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Resource Management Plan Amendment  
for the  
Arizona Public Service Sun Valley to  
Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project  
~~ Public Hearing ~~

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1 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, the --

2 MR. SCHAFER: You're with who? Who are you with?

3 MS. ELLIS: I'm about to -- I'm about to --

4 MR. SCHAFER: Okay.

5 MS. ELLIS: -- introduce myself. And I'll let you  
6 know what my role is.

7 Folks, if you would, the school's sound system  
8 is -- Well, it works. But there is a high-pitched squeal that  
9 could cause mass chaos, so we don't want to do that. So I  
10 would recommend that everybody, maybe, move up a little bit.  
11 It's going to be an evening of -- of speaking for us. So it  
12 would be really nice if you guys could just move up a little  
13 closer. That way, when folks are coming up to speak, then  
14 you'll be able to hear them better, and -- and they won't have  
15 such a difficult time. So we're going to go old school  
16 tonight.

17 Terrific. That's wonderful. Okay.

18 Well, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Grace Ellis.  
19 And I will be facilitating this public hearing on the Draft  
20 Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, for the APS proposed  
21 Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line Project and proposed  
22 Resource Management Plan Amendment.

23 Just a little housekeeping. We do have two exits,  
24 here and here. It looks like we can get out there, too, so  
25 three. Restrooms are behind me, and there are refreshments,

1 right over there.

2 Now, this hearing is being held in accordance with  
3 the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and the  
4 regulations that are published by the Council on Environmental  
5 Quality. The purpose of this hearing is the Bureau of Land  
6 Management -- is for the Bureau of Land Management, or BLM, to  
7 receive public comments on the Draft EIS for the proposed  
8 project and Resource Management Plan Amendment, commonly  
9 referred to as the Draft EIS/Draft RMPA.

10 I'd like to explain my role in this hearing. I am  
11 a facilitator with Galileo Project, out of Tempe, Arizona. I  
12 was asked by the BLM to be this evening's facilitator. But I  
13 do not represent the BLM, and nothing I say or do is intended  
14 to represent the BLM or the views of the BLM.

15 My role as a facilitator is to ensure that we have  
16 a fair, orderly, and impartial forum in which all who wish to  
17 be heard have the opportunity to speak. And, in summary, it's  
18 important that you understand that I will be serving as an  
19 impartial moderator for this hearing.

20 Everything said in this hearing will be recorded by  
21 a court reporter, and a transcript of this hearing will be  
22 included as part of the administrative record.

23 The hearing will be conducted in two parts. First,  
24 a representative from the BLM will outline the National  
25 Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, process and summarize the

1 analysis presented in the Draft EIS/Draft RMPA.

2 The second part of this hearing will be your  
3 opportunity to provide the BLM with comments and make  
4 statements for the record. The input you give will provide the  
5 decision-makers of the project the benefits of your knowledge  
6 of the local area and your concerns with the Draft EIS/Draft  
7 RMPA analysis.

8 This hearing is about the adequacy of the analysis  
9 presented by the BLM in the Draft EIS/Draft RMPA. When making  
10 statements for the record, please focus on the EIS analysis,  
11 rather than concerns about nonenvironmental issues that will  
12 take away time from other folks who would like to comment on  
13 the BLM's analysis.

14 When you came in, you should have been asked to  
15 register and fill out a Speaker Request Card, whether you'd  
16 like to make an oral comment this evening. If you have not  
17 filled out a request card or did not indicate that you wanted  
18 to speak and you now wish to speak, raise your hand, and we  
19 will get a card to you. Anyone?

20 Okay, great. As -- At this time, I'd like to  
21 request that all cell phones are turned off or are in silent  
22 mode. I'm pretty sure mine is.

23 Okay, we're all good.

24 Okay. Now, you have three choices for submitting  
25 comments to the BLM on the Draft EIS/Draft RMPA. You can

1 choose any or all of the following options. You can present  
2 oral comments to the court reporter tonight as part of your  
3 presentation. As I mentioned earlier, all oral comments made  
4 during the hearing tonight will be recorded by the court  
5 reporter.

6 You may also elect to provide written comments  
7 tonight by placing them in the comment boxes, available over by  
8 the -- over by the entrance, where you came in. Or you can  
9 provide comments by mail or e-mail. Written comments will be  
10 accepted through the mail or via e-mail until February 8th,  
11 2013. And that will be at the address shown.

12 All comments made at the hearings or provided in  
13 writing will be given equal consideration. We will have this  
14 address up again at the end of the hearing.

15 Also, for your convenience, we have self-addressed  
16 comment forms available, also, over on the table here.

17 Now, before we move forward with the BLM's  
18 presentation, I'd like to introduce any of the cooperating  
19 agency representatives that might be attending. Cooperating  
20 agencies are agencies that have been involved in the  
21 development of and the review of the Draft EIS. So, if you are  
22 representing one of these agencies, please raise your hand when  
23 I call out.

24 The Environmental Protection Agency? Luke Air  
25 Force Base? No? Arizona State Land Department? Not tonight.

1 Maricopa Association of Governments or MAG?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Glad they're all here, huh?

3 MS. ELLIS: City of Peoria?

4 Very good. And City of Surprise?

5 Terrific.

6 At this time, Mr. Joe --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How about -- How about, you  
8 didn't call for the homeowners.

9 MS. ELLIS: Anyone who is a homeowner, go ahead and  
10 raise your hand.

11 Excellent.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. So we're here.

13 MS. ELLIS: Excellent. That's terrific. Thank  
14 you, sir.

15 MR. ZAHLMANN: Can I just --

16 MS. ELLIS: At this time --

17 MR. ZAHLMANN: I'm insulted that the government  
18 agencies didn't show up. And that should be put in the record.

19 MS. ELLIS: Have you filled out a comment card,  
20 sir?

21 MR. ZAHLMANN: I sure have.

22 MS. ELLIS: Excellent. That will be good for you  
23 to note during your comment period.

24 MR. ZAHLMANN: I will do that.

25 MS. ELLIS: If everyone would please refrain,

1 though, until then. We want to make sure that everyone has a  
2 chance to speak because we do have a lot of comment cards  
3 tonight. And we want to make sure that, if somebody filled out  
4 a comment card, they've got plenty of time to be able to speak.  
5 Okay?

6 All right. Now, at this time, Mr. Joe Incardine,  
7 the BLM National Project Manager, will make his presentation.

8 MR. INCARDINE: Thank you, Grace.

9 We have multiple levels of the BLM here tonight.  
10 We have people from the BLM Arizona State Office. Could you  
11 raise your hand?

12 Okay. People from Phoenix District.

13 People from the Hassayampa Field Office.

14 We have BLM contractors here, Galileo, and we have  
15 JBR Environmental.

16 I don't -- I'd like to also acknowledge APS,  
17 Arizona Public Service, and their contractors.

18 The proposed project location --

19 Can we get that up? Thanks.

20 -- is, as you know, in Maricopa County, within the  
21 cities of Buckeye, Peoria, and Surprise. Arizona Public  
22 Service proposed a 38-mile route, nine miles of which are  
23 public land.

24 The proposed action -- APS has filed an application  
25 for a right-of-way on public lands, managed by the BLM, to

1 construct an above-ground electrical transmission system  
2 consisting of a single series of tower structures holding two  
3 high-voltage circuits: a single-circuit 500kV and a  
4 single-circuit 230kV.

5           The -- As indicated, the span would be about  
6 38 miles long. And APS seeks to connect the Sun Valley  
7 substation with the Morgan substation. It would cross nine  
8 miles of Federal lands in two separate locations, and we're  
9 going to show you that in a minute. Management decisions for  
10 these Federal lands are subject to the Bradshaw-Harquahala  
11 Resource Management Plan, which is managed under the Hassayampa  
12 Field Office.

13           We have two decisions to be made. One is whether  
14 to amend the Bradshaw-Harquahala RMP, and the other is whether  
15 to issue a right-of-way to APS.

16           So we have two areas. The area that is being  
17 pointed to in the southwest area, near Sun Valley substation --  
18 that amounts to maybe about two miles of BLM land -- that's  
19 already in a corridor. The area to the northeast, along SR 74,  
20 does not conform to our management plan, and no utility  
21 corridor is there.

22           This board is over here. And, if you'd like to  
23 look at it a little bit later, it's hard to read from where you  
24 are. But we have two concurrent processes. We have, on the  
25 left side, a right-of-way application process. And then, on

1 the right, the RMP amendment process.

2 We spoke with you, way back in April of 2011. We  
3 conducted scoping here in Wittmann.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're using a lot of  
5 terminology. What's RMP? What's ROW? What's --

6 MR. INCARDINE: I'm sorry. Sorry for all the -- We  
7 are the government. We use a lot of acronyms.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah. And we're the public.

9 MR. INCARDINE: Right.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We don't understand that.

11 MR. INCARDINE: And it -- it -- it's -- Whenever we  
12 say, "RMP," that's the Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management  
13 Plan. And that is managed -- that's -- That's what manages,  
14 basically, the lands in this area.

