. MCFATE: Oh, okay. I'm totally  
15 unprepared because I was over at AWC, at the college,  
16 just a little while ago, and nobody even knows this is  
17 going on. So communication factor in Quartzsite is a  
18 little bit lacking; purposely on your part, I feel.

19 But I am a lawful agent for the museum and  
20 its gem and mineral club, and there's a question. If  
21 you put the transmission lines over the areas that they  
22 hunt rocks, is it still permissible to go under them  
23 and around them?

24 And leakage of the electricity. Having lived  
25 here and seen the transmission lines through town so

1 many years, until Verlin Michael got on their case, it  
2 took nine years just to get it out of the middle of  
3 town so we could have some businesses under the lines.  
4 So I hate to see anything that's going to damage the  
5 business aspect of the power lines.

6           Also, the winter visitors are concerned how  
7 much of the campground is going to be covered and  
8 what's permissible and what isn't. There's an awful  
9 lot of lack of communication, I'm sorry, but there is,  
10 in here from -- all of you guys showed up. I wish  
11 one-tenth of the people that were at the pow-wow would  
12 show up, because there were thousands just two weeks  
13 ago, and from everywhere in the world. This was my  
14 50th year at the pow-wow having rocks from Montana,  
15 where we had a mining claim. So I personally know the  
16 esthetic value of a power line coming down the freeway  
17 is not going to look very nice to our winter visitors  
18 and also to the area.

19           But having lived near and knowing the leakage  
20 of electricity, how it messed up my television, the  
21 telephone, and everything else, I am concerned in that  
22 manner. Because prior to moving the lines around town,  
23 the leakage was amazing. And I'm sure you can't  
24 control that entirely.

25           I'm sorry, I didn't know I was going to even

1 be here to say this, but -- I'm unprepared.

2 I'm for solar. For goodness sake, we should  
3 have it everywhere, environmentally and everything  
4 else. But knowing APS and how they have put up wood  
5 poles, so they blow down and have a job for another  
6 day, all kinds of things like that, I hate to see that  
7 going on again.

8 So just a few comments off the top of my  
9 head. Thank you.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you, ma'am, for sharing  
11 your comments. Two points. Number one, the Applicant  
12 will be happy to meet with you and explain to you where  
13 the proposed line is going to go. It's not actually  
14 going to go through Quartzsite. So you can see the map  
15 up there, but they'll explain that in some more detail.

16 Number two, we're going to be here tomorrow  
17 for a full day of hearing. If you have -- if people  
18 are interested in making public comment, they can come  
19 tomorrow and we'll hear public comment. Or learn about  
20 the project, sure, public comment or learn about the  
21 project. We'll be here in this room tomorrow, and we  
22 can make allowance for some public comment. So those  
23 are two things we can do for you.

24 MS. MCFATE: There's over 900 members in the  
25 rock club.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: What we're not going to do is  
2 listen to 900 people give public comment. But you  
3 could select a couple, three, you know, representatives  
4 of the group, and we'll hear short comments from them  
5 to summarize the positions of the group, and we'd be  
6 delighted to hear that.

7 Member Woodall.

8 MEMBER WOODALL: Mr. Chairman, would it be  
9 appropriate to direct the Applicant to report to us  
10 tomorrow on the substance of their conversations with  
11 any public commenters?

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, I don't know. You can  
13 ask the Applicant tomorrow.

14 MEMBER WOODALL: Okay. It just might be  
15 helpful to have it on the record.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: But I just want the young lady  
17 to know that the Applicant will be here, and will be  
18 happy to answer questions about this with you  
19 afterwards.

20 Anybody else for public comment?

21 MS. GOLDEN BEAR: Greetings. My name is  
22 Shanana Rain Golden Bear, and I am the publisher of the  
23 Desert Messenger here in Quartzsite. It's a free  
24 community paper.

25 I would have loved to have noticed this in

1 the last edition of the Desert Messenger, but I didn't  
2 get any information on it. So I posted it on Facebook  
3 a couple of hours ago, thanks to Marilyn, because she  
4 called and said, "Are you going?" Darn. So on  
5 Facebook we have a group with 10,000 members called  
6 Quartzsite Chatter, and I posted it there.

7 We have not had an opportunity for an awful  
8 lot of comments on it. So I'm really glad to hear that  
9 you all are going to be here tomorrow. For some  
10 reason, I didn't see it on the list. And if I could  
11 get the time and the date, then I can go ahead and  
12 share it.

13 The other hat that I wear is I'm the  
14 president of the Quartzsite area Chamber of Commerce  
15 and Tourism, so we were very concerned about the  
16 economic development impact that this might have.