15 So, you know, it's a Resource Management Plan that  
16 was signed in 2010. And Mr. Howes, right next to you, is the  
17 Field Manager. And so it's under his Field Office area. So,  
18 sorry for the --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

20 MR. INCARDINE: -- all the acronyms.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And what was ROW, in the previous  
22 slide?

23 MS. ELLIS: Right-of-way.

24 MR. INCARDINE: That's right-of-way.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right-of-way, okay. Got you.

1 MR. INCARDINE: And that's what APS is asking us  
2 to -- for.

3 So -- So we spoke here, in April 2011. The Draft  
4 EIS, we heard comments. We -- We analyzed the comments, and we  
5 put out a document, which is called a Draft Environmental  
6 Impact Statement.

7 And, if you're not on the mailing list, please sign  
8 up before you leave tonight, with your address and e-mail  
9 address, as well, so we can send you e-mails.

10 But that came out on November 9th, last month. And  
11 that began a 90-day comment period. And so we're going all the  
12 way to February 8th. So comments, not only -- You can give  
13 them tonight, but you'll have all the way to February 8th to  
14 issue your comments.

15 A Final Environmental Impact Statement should be  
16 out in the Summer of 2013. And then a Record of Decision, for  
17 both of those processes, is planned for the Fall of 2013: one  
18 on whether to amend that RMP, or Resource Management Plan, and  
19 whether to issue APS a right-of-way. So two decisions that BLM  
20 has to make.

21 Through the three public meetings we held a year  
22 ago, April, as well as all the comment letters that came in,  
23 there were several issues that we heard, over and over. One is  
24 visual resources, especially adjacent to State Route 74; and  
25 health-and-safety issues, especially to homeowners; aviation

1 and recreation; and then socioeconomic issues having to do with  
2 property values and recreational impacts. And, also, we heard  
3 about public land access. People wanted to continue to have  
4 public land being accessed and roads not closed, and that type  
5 of thing.

6 In the Environmental Impact Statement, we, by law,  
7 have to look at alternatives to the proposed action. So the  
8 proposed action is what APS gave us for their thoughts on the  
9 right-of-way, where they want the right-of-way. So, in  
10 addition to the proposed action -- And the best we can do is  
11 just kind of point to them there.

12 In addition to the proposed action, we have looked  
13 at three alternatives, as well as a no-action alternative. And  
14 a no-action alternative is required by NEPA, the National  
15 Environmental Policy Act. So you always have to look at a  
16 no-action alternative, as well.

17 So I wanted to just give you the highlights because  
18 it's hard to read the -- all of the -- the little board there.  
19 So the proposed action is a 200-foot-wide right-of-way and a  
20 single-use BLM corridor, within the Arizona Corporation  
21 Commission certified route. The RMP would need to be amended  
22 to -- for BLM to issue a right-of-way there.

23 In addition, Alternative One has to do -- it --  
24 it's the proposed action and also looks at additional corridor.  
25 So, instead of just a 200-foot-wide corridor, it would give

1 management more leverage or leeway to look at other  
2 rights-of-ways. So we would have a multi-use corridor that  
3 would be a half a mile wide, on SR 74, to the north. That's  
4 Alternative One. And a plan amendment would be needed for  
5 that, as well.

6           Alternative Two would be a right-of-way on the  
7 south side of 74. And that would avoid some of the BLM land,  
8 but it would be on private land to the south, Diamond Ventures  
9 land, which is -- abuts up on the south side of 74. And, also,  
10 there would be a -- a multi-use corridor on the BLM land to the  
11 south, that little key-shaped parcel, right there. So -- And a  
12 plan amendment would still be needed for that.

13           Alternative Three, we call the Carefree Highway  
14 route. And that would be a 200-foot-wide right-of-way parallel  
15 to the Carefree Highway alignment. The -- Our Resource  
16 Management Plan would not need to be amended, and that avoids  
17 most of the BLM land. So all of that land on the north --  
18 northeast area would not be touched but, rather, the area in  
19 the southwest area, near the Sun Valley substation.

20           And then the no-action alternative would be not to  
21 approve the right-of-way grant, and the Resource Management  
22 Plan would not be amended.

23           So what is the BLM preferred alternative? We --  
24 Because we're looking at a plan amendment, we had to declare a  
25 preferred alternative in our document. The BLM identified a

1 modified proposed action. So it's the proposed action that APS  
2 is seeking, within the Corporation Commission's designation,  
3 and it would include best management practices and mitigation  
4 measures that are prescribed in the EIS. Mitigation measures  
5 could -- could consist of minor route deviations for  
6 micro-siting of structures and which would be to minimize  
7 impacts to visual and other sensitive resources. However, it's  
8 BLM's intent that the required mitigation measures would still  
9 allow for the transmission line route to remain within the  
10 ACC's -- the Corporation Commission -- certified route.

11           Okay. And then, under -- What do we have next?  
12 Rationale. Do we have -- Let's see here. Did I lose my place?  
13 Sorry.

14           The rationale for BLM identifying this preferred  
15 alternative is: It takes into consideration comments during  
16 the scoping process, which was April 2011, that we received  
17 from all parties. It especially is responsive to public input  
18 for avoiding environmental and socioeconomic impacts to a  
19 majority of the private lands in the project vicinity. It also  
20 considers community needs for electrical transmission expansion  
21 and solidifying the grid and staying within the Arizona  
22 Corporation Commission's certificated route.

23           That route was already the result of a lengthy  
24 public process. And it remains within this designated area and  
25 would help APS more expediently be able to build the

1 transmission lines, which is in line with our Department of the  
2 Interior's national policy, which encourages electrical  
3 transmission.

4 It takes into account existing local community land  
5 planning and designations. It alleviates potential  
6 socioeconomic burden to a majority -- majority of the private  
7 landowners. And certain members of the Arizona Congressional  
8 Delegation expressed bipartisan support for the needs of the  
9 local communities for the agency's, the Corporation  
10 Commission's, designation.

11 As indicated, the -- We would be looking at best  
12 management practices and mitigation. And we're going to talk  
13 about that in a few minutes. BLM's required mitigation for APS  
14 would still allow for the line, again, to remain within the  
15 certified corridor.

16 So the definition of "mitigation" would be where  
17 the project -- where there may be impacts of different kinds.  
18 But we try to minimize that, and that's what "mitigation" is.

19 So visual impacts. We'd be looking at micrositing  
20 of the pole structures, like I mentioned, and selecting the  
21 most suitable structure, whether it be lattice or monopole, and  
22 then the colors of the structures.

23 On lands other than BLM, the final decision  
24 regarding design and infrastructure type would be between the  
25 landowner and APS. And we are seeking to minimize

1 socioeconomic impacts as best we can.

2 Recreation-wise, there would be no single-track,  
3 off-highway-vehicle routes that would be used for construction  
4 access. And all OHV access points would be gated and fenced,  
5 to prevent unauthorized use.

6 Cultural resources. Historical properties would be  
7 marked and avoided and spanned wherever possible, or the  
8 right-of-way would be slightly rerouted to avoid those  
9 properties. The State Historic Preservation Office and the  
10 Tribes would be consulted if there were any historic properties  
11 that we cannot avoid.

12 Species would be protected under the Arizona Native  
13 Plant Law, and they would be relocated and transplanted. There  
14 would be preconstruction surveys for wildlife, and there would  
15 be monitoring and mandatory environmental awareness training.  
16 There would be no net loss of desert tortoise habitat, and  
17 construction would be -- Construction area would be surveyed  
18 for tortoise prior to ground disturbance.

19 Desert tortoise awareness training would be  
20 required of all construction personnel. Vehicle speeds would  
21 not exceed 20 miles an hour on all access roads in desert  
22 tortoise habitat.

23 So, at this point, we're going to be moving into  
24 the public-comment time.

25 Grace?

1 MS. ELLIS: Thank you, Joe, for your presentation.

2 MR. INCARDINE: Thank you.

3 MS. ELLIS: We now have up to 75 minutes for the  
4 public-comment portion of this hearing. I'd like to explain  
5 some courtesy rules for the public-comment period. This period  
6 is your opportunity to provide the BLM with information  
7 relative to the EIS analysis and to make statements for the  
8 record. This input helps the decision-makers to benefit from  
9 the knowledge of the local area and your comments on the  
10 analysis.

11 Members of the public wishing to speak will be  
12 called upon in the order that the request cards were received.  
13 I will call the name of each speaker as the name of each -- and  
14 the name of each speaker to follow. So I will call your name.

15 MS. ANDERSON: Can I ask a question before we start  
16 this?

17 MS. ELLIS: Very quickly.

18 MS. ANDERSON: My question is: Where, exactly, is  
19 that line? I'd like to have a street identified, so we can  
20 actually ask intelligent questions.

21 MR. INCARDINE: They can put the map up.

22 MS. ELLIS: While they're putting up the map, I'll  
23 keep going.

24 MS. ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. ELLIS: So I will call out the name of the next

1 person to speak, and I will also call out the name of the  
2 person who's going to be speaking after them. So be prepared.  
3 When you hear your name, you'll be coming up; you're basically  
4 at bat.

5 Okay. Now please -- There won't be a microphone.  
6 And, normally, there would be a microphone, so everyone could  
7 hear. What we're going to have you do is -- The most important  
8 thing, right now, is to be able to get this into the record.  
9 So I will have you come up and stand, right about here. And,  
10 if you would, if you would --

11 They're not going to be able to see that light.

12 MS. CARR: Put it right here.

13 MS. ELLIS: Yeah, you can stand right here. We  
14 want to have the -- you folks be able to hear. But we also  
15 need to make sure that we get the -- we get the -- that onto  
16 the record. So I think, maybe, if they stand here, they will  
17 be able to -- they won't be able to --

18 Yeah. Yeah. Stand right here. Stand right here,  
19 and you're just going to have to holler. And --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. So which way do we face?

21 MS. ELLIS: Face me. Face me.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So the audience won't hear us?

23 MS. ELLIS: Well --

24 MS. CARR: Well, they'll hear, somewhat.

25 MS. ELLIS: You know, what we can do is, actually,

1 if they stand right here, and then they can see that light. We  
2 just want to make sure everybody can see the light, so you can  
3 see how much time you have.

4 Much better. Okay. Great. So, instead, what  
5 we'll have you do is stand right here. You can hear? You can  
6 hear?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Better.

8 MS. ELLIS: Does that work? Okay. Thank you for  
9 your patience, folks.

10 Okay. Please speak after -- Oh, please, when you  
11 come up, stand right there. And the faster that you can come  
12 up here, the more time we'll have for everyone to speak. So  
13 please speak only after I've recognized you. And please  
14 address your remarks to us, so that we can make sure that it  
15 gets into the record.

16 When you come up, please state your full name, your  
17 place of residence, and the organization that you represent.  
18 And we need to ensure that the court reporter gets an accurate  
19 record of what is said tonight.

20 Each person will have five minutes to speak. The  
21 time limit applies to everyone; that's elected officials,  
22 spokespersons, and individuals speaking for themselves. You do  
23 not have to speak for the full five minutes. However, if you  
24 choose to speak for the full five minutes, when you only have  
25 30 seconds left, you will see that there is a yellow light that

1 will flash. When your time has expired, a red light will be  
2 shown, and you will be asked to step away and go sit down and  
3 let the next person talk.

4 Out of respect for others who would like to make  
5 comments, I ask that you please honor any request, from me, to  
6 stop speaking. And, if you think you have more comments than  
7 you can present in the time allotted, please consider making  
8 your most important comments first.

9 If you do not get a chance to voice all of your  
10 comments, you can and should submit them in writing. And, if  
11 you have a written statement, you can simply hand it in, right  
12 back there; read it aloud within the time limit; or do both.  
13 And, if you would like to turn in your written comments, you  
14 may place them back by Meredith, who has the -- who's waving  
15 her hand, back there.

16 If you have questions, also make sure that you hand  
17 those in on your yellow sheet. And check back on the BLM  
18 website. They will be compiling a Frequently Asked Questions  
19 document, and there will be answers on that document.

20 This hearing is scheduled to end at 8:00 p.m. If  
21 we have time, we may also be able to give you an opportunity to  
22 expand on your remarks after everyone who has submitted a  
23 speaker request form has had a chance to comment.

24 You may have noticed that the court reporter is  
25 recording everything that's said tonight. The transcript of

1 these proceedings will become part of the record and will be  
2 included in the Final EIS and the Final RMPA.

3 I'd like to remind you to limit your comments to  
4 the analysis presented in the Draft EIS/Draft RMPA. That's the  
5 purpose of the public-comment period tonight.

6 And, finally, try to avoid repeating what another  
7 speaker has said. There is nothing inappropriate about  
8 agreeing with other speakers, but to repeat the same thing  
9 limits time for others to make comments. If you agree with the  
10 previous speaker on a particular issue, you may just state your  
11 agreement.

12 As I mentioned before, we will take oral comments  
13 from those of you who filled in the cards in the order in which  
14 they have been received. Again, I wish to remind you: Five  
15 minutes. And our first speaker is Merl Schafer.

16 MR. SCHAFER: Yes.

17 MS. ELLIS: And following Mr. Schaffer will be  
18 Bonnie Carmin.

19 MR. SCHAFER: I'm Merl Schaffer. I live at -- on  
20 259th.

21 One of the things I'd like to say, right off the  
22 bat, is that this is not nearly as large as the last meeting  
23 that we had here. It was really nice that we had all of the  
24 people that -- that they've talked about, that are not here  
25 tonight, were all here. And they all gave their big speeches.

1 And then they packed up and walked off and left us to talk  
2 about what we're upset about. Okay? And nobody was there to  
3 listen.

4 He had mentioned about getting on the -- on the  
5 mailing list. Did anybody receive a package like this, with  
6 two of these books?

7 If you're not on the mailing list and you want to  
8 get on the mailing list, these books, from my understanding,  
9 were only \$125 each -- no, for the pair. Plus, it costs about  
10 \$12 just to mail them to me. So you probably want to get on  
11 that mailing list because, as we know, the government has  
12 plenty of money to spend for things like this.

13 The power lines, he shows on the map. Okay? It  
14 goes down, runs along on the -- on the south side of 74. Then  
15 it crosses up over on the north side, runs along the BLM land,  
16 and then drops back down south. Why would they do that?  
17 Because it's cheap. Because the BLM land will give them the --  
18 the -- give them that land for pennies on the dollar. Because  
19 our government's got more money than we possibly need.  
20 Obviously, from the books and things, we can see how much money  
21 the government has for us. Okay?

22 And they're going to -- to take the power line and  
23 put it on the public land because they're too cheap to go ahead  
24 and -- and pay the -- the private price. I think the  
25 government ought to charge them the same price as the

1 commercial. Why does the government have to compete against --  
2 Why is the government competing, unfairly, against the BLM and  
3 the commercial -- the commercial land? Okay?

4 Also, he just said -- Oh, on the BLM land, they're  
5 going to have to put in these maintenance lines, now, for their  
6 towers. Okay? But you're not allowed on that. This is public  
7 land, but you're not allowed. The Public Service company is  
8 going to be allowed to go out and maintain their -- their  
9 towers. Okay?

10 But don't you take your four-wheelers out there.  
11 Don't you take your sand rails. Don't take anything out there.  
12 Okay? That's only for commercial company, not for the public.  
13 Although, it's public land, and they're protecting this land  
14 for us.

15 Up in Colorado, they've protected the land so much  
16 that there's almost no trails left to go riding motorcycles,  
17 four-wheelers, what have you. Okay? They've protected our  
18 land so -- and then -- And now they charge us to get on to  
19 them. You've got to put stickers on everything to even get on  
20 to the public land now. Okay? So this is all just more.

21 The biggest problem I have is we spent a lot of  
22 time here, last April, okay, devising out all these other  
23 routes. Okay? And all of that was looked at by two  
24 independent groups, okay, the environmental for the APS and the  
25 environmental for the government. And they all come up with

1 the same thing. Nothing has changed.

2 All of our ideas on all of that is put into the  
3 trash can, and they're doing what they want to do. They're  
4 going to put big ugly towers for us to look at. And it doesn't  
5 matter what you say or the fact that you were here at the last  
6 meeting or this meeting. It doesn't matter. They're going to  
7 do it their way. I'm sick of it, and I think a whole lot of  
8 other people are sick of it, also. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. ELLIS: Thank you for your comments,  
11 Mr. Schafer.

12 Next is Bonnie Carmin. And after Ms. Carmin will  
13 be Joe Carmin.

14 MS. CARMIN: I'm just here at the meeting because I  
15 was concerned about the sub-alternative plan. And most of you  
16 probably are not because I don't -- I don't think it's even  
17 going to be considered tonight or you didn't mention it much.

18 But, anyway, I have property on Cloud. And my  
19 house is only about from here to the wall from Cloud. And so,  
20 if they put those big towers down 211 and turn on Cloud, like  
21 the sub-alternative is, they will be in my back yard.

22 And, evidently, the -- the State Land doesn't  
23 want -- want it to go anywhere else because it would ruin their  
24 value of their land. And it certainly would ruin the value of  
25 mine and also the aesthetic value. So that was just why I'm

1 here.

2           And I -- When I signed that sheet, I didn't know,  
3 for sure, what -- what was happening. But I just want them to  
4 know that going down Cloud is just not an option I can see  
5 because there's people that live all along there. And those --  
6 That transmission line would be your -- about, from here --  
7 well, probably less than 200 yards from our houses. And so  
8 I -- I was just here to speak about it and tell them that I  
9 don't think that's an option.