17 One of the things that this group does a lot  
18 of is share beautiful photos of our sunrises. And I  
19 can see that that is going to be in the east of our  
20 community, and that is one thing that I have heard is  
21 the concern of where -- where are those towers going to  
22 be, because everybody loves their mountains and we love  
23 our sunrises and sunsets. And this was just one today  
24 that was posted, and there was about five or six of  
25 them, other folks, sharing the beauty of the Sonoran

1 Desert that we have.

2 We have thousands of campers that camp in the  
3 Scaddan Wash area. And if you drive out there, you'll  
4 probably see a lot of them with their doors facing  
5 east, those mountains, because that's what they love to  
6 see. They kind of scatter around so that they can get  
7 the beautiful view of the sunrises. And then over, of  
8 course, on the west, we have our sunsets, and so folks  
9 really enjoy that.

10 And that is something that we promote is that  
11 we have the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and  
12 that's -- we do attract a lot of our visitors there.  
13 So that is one of the concerns that we have heard  
14 multiple times, and I know the Applicant has heard that  
15 too.

16 So if I can get the information, I would be  
17 more than willing to share that.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Ma'am, they'll spend time with  
19 you, they'll show you the route, give you some  
20 information about it. And again, we'll be here  
21 tomorrow. And we have to manage the amount of public  
22 input that we take and public comment, and, you know,  
23 the numbers you gave are -- it certainly is a large  
24 group. But you could have a few representatives of the  
25 group come up and provide kind of the basic position,

1 the talking points of the group, and it would be  
2 helpful.

3 MEMBER WOODALL: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Member Woodall.

5 MEMBER WOODALL: I'm just wondering. I know  
6 that people can make public comment on eDocket, and  
7 those comments are part of the record, although they're  
8 not testimony. And so perhaps we could provide some  
9 information on how members of the public could  
10 communicate that via an online process with the  
11 Commission itself.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: And that's with the  
13 Corporation Commission, Arizona Corporation Commission.

14 MS. GOLDEN BEAR: Okay.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: There's a way to provide  
16 public comment on this particular application.

17 MEMBER WOODALL: Perhaps we could prevail  
18 upon Staff to explain how that can be done at some  
19 point tomorrow.

20 MS. SCOTT: Sure, we'd be happy to.

21 MS. GOLDEN BEAR: Great, thank you.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you. And please provide  
23 your contact information for both of you. And thank  
24 you for your comments.

25 Is there anyone else who would like to

1 provide public comment tonight?

2 Ma'am, if you'd like to come up and give us  
3 your name and your comments.

4 MS. BEARCAT: Starr Bearcat. I sit on the  
5 council. I do not represent the council, but I am a  
6 member of the council.

7 And looking at that map, it looks to me like  
8 there may potentially be quite an economic impact on  
9 Quartzsite. Not only our scenery, but our campers. It  
10 looks like it might go down to some of our populated  
11 areas. I'm seeing possibly where Rainbow Acres is, but  
12 I don't see -- I'm trying to get the name of the  
13 area -- the town, village, whatever, down a little  
14 further. I don't see any mile markers. And there's a  
15 lot of people that camp off to the west, and they like  
16 to look at the mountains also to the west. So now  
17 you're blocking west and east of all those campers in  
18 that lower section.

19 This may not seem important to you all, but  
20 for our economics it is. People come here for that.  
21 We're in the process of trying to make dark skies so we  
22 can attract people to come and look at the stars here,  
23 so the town lights are lower so it won't obscure the  
24 stars. And this is going to affect our economy. Thank  
25 you.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you for your comments,  
2 ma'am.

3 Is there anyone else who'd like to provide  
4 comment tonight? All right. If not --

5 MS. BEARCAT: Oh, one more thing.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure. Yes, ma'am.

7 MS. BEARCAT: It would be really good if you  
8 came to a council meeting in the very near future with  
9 a detailed map of exactly where everything is, not an  
10 area that could be possibly. And I think the council  
11 deserves to know what's going to happen to our area.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, the Applicant has  
13 detailed maps of where this project is going to be  
14 located and can provide that information to you, ma'am.

15 So is there anyone else who would like to  
16 make public comment?

17 (No response.)

18 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. I see it's just a  
19 little before 6:00. I think we would have -- people  
20 that would be intending to show up, would have shown up  
21 by now. So if there's no one else, we'll adjourn for  
22 this evening, and we will resume tomorrow morning at  
23 9:00 a.m. Arizona time, which is 8:00 a.m. across the  
24 river in California --

25 MEMBER HAENICHEN: Ouch.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: -- Member Haenichen.

2 Is there anything we need to talk about,  
3 either the Applicant or the Staff from the Corporation  
4 Commission, procedurally?

5 MS. GRABEL: Not from our perspective, sir.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: I think we talked about  
7 earlier...

8 Ms. Scott or Mr. Arias.

9 MS. SCOTT: No.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: One question. Will the room  
11 be locked tonight?

12 MS. GRABEL: Yes, it will be.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. We can leave our  
14 materials here.

15 Committee, anything from the Committee?

16 (No response.)

17 CHMN. CHENAL: If not, we'll see everyone  
18 tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Thank you very much. Have a  
19 good evening. Thanks again to the people who came out  
20 and provided public comment.

21 (The hearing recessed at 5:56 p.m.)

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