10           MR. SCHAFER: I have a question.

11           MS. CARMIN: Yes?

12           MR. SCHAFER: Do you know how much that that's  
13 going to reduce the value of your property?

14           MS. CARMIN: Yes.

15           MR. SCHAFER: Doesn't that --

16           MS. CARMIN: Yes. Well, I don't know how much, but  
17 by --

18           MR. SCHAFER: Because didn't they put up their  
19 signs at about --

20           MS. ELLIS: Sir, I'm sorry.

21           MR. SCHAFER: Huh?

22           MS. ELLIS: I'm sorry. We -- We have several cards  
23 we'd like to get through.

24           MS. CARMIN: Okay. Well --

25           MS. ELLIS: As soon as we're through the cards, if

1 you would like to speak again, then we'll give you another five  
2 minutes.

3 MR. SCHAFER: Okay.

4 MS. CARMIN: Okay, he's --

5 MS. ELLIS: But, right now --

6 MR. SCHAFER: I think it's 29 percent --

7 MS. ELLIS: But, right now, sir, I would like to  
8 make sure that --

9 MR. SCHAFER: -- of your value of your property  
10 will be discarded.

11 MS. ELLIS: -- everybody gets to speak. So --

12 MR. SCHAFER: They don't want to hear any of this  
13 stuff. So go ahead.

14 MS. CARMIN: Okay. I'm also concerned about the  
15 health issues if that transmission line is that close to a  
16 subdivision, where we have horses and people. I just think  
17 that it should be, maybe, reconsidered.

18 They want to go halfway between Cloud and 74, which  
19 is about two miles. And -- And the proposed way is about a  
20 mile and a half from my house, which I guess I can live with.  
21 I'm not quite sure why they can't go all along 74, until they  
22 get to where they're going, and then drop down south. But I  
23 don't -- I haven't looked at that option. So --

24 MS. ELLIS: Thank you for your comments.

25 MR. CARMIN: She's said everything that I had

1 wanted to say, so go ahead.

2 MS. ELLIS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

3 And that's Mr. Joe Carmin.

4 Okay. Then we have -- I believe it's Robert Jess.  
5 Is that correct?

6 MR. JESS: Yes, ma'am. I pass.

7 MS. ELLIS: Yes, sir.

8 MR. JESS: Go ahead.

9 MS. ELLIS: Followed by a Ernest McCollum. And  
10 after Mr. McCollum will be Tom Wilcox.

11 So, Mr. Wilcox, if you could be prepared to speak  
12 after Mr. McCollum.

13 MR. MCCOLLUM: I think the first question that I --  
14 I guess we can't ask questions. Supposed to comment.

15 They don't need this power transmission line. I --  
16 I don't know what the purpose of it is. They say they can't go  
17 down the existing power line. Why? Because, if it -- If  
18 there's an incident that creates a power outage on that line,  
19 then they still have this line. Well, if they're separated by  
20 50 yards on the other power line -- I mean, the chances of  
21 lightning striking two times, right there in the same spot, is  
22 not very likely. So I don't understand why they can't use the  
23 existing power line that's running down there.

24 People who moved there knew it was there. And this  
25 won't have any effect on the property values because it was

1 already figured into their property values. So I think this  
2 alternative route is bogus.

3           Secondly, the environmental impact on the wildlife  
4 coming through this -- and it's not just the BLM land; it's all  
5 this other land out there -- will affect the tortoises, the  
6 coyotes. And everything else is going to be affected out  
7 there. And the only thing they concentrated on was -- was the  
8 tortoises. But what about all the other wildlife that's out  
9 there? They're going to be affected, also.

10           So we developed these plans to protect the  
11 environment. And then APS comes along, all part of the  
12 government structure here, so they get to do what they want.  
13 But if I wanted to do something like that, if I wanted to put  
14 up a tower at my house with a windmill on it, I'd be told,  
15 "No," by the County Government because --

16           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Exactly.

17           MR. McCOLLUM: -- it's too high for the residential  
18 area, or something like that.

19           So we all need to stand up and stop this. They can  
20 run it down the existing power line. And that's all I have to  
21 say.

22           MS. ELLIS: Thank you, sir.

23           (Applause.)

24           MS. ELLIS: Okay. And next we have Mr. Tom Wilcox.  
25 And Mr. Wilcox is followed by John Thomson. Is that correct?

1 John Thomson.

2 MR. WILCOX: Good evening, neighbors. My name is  
3 Tom Wilcox. I'm the general manager and director of golf at  
4 Quintero Golf Club, just north of State Route 74 on the  
5 167th Avenue alignment, which is -- if they set it up this way,  
6 will be just -- just -- We get to cross under the lines on  
7 Carefree Highway or on State Route 74, just before closing the  
8 property.

9 Our project is 13 years old now. It's under new  
10 ownership, as of a year ago. The golf course has been ranked  
11 in the top 100 modern golf courses in the United States, by  
12 Golfweek magazine, nine straight years. There are currently 15  
13 residences. They are all owned and occasionally occupied, I'd  
14 say. It's mostly snowbirds.

15 There is other construction preparing to go  
16 forward. Part of the selling point of all of this -- And  
17 there's over 100 million in this project already. Part of the  
18 selling point has been the pristine nature of the surroundings,  
19 being surrounded by BLM land.

20 I live in Scottsdale, but I drive out here six days  
21 a week. And I would tell you, maybe more from a personal  
22 standpoint, on the environmental basis, when I get past Castle  
23 Hot Springs Road, all I see is native, beautiful Arizona  
24 desert. And to see these 150-foot-high towers running along  
25 one of the few stretches of highway, anywhere in metro Phoenix

1 area, be ruined by this type of a -- of a look, I think, would  
2 be an absolute crime.

3 MR. ZAHLMANN: Can I ask you where you're located,  
4 again?

5 MR. WILCOX: Yeah. We're on the 167th Avenue  
6 alignment, and our property begins one mile north of State  
7 Route 74.

8 MR. ZAHLMANN: So you're on the north side?

9 MR. WILCOX: Yes, an eight hundred -- an 828-acre  
10 project.

11 MR. ZAHLMANN: So you're on the north side of it?

12 MR. WILCOX: Yeah.

13 And, from many of the home sites on the property,  
14 the beautiful view, out towards Carefree Highway, they'd be  
15 looking at some nice transmission poles if the project goes  
16 through at that point in time.

17 I've spent 40 years in the golf business. Part of  
18 what makes it great is being out in the beautiful nature and  
19 outdoors.

20 And I would second the comment on the wildlife. We  
21 have seen everything. In fact, two days ago, I saw two bobcats  
22 just flouncing across one of the fairways. Concerned for that  
23 kind of wildlife. Coyote. We've seen fox. Obviously,  
24 javelinas. Skunks, unfortunately. But -- but -- but beautiful  
25 wild birds and everything else.

1           And I -- And I just think this kind of intrusion  
2 into an area -- when I don't really, probably, think it's  
3 necessary, from everything I've heard -- would -- would really  
4 be a shame.

5           We are -- We were in receivership for two years.  
6 The original owners had issues, and the bank got taken down by  
7 the FDIC. But we're back up. We're running. We're now open  
8 to the public for golf.

9           It is an absolute pristine environment. And I, for  
10 one, personally -- as well as on behalf of my property owners,  
11 on behalf of my club members, and on behalf of the public that  
12 play our golf course -- would hate to see the experience ruined  
13 by this type of a happening on the way in. So thank you very  
14 much for the time.

15           MS. ELLIS: Thank you for your comments,  
16 Mr. Wilcox.

17           Next, we have Mr. John Thomson, followed by  
18 Mr. Richard Stallings.

19           MR. THOMSON: John Thomson, 258th Avenue, Wittmann.

20           Okay. Well, you know, I have a couple of questions  
21 that -- and -- and I -- that I need answers to. And I'll write  
22 on the yellow -- you know, the little yellow piece of paper.

23           MS. ELLIS: Right.

24           MR. THOMSON: I want to know, as far as the  
25 environmental impact is, how many hawks and falcons do they

1 expect to die on those -- on those poles? Okay?

2 And how come they're not going underground? I  
3 really -- I mean, this is absurd. All they have to do is go  
4 underground. Don't tell me they're not going to make their  
5 money back. It's just going to take them a little bit longer.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yep.

7 MR. THOMSON: Okay?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Absolutely.

9 MR. THOMSON: This is -- And, you know, I bought,  
10 where I bought, when it was high. I paid a lot of money for  
11 that piece of property. Okay? And -- A lot of money. The  
12 one -- for an acre and a quarter. And now I'm going to see it  
13 go down from 20, 25, to 29 percent, after the -- you know,  
14 after -- during the recession? This is -- This is a nightmare.  
15 I mean, this is just a nightmare.

16 It's not only going to go in front of my house, on  
17 the side of my house, where my view is; I get to see it to the  
18 west and to the north of where I am.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

20 MR. THOMSON: And -- And I'd like to know what  
21 happened to them going over -- over the CAP, okay, or even  
22 under the CAP? What happened to that? That's -- They had all  
23 the easements for that.

24 And -- And, gee whiz, somebody just decided to  
25 go -- you know, go right up my street. And -- And I'm going to

1 want answers to these questions. Okay?

2 That's about it. That's about it, yeah.

3 But, you know, they'll make their money. It's just  
4 that they're just going to have to wait, like the rest of us  
5 have to wait for our money.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. ELLIS: Thank you, sir.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. ELLIS: As a -- As a reminder, it does look  
10 like we may have a little bit of time at the end, which -- So  
11 some of the BLM folks will be available, for you to ask  
12 questions. We're also writing down the questions that we're  
13 hearing.

14 Mr. Richard Stallings, and -- and followed by Daisy  
15 Anderson.

16 MR. STALLINGS: I'm a retired electrical engineer.  
17 And I have worked with some high voltage in the past.  
18 High-voltage lines are -- are not fit for humans to live close  
19 to. The -- I live on Cloud Road. And I'm going to have a  
20 power line, right there, 100 feet from my house, because the  
21 easement is only 200 feet wide. So they can put it 100 feet  
22 from my property line, close to my house.

23 Why -- And my question is: Why -- the other  
24 gentleman asked -- did they change the -- the -- the routing  
25 from the original designed-by-APS route, down the CAP Canal,

1 the easement there, to somewhere where it had to pass through  
2 BLM land?

3           There's no -- I haven't heard any reason for that.  
4 And it cost a lot of money, to APS and us people that pay APS  
5 for electricity. It's added to our bill, to -- to do that  
6 design. Engineers are not cheap. And draftsmen are not cheap.  
7 And all of that work done is just scrapped, and -- and go to  
8 something else? That's insane.

9           Yes, sir?

10          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you speak to EMF?

11          MR. STALLINGS: EMF?

12          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Electromotive force. That's why  
13 you don't want to live next -- near to power lines?

14          MR. STALLINGS: No. I ain't worried about  
15 electromagnetic force. That's what makes the motors go around.

16           I'm worried about EMI, electromagnetic emissions --

17          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, okay.

18          MR. STALLINGS: -- interferences. And then --

19          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, I see.

20          MR. STALLINGS: And there's been quite a number of  
21 studies done on those, but I haven't read any of it. It's --  
22 In Japan, they do not allow any house to be built within  
23 300 meters of a line over 160,000 volts. And, the higher  
24 voltage, the more dangerous they deem them to be.

25          MS. ANDERSON: And does it have a noise, a sound?

1 MR. STALLINGS: No, there's no sound to it. It --  
2 It's other -- other effects. You know, the -- it -- It's,  
3 specifically, a radio wave. But it's a very low-frequency  
4 radio wave.

5 MS. ANDERSON: I've heard it makes a hum.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does it cause cancer?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You need to speak up.

8 MR. STALLINGS: Well, the -- The hum you're talking  
9 about is -- is -- is from other reasons, but it's because of  
10 the power.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do you know if it might cause  
12 cancer?

13 MR. STALLINGS: Well, EMF is more like the radio  
14 stations, you know, your local FM station. That's  
15 electromagnetic -- magnetic emissions. And it's got  
16 intelligence on it sometimes. So that's EMI, or EMF, if you  
17 want to call it that.

18 But my objection is and my -- my answer -- The  
19 question I ask is: Why did they change it from the original  
20 proposal, which we would understand would be the best they  
21 could -- the engineers could come up with? They don't do  
22 things bad the first time so it can be done differently the  
23 next time. That's my -- my big question, right there.

24 MS. ELLIS: We've got that written -- Well, you  
25 can't see it because we had to switch over the -- over the flip

1 chart. But we've got that written. And there will be BLM  
2 folks available after the --

3 MR. STALLINGS: Yeah.

4 MS. ELLIS: -- you know, after the comment period.

5 MR. STALLINGS: Thank you.

6 MS. ELLIS: Thank you, sir.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Next is Daisy Anderson and  
9 Kristina --

10 MS. JAUCH: Jauch.

11 MS. ELLIS: Thanks. Jauch.

12 MS. ANDERSON: Everybody said everything I wanted  
13 to say.

14 I bought, out in Wittmann, so I would have  
15 beautiful sunsets. And I drive home, Happy Valley, and I see  
16 these beautiful 20, 30, whatever they are, K lines in the  
17 sunset. And I just go, "My gosh. If that's coming to my back  
18 yard, I just don't know what I'm going to do."

19 And, because of this man getting together a flier,  
20 half of you know about this.

21 I get letters all the time. I'm a realtor. I sell  
22 the beauty of the sunset. And now I have to sell the beauty of  
23 the sunset in the transmission lines? And you already paid for  
24 your property. And I'm going to have to sell it.

25 And, "Well, I don't want an HOA."

1 "Oh, great. Well, I don't want to see those lines,  
2 right there, in this house."

3 So what do we do? The only thing we can do is we  
4 have to get together. Everybody here tells one other person.  
5 The comments have to go. E-mail. Write a petition. Write a  
6 letter. It's the only way to stop this. Otherwise --

7 Vistancia. It's not going through Vistancia. Hum,  
8 isn't that interesting? They're organized; we're not. We're  
9 the weak link. Let's make ourselves the strong link.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. ELLIS: Thank you.

12 Kristina Jauch. And followed by Roxann Carlson.

13 MS. JAUCH: Well, I was basically --

14 Oh, I'm from [REDACTED] West Dale Lane. Kristina Jauch,  
15 J-a-u-c-h.

16 I was basically going to say the same thing, is  
17 that, you know, I just moved here, not that long ago, to  
18 Wittmann, for the beautiful views. I do not want to see high  
19 power lines. I mean, I just came from Anthem, which was a  
20 beautiful place. And we went through the whole corporate  
21 commission mess with water. And, now I've moved to Wittmann,  
22 and I find out: Yea, I get to deal with the corporate  
23 commission ruining my new property, based on high power lines.

24 So, I mean, it's just insane.

25 But it's, like, again, Trent Frank, who represents

1 Vistancia, he helped Vistancia not get APS lines going through  
2 their beautiful views.

3 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah.

4 MS. JAUCH: I don't understand why there's no  
5 representatives here of ours. I mean, we need to either call  
6 these people; write letters, like you said; and find out.

7 And the other thing is, for someone who's new, this  
8 whole thing doesn't make any sense. I don't know what kind of  
9 power line is going to -- I'm going to see through my -- It's  
10 my front yard. But it's like it would be nicer -- I don't  
11 know. Maybe you had, originally, APS laid out a beautiful  
12 plan, like: This is what we're going to do.

13 But you just say, "Oh, this is where it's going."

14 But it doesn't -- We don't, visually, see what  
15 they're saying they're going to put up.

16 And, again, it's the year 2012. You can't put the  
17 power lines underground? There's no way they can come up with  
18 a better view, so everyone can be happy? They can make money.  
19 We can all be happy.

20 So, I mean, we need to all write letters, as much  
21 as we can, and tell our neighbors. I put fliers up, too.

22 MS. ANDERSON: Good.

23 MS. JAUCH: I went out, along Patton Road, and put  
24 it on everyone's mailboxes. I would have liked to have seen  
25 more people. But, you know, no -- The word isn't out there.

1 MR. SCHAFER: That's right.

2 MS. JAUCH: So it's, like: Tell everyone, and  
3 write letters. I mean, we just have to bombard them.

4 MR. SCHAFER: So what -- what -- Where did they  
5 advertise this meeting? I mean, other than the fact that I got  
6 it from her.

7 MS. JAUCH: The newspaper is where we found it, in  
8 The --

9 MR. SCHAFER: The newspaper.

10 MS. JAUCH: -- The Arizona Republic.

11 MR. SCHAFER: Okay.

12 MS. JAUCH: It was somewhere small.

13 MR. SCHAFER: But they don't -- Nobody is notifying  
14 the homeowners?

15 MS. JAUCH: Nobody reads the paper anymore. But I  
16 don't -- I don't remember how my husband --

17 MR. SCHAFER: Nobody even gets the paper anymore.

18 MS. JAUCH: My husband found it somewhere, either  
19 online or something. And he was, like, "Oh, my God. They're  
20 putting high --"

21 You know, so this was like a news flash, to us.  
22 So, you know, like I said, I would recommend you tell everyone.  
23 Tell your neighbors. Find -- Tell everyone to write letters to  
24 the important people.

25 Is there a -- I just have a question. Is there a

1 mayor of Wittmann? I don't know.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

3 MS. JAUCH: No, okay. So -- So we're really  
4 screwed. All right. No, I'm just kidding.

5 Thanks.

6 MS. ELLIS: Thank you, thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. ELLIS: Next, we have Roxann Carlson, followed  
9 by Walter Skip Zahlmann.

10 MS. CARLSON: [REDACTED] West Quails Nest Lane.

11 MS. ELLIS: You're good.

12 MS. CARLSON: I basically had a -- a latent  
13 question, what was -- regarding the EMFs. Because I'm from  
14 Chicago. I also worked at the nuclear power facility outside  
15 of Rockford, which is in Byron, Illinois. I know, for a fact,  
16 EMFs cause cancer. We -- I have personally purchased an EMF  
17 detector. You put it next to your microwave. And they tell  
18 you, "Don't stand next to your microwave."

19 And it -- That thing goes off the charts.

20 And I -- My thing is, aside from the heinous  
21 degradation of this beautiful desert -- Because I'm two years  
22 here. And it makes me just want to -- I just am very upset by  
23 it. And the beauty of this desert.

24 I know, for a fact, from coming from the nuclear  
25 power industry, that this is American greed at its best. APS

1 makes -- I believe they produce at 2, 3, possibly 4 cents a  
2 kilowatt hour. And they have the nerve to sell it to us for  
3 24 cents a kilowatt hour during the day, 6 cents at night,  
4 unless you're on the -- another type of plan. And it's  
5 American greed.

6 Now, I -- I do understand -- whoever said about  
7 putting them underground -- that in -- in this area, the --  
8 it -- you can't because they can't get rid of the heat, because  
9 it's too hot here for underground installation of those type of  
10 wire or lines.

11 But there's others ways to do this. There's other  
12 ways to go about it. But we do -- I -- We have to all fight  
13 together because our property --

14 I came out here to live in this beautiful desert.  
15 And it makes me sick, that this American -- corporate American  
16 greed. And we are the little guys. And the person who said,  
17 "We're the weak link because we don't have a --"

18 Vistancia, or whatever that other community was.

19 We're Wittmann, and we need to stick together. And  
20 we don't have a mayor. But, whether it's through the school  
21 and getting together or I'm -- I purchased a home in Patton  
22 Place Estates. And I will be more than willing to go around to  
23 the three or four phases that will affect us and sign petitions  
24 if, you know --

25 MS. ANDERSON: Right.

1 MS. CARLSON: -- whatever. I mean, I -- you know,  
2 I will leave my -- I'll get together with some -- with you and  
3 leave my phone numbers and stuff, so we can get together as a  
4 community. Because we really have to fight this American  
5 greed.

6 And APS -- I'm not against people making money, or  
7 corporations. You know, you -- That's what they're there for.  
8 And they provide us power. But raping the American public and  
9 then having the nerve to take the land and -- and do that to  
10 the land and to the animals and the beauty and the nature of  
11 that, it's inexcusable.

12 MS. ELLIS: Thank you.

13 I --

14 MR. STALLINGS: You think --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Could we add questions to that  
16 list?

17 MR. STALLINGS: It's too hot to put them  
18 underground? I've been to Saudi Arabia, and it's all  
19 underground.

20 MS. CARLSON: Is it? Well, now, I -- we -- well,  
21 actually, my husband told me.

22 We were told, that's a -- See, now, okay. There's  
23 a perfect example. We were told, by APS, that it's -- they  
24 can't do underground.

25 MR. STALLINGS: It's more expensive.

1 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

2 MS. CARLSON: Well, there's -- There's your answer,  
3 then.

4 MS. ELLIS: Okay. We've got a couple more --

5 MS. CARLSON: There's your answer. Thank you.

6 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

7 MS. ELLIS: We've got a couple of more questions to  
8 get through.

9 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

10 MS. ELLIS: Folks?

11 MR. SCHAFER: How about an open meeting instead of  
12 a controlled meeting?

13 MS. ELLIS: I'd like to -- I'd like to just finish  
14 out, so that all the neighbors who filled out a card --

15 MR. SCHAFER: Okay.

16 MS. ELLIS: -- have an opportunity to finish.  
17 Everyone was very, very good about coming tonight. You could  
18 be home, watching TV, and you all came tonight. So let's make  
19 sure everybody has a chance to speak, okay?

20 And then -- and then, if we -- If there are folks  
21 who would like to spend a little more time talking, then we can  
22 be able to have you speak for another five minutes. And then  
23 there will be, also, time to be -- to be able to actually sit  
24 down and -- or stand and talk with some of the BLM folks and  
25 talk to them about some of these issues. Okay?

1           So let's have Mr. Walter Zahlmann, please. And  
2 then Susie Waggoner will be next. Thank you.

3           MR. ZAHLMANN: I apologize for interrupting you,  
4 before.

5           My name is Walter Zahlmann. I'm better known as  
6 Skip, and I'm from Vistancia. And let me tell me you what  
7 you're up against. I went to the meeting last night.

8           And, by the way, for the record, for the government  
9 representatives not to be here, they should be fired.

10          MR. SCHAFER: Right.

11          MR. ZAHLMANN: They should be eliminated.

12          (Applause.)

13          MR. ZAHLMANN: They should lose their jobs, and  
14 they should be fired.

15          But I live in Vistancia and went to the meeting  
16 last night. And let me tell you what you're up against.

17          Talk louder? I'm -- I'm pretty loud, to begin  
18 with, most people say.

19          Vistancia is owned and operated by Sunbelt  
20 Holdings, which is part of Diamond Ventures. These two people  
21 got together and got \$1,000 buses, last night, to have 40 or 50  
22 people driven to a meeting last night, because Vistancia  
23 doesn't want the power lines near them.

24          Now, I live in the northern part of Vistancia. And  
25 I'm not even going to see them because they're six miles north

1 of me. They're 14 miles to the west, which is you guys.

2 But you have a mayor, in Peoria, Cathy Carlat, who  
3 is in -- receives money, in donations, from Sunbelt Holdings  
4 and Diamond Ventures. And this is a multi-million-dollar  
5 corporation. You're dealing -- And they pay for these buses to  
6 get 50 to 60 people to go to meetings such as this.

7 Now, the government agencies' people showed up last  
8 night because they're representing a -- what they consider --  
9 Pardon the expression. They consider themselves as a select  
10 group, at Vistancia. I do not. Okay?

11 I -- I -- I -- The power-line medical issues, I  
12 don't necessarily agree with. The issue that I'm here about is  
13 that you're fighting -- You're fighting multi-million-dollar  
14 corporations. If they put the map up here -- If they could put  
15 the map up here for me. Okay?

16 They literally hire people to speak at these  
17 meetings. They give them shirts. They give them raffle  
18 prizes, like iPads, to get on the bus. They give them  
19 sandwiches. So understand what up -- what you're up against.

20 But the gentleman that I -- that was sitting next  
21 to me, who has a golf course up here -- See this, where it goes  
22 over 94, cuts across nine miles, and then drops down? That is  
23 the entrance to Diamond Ventures' land development. BLM is  
24 basically moving that line across 94 because the entrance to --  
25 is here.

1                   Originally, the plan was, and, again, to run  
2 across, straight across the northern portion of 74. But they  
3 had the power, and they had the money. It's costing anywhere  
4 from \$3 million in today's money -- it might be \$6 million by  
5 the time this thing is built -- to move that line across 94,  
6 closer to his golf course; run it nine miles on BLM land; and  
7 I -- My argument here, folks and ladies and gentlemen, is that  
8 BLM land should never be used for commercial --

9                   MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

10                  MR. ZAHLMANN: -- corporations. Never be used.

11                  (Applause.)

12                  MS. ANDERSON: Exactly.

13                  MR. ZAHLMANN: Okay? That is our land, not Diamond  
14 Ventures', not Sunbelt Holdings', or anybody else. That's our  
15 land.

16                  MR. SCHAFER: That's right.

17                  MR. ZAHLMANN: Okay? We're not only losing three  
18 to \$6 million, to run that line up onto BLM land. We're losing  
19 that land.

20                  MR. SCHAFER: Yeah.

21                  MR. ZAHLMANN: Okay? That is outrageous.

22                  Now they're going to drop it down and then run it  
23 over to the substation. But that's because of -- One reason is  
24 Diamond Ventures.

25                  MS. ANDERSON: And what should we do?

1 MR. ZAHLMANN: You've got to organize. Okay?

2 But you've also got to get out and tell people.

3 Because, see, when they -- when these people -- When there was  
4 50 red shirts there, last night, and I got up, they boo-ed me.  
5 Because I'm telling you the truth. They don't want to -- They  
6 want to say to you, "Oh, these power lines --"

7 And what -- They want to say -- Vistancia doesn't  
8 want to -- I have to drive under power lines in Vistancia --

9 What's my time left?

10 I have to drive under power lines to get into  
11 Vistancia. I have to drive under power lines to get out.  
12 They're on east and -- on the east side of me and on the west  
13 side.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

15 MR. ZAHLMANN: And they're screaming about  
16 something now. Vistancia is not anywhere near these power  
17 lines. And -- and -- And the BLM, who I -- I love Joe. Don't  
18 get me wrong. I love the BLM. Okay?

19 But they're going to these meetings, screaming and  
20 yelling. And it's not anywhere near us. And people are  
21 listening to them.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

23 MR. ZAHLMANN: And you've got to start screaming.  
24 You've got to start calling the people in Peoria and saying,  
25 "Hey, Mayor, City Council, what the hell are you doing to us?"

1           Because, if you can move this line here for this  
2 developer, then, for whatever reason -- and I don't know, and  
3 I'll find out -- then you can bury the lines. If you're going  
4 to move the line for a private corporation worth millions of  
5 dollars, then you can bury these lines to protect your values  
6 and your homes. Because you're just as valuable, if not more,  
7 than this corporation.

8           MS. ELLIS: Mr. Zahlmann, you are out of time now.

9           MR. ZAHLMANN: Thank you.

10          (Applause.)

11          MS. ELLIS: Thank you so much.

12          MR. ZAHLMANN: Sorry about before.

13          MS. ELLIS: That's all right. That's all right.

14          And now we have Susie Waggoner.

15          MS. WAGGONER: I found out about this because,  
16 apparently, you put a flier on my mailbox. So thank you.

17          Apparently, there was something, in April, they  
18 spoke to. I didn't know that. I live less than two miles  
19 north of here. I live right -- my -- I'm on Caravaggio. The  
20 next road is Cloud. How come I didn't hear about that?

21          It's no different than what they did to us with the  
22 railroad. If the City gets together and they decide they want  
23 it, such as Peoria, and somebody is on the take, they're going  
24 to let you get taken. So we have to band together, and we have  
25 to find a way to shove it down their throats, that they can put

1 it in the ground. And I don't care if it costs more. You rape  
2 us on the power bill, every month, as we all discussed.

3 Make it happen. Make it happen. Go underground.  
4 There is no reason to disrupt the beauty of Carefree Highway  
5 for what -- somebody called them corporate American greed.  
6 It's disgusting, to me, what can happen.

7 We're going to have a railroad off-loading  
8 distribution center, here in -- in Wittmann, because the City  
9 of Surprise found that -- that you people in Wittmann deserve  
10 that? We're not idiots. We're not a bunch of inbreds. We can  
11 make this happen.

12 But you have to use your voice. Write to people.  
13 Make it happen. Don't sit here and complain and then go home  
14 and go, "That sucks. We're getting screwed."

15 No. Band together. Make them know. State Trust  
16 Land, like somebody said, belongs to us. That's our tax  
17 dollars. If they want to sell that, they -- we can -- we all  
18 benefit from that. What the hell? Are we going to let them  
19 put those lines up and have to look at them, and you can't ride  
20 out there anymore? It ruins our view.

21 And Carefree Highway is beautiful. It makes my  
22 heart so proud when I drive home and I come down Carefree  
23 Highway and I look at that standing beautiful highway full of  
24 the saguaros. And, as the sun sets, I pull over and take  
25 pictures because it is beautiful. And to desecrate that is

1 disgusting, to me, because -- Why? Because we don't have  
2 enough money out here? We don't have the ability to band  
3 together? Why? Why don't we get notified?

4           It is so absurd, to me. I live right here. There  
5 is no reason I didn't hear from you before that. If your  
6 community outreach is in the paper, who the hell reads the  
7 paper? I'm not 90. I do everything online. The Arizona  
8 Republic charges you to read their stuff online now. That's  
9 disgusting. Shame on you for not reaching out to the community  
10 that it's going to impact.

11           MR. SCHAFER: Amen.

12           MS. WAGGONER: Bullshit.

13           And not just that. But, when I heard, earlier,  
14 that this is not conforming to BLM, if it's not conforming,  
15 it's for a reason it doesn't conform. That's because it's not  
16 for the betterment of the land.

17           AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

18           MS. WAGGONER: Bury it. Bury that damned power  
19 line. There's no reason. And, if they can do it in Saudi  
20 Arabia -- we are not 126 degrees -- they can do it here. There  
21 is no reason on God's green earth that we should have to look  
22 at that ugliness, number one. Number two, if they have to pay  
23 for it, BFD. You know that they're going to put it onto us  
24 anyway. There's no reason that we shouldn't use our voices and  
25 stand up and say, "Screw you."

1           We're going to get it from the railroad. We don't  
2 have to take it from APS. We have to find a way to find our  
3 neighbors and be active. Don't just take it. Because that's  
4 the worst part, is, if I didn't know, if you hadn't put that, I  
5 wouldn't be here; my neighbors wouldn't be here.

6           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Exactly.

7           MS. WAGGONER: We wouldn't have known. And we  
8 own -- I've lived out here for almost ten years. There's no  
9 reason I shouldn't have been notified. No reason. It's not  
10 acceptable.

11           The other thing I wanted to say is that there's --  
12 The decision is not until Fall of 2013, from what I've heard.  
13 And it is the lesser of the evils. But the preferred agency at  
14 least puts it a mile and a half north of Cloud Road. But it's  
15 still running above ground. We have to find a way to make them  
16 put it underground. There's no excuse to allow us to have to  
17 look at that and ruin, not only our values, but our views.

18           I don't even care about my value, quite frankly. I  
19 bought in 2003. I'm still upside down on my first mortgage  
20 purchase money through the trust. So complaining about my  
21 value, that's just -- I -- I'm pissing in the wind.

22           But, honest to God, there's no reason that I should  
23 have to look at the ugliness. It's bad enough, I've done the  
24 right thing and stayed here, even though I was upside down,  
25 when lots of people bought and bailed out, here. They just

1 figured that, "I'm going to find a better way."

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

3 MS. WAGONNER: I did the right thing. I shouldn't  
4 be screwed again because I have to look at those ugly power  
5 lines. Not happening.

6 You guys, we've got to find a way to find your  
7 neighbors and make them write letters. Write a letter for them  
8 and get them to sign their name if you have to. Do the right  
9 thing.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're right.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. ELLIS: Thank you, Ms. Waggoner.

13 Okay. Now there -- There are two folks that I had  
14 to cut off, and that is Mr. Zahlmann and Mr. Schaffer.

15 Mr. Schaffer, would you like another five minutes?

16 MR. SCHAFER: I'll let him go first, then.

17 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Okay.

18 Five minutes, and then -- and then -- And then  
19 we'll move on.

20 MR. ZAHLMANN: That's what you need.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

22 MR. ZAHLMANN: That's what you need. But you  
23 should have gone to the Peoria meeting last night. I went to  
24 the Peoria meeting last night, and I had a feeling it was going  
25 to --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We don't know about them.

2 MR. ZAHLMANN: All right. Well --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Nobody ever tells us about --

4 MR. ZAHLMANN: Then the BLM should be sending out  
5 notices to everybody in this community, whether they sign up  
6 for it or not. You're a resident here, and, as a resident, you  
7 should be entitled to it. And I would make that suggestion to  
8 the BLM, right now, that everybody in this community be  
9 notified of meetings in the future, every meeting, whether  
10 they -- whether they ask for them or not. Let them throw them  
11 out like everybody else. The government has enough money;  
12 that's -- that's certainly for sure.

13 The other thing that you have to -- you have to --  
14 you have to do is -- is go to these meetings. I went to last  
15 night, and you had the City Council there. You had this one  
16 there, and you had that one there. And they get up, and they  
17 want to thank the BLM for moving the -- moving this thing out  
18 of Vistancia, when it was never in Vistancia. And she --  
19 Because she's being paid --

20 Parentheses, I don't know this for a fact.

21 But I know she works with Vistancia and Sunbelt  
22 Holdings. We hold events there, and the charities don't get  
23 paid, but they promote it in -- in Peoria. This is an  
24 organization that's going on, that's raping the people with --  
25 and -- and, basically, what's happening is they're --

1 Basically, what they're saying is what she said and what other  
2 people have said here tonight. They organize. And they say,  
3 "You know what? Let -- let Wittmann handle it because we got  
4 our way."

5 We have power lines on both sides of us. And I  
6 spoke to the APS gentleman. Why can't they run them up --

7 Okay. Now, of course, if there were 50 people from  
8 Vistancia right now, I'd be shot.

9 MS. ANDERSON: Right.

10 MR. ZAHLMANN: Okay? There's no question about it.  
11 But we have the power lines there.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

13 MR. ZAHLMANN: They run up on the east side of us  
14 and on the west side of us. So just run them the hell all the  
15 way up.

16 But don't tell me that the BLM should be making a  
17 consideration that you're going to be paying in your APS  
18 prices. Because that three to \$6 million is going to be put  
19 into your rates. Okay? So you're getting screwed a third  
20 time.

21 I would like to know what that BLM land is worth.  
22 It's probably -- You know, that nine miles, to me, is worth  
23 millions. If -- if -- if -- If Diamond Ventures wants that  
24 property, let them pay for it. Take the money, and give it to  
25 APS so all of our rates are cut in half.

1 MR. SCHAFER: That's right.

2 MR. ZAHLMANN: And then --

3 MR. SCHAFER: That's right.

4 MR. ZAHLMANN: And then -- then you're a benefit to  
5 someone. Okay?

6 But, again, what you're up against is -- You had to  
7 see these buses last night, two of them. They had to cost a  
8 thousand dollars a night. Bathrooms and huge -- I mean, this  
9 is a -- And they have 50 people in the audience who don't even  
10 know why they're there. They don't even know why they're  
11 there, because they are sitting there saying, "We don't want  
12 them in our property."

13 They're not anywhere near us. I live in the  
14 northern part. And I'm sitting there telling these 50, "You  
15 people are crazy. Sunbelt Holdings is paying you to be here  
16 tonight."

17 "Oh, they didn't pay me."

18 "They paid for your shirt. They paid for the bus.  
19 They paid for sandwiches, and they gave you raffle prizes.  
20 You're not -- You're not being paid off in some way? Who are  
21 you kidding?"

22 But this is what you're up against. You're up  
23 against the people that come to these meetings and lie. And I  
24 will say that, point blank. People at the Peoria meeting, last  
25 night, out and out lied.

1           But we didn't have the opportunity to question  
2 them, last night, which aggravated me a little bit, which I've  
3 mentioned to Joe. Because, in prior -- prior meetings, we were  
4 allowed to ask the speaker questions. So, when I attended last  
5 night, I wasn't allowed to ask the vice-mayor any questions,  
6 and I wasn't allowed to ask another Lynda Reithmann, who  
7 absolutely lied about Vistancia and how we should all be so  
8 concerned in Vistancia about these power lines.

9           The reason I came here tonight is I had a feeling  
10 that this was going to be a totally different meeting. A  
11 totally different meeting. And I am fully in support -- and  
12 there's --

13           By the way, there's a lot of people in Vistancia  
14 who do support getting these lines out, certainly never using  
15 BLM lands. I -- And I joke, and I called him when I -- as soon  
16 as I found out that Vistancia got involved, about moving it.  
17 Because, originally, it was on the south side. They made  
18 enough noise. That's costing three to \$6 million, to move it  
19 up to -- to the -- to the north side, because of this Diamond  
20 Ventures, a multi-million-dollar land developer.

21           MR. SCHAFER: And we're going to pay for it.

22           MR. ZAHLMANN: From my perspective, from where I  
23 live, to these power lines, are going to be twenty-five to  
24 30,000 homes, eventually. I have news for you. I would rather  
25 look at the power lines than 25,000 rooftops. But that's a

1 personal thing. Okay? But I also bought in Vistancia, knowing  
2 that this property was going to --

3 MS. ANDERSON: Right.

4 MR. ZAHLMANN: -- be developed, eventually. So  
5 that is -- Not in my lifetime. But who knows. But I -- I,  
6 personally, made a choice.

7 But, to say to me that BLM is now going to move  
8 this line, because of this developer, because the original  
9 approval was the south side, you have the same rights to say to  
10 the BLM, "You know what?"

11 MS. ELLIS: Thirty seconds, Mr. Zahlmann.

12 MR. ZAHLMANN: I'm going.

13 "Bury the lines. If you can do that for that guy,  
14 who's a multi-million-dollar corporation, who is also invested  
15 in Sunbelt Holdings, which owns Vistancia --"

16 Okay? If they can do that for them, well, they can  
17 do it for you. Bury the lines. And that's what you've got to  
18 start saying, "Bury the lines."

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. ZAHLMANN: Because, if you don't say it, loud  
21 and clear -- There's another meeting tomorrow night that I plan  
22 on going to. And I don't know what that one's all about. But  
23 I had a feeling this one was going to be a good one.

24 MS. ELLIS: Thank you so much, Mr. Zahlmann.

25 MR. ZAHLMANN: Thank you very much, Grace.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. SCHAFER: If you want to keep going, I'll give  
4 you part of mine.

5 MR. ZAHLMANN: That's all right, no.

6 MR. SCHAFER: Okay.

7 All right. First off, with some business. I'm  
8 with Daisy, and Daisy recommended that we all put our names and  
9 addresses on a sheet of paper, so that we can at least get  
10 together and -- and notify. Maybe your names, addresses, and  
11 e-mail addresses would be best, number one. Okay?

12 Number two, I'd like to speak to the -- I talked  
13 earlier to people from the environmental control from both the  
14 APS side and also -- also from the -- the Bureau of Land  
15 Management side. Okay? And -- And I just want -- just want to  
16 say that, it sounds like, to me, that the fix is in. The fix  
17 is in.

18 And I am ashamed of our BLM land --

19 You can put that in.

20 I'm ashamed of our BLM, just like I am a lot of our  
21 government now, okay? I'm ashamed of what they're doing and  
22 the way they are working with APS.

23 This is the first time I've ever been with APS. We  
24 were with the other company. And the price is almost twice  
25 what I was having to pay when I was with the other electric

1 company, out -- out of -- of Phoenix. Okay?

2 So the fix is in. We've got to do something.

3 And -- and, like I said to the -- the -- I was told that, you  
4 know, we have independent people doing -- doing these  
5 environmental studies, on both sides. They both come up with  
6 the same -- the same conclusion about where to put it, even to  
7 move it over, when the money is right. Okay?

8 This thing is -- This whole thing, this meeting, is  
9 bologna, it's bull. Okay? All they're doing is ramming this  
10 down our throats. And, unless we do something --

11 So put something down on that, right -- right  
12 there. What I want you to write is: What do we have to do to  
13 stop this? Answer us that. You tell us. You tell us: How do  
14 we stop this?

15 Where's the guy in the green, the weasel? Where  
16 did he go?

17 MS. CARR: He went to the bathroom.

18 MR. SCHAFER: The APS guy.

19 MS. CARR: He went to the bathroom.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's not here. He's in the  
21 bathroom.

22 MS. ELLIS: Sir --

23 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah.

24 MS. ELLIS: -- we would like to keep this civil,  
25 please.

1 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah, fine.

2 You tell us: How do we stop this? That's what

3 I --

4 Put that on there.

5 How do we stop this line? We don't want it. You  
6 tell us: How do we stop it?

7 MR. STUHAN: APS needs to make this connection  
8 between Sun Valley and Morgan, regardless. So, if not here --

9 MR. SCHAFER: So that means that we're going to get  
10 it --

11 MR. STUHAN: -- it has to be made.

12 MR. SCHAFER: -- whether we want it or not, no  
13 matter what we do? Is that what you're telling us?

14 MR. STUHAN: Our regulator, the Arizona Corporation  
15 Commission, reviewed our application and recognized the need  
16 for APS and certificated a project. So our regulator reviewed  
17 the need, agreed with that need, and certificated a route. So,  
18 regardless, the project is needed.

19 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

20 MR. SCHAFER: So what we need is --

21 MR. STUHAN: That's what we have to do.

22 MR. SCHAFER: Do we need a lawyer? Do we have a  
23 lawyer? Is there a lawyer here? Do we have a lawyer in the  
24 group?

25 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

1 MR. SCHAFER: We don't have a lawyer?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We need to burn up the lines to  
3 the -- of the Corporation Commission, to start.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, the Corporation Commission,  
5 is right.

6 MR. SCHAFER: Okay. That's where we can start.  
7 But we've got to do something.

8 How much time have we got left?

9 MS. ELLIS: 2:12.

10 MR. SCHAFER: Anybody else want --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Ask him why we can't go  
12 underground.

13 MR. SCHAFER: What's that?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you ask him why we can't go  
15 underground?

16 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah. Why -- Why can't we go  
17 underground?

18 MR. STUHAN: Ultimately, constructing a circuit of  
19 this type underground has been done in a couple of places in  
20 the world with very short distances. It's essentially an  
21 experimental technology at this time. And, therefore, it is  
22 not considered mature. And, therefore, we don't believe that  
23 it is appropriate to use an experimental technology in the  
24 operation of our system, to meet our requirement to provide the  
25 safe and reliable delivery of electricity to our customers.

1           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'd like to know how we can go  
2 over a no-fly -- a fly zone, and it's a no-build. Why can't  
3 you just put them under the ground there? Why does the  
4 government let you even put them across there?

5           MR. STUHAN: Well, as I just said, the technology  
6 is not considered -- It's also --

7           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, but it's a no -- It's a  
8 no-build zone. It's a fly zone. They can't even build out  
9 there. And you guys are putting the high wires up. That's  
10 crazy.

11           AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's saying: We're restricted,  
12 right now, with the buildings that we can build. And I  
13 can't --

14           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

15           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not even allowed to -- Like,  
16 I have a 2100-square-foot house. I'm not even allowed to put  
17 another living space on my property because of this fly zone.

18           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

19           AUDIENCE MEMBER: And so, whether it's height or  
20 another flipping bedroom for a guest, I should have that right,  
21 and I don't. So that's where you say -- Now you're saying,  
22 now, you can go up --

23           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Put it out there. No problem.

24           MR. STUHAN: Well, the first thing I would say is  
25 that there is a -- There's a difference between -- You're

1 referring --

2 MS. ELLIS: Over there. Can we get her a card?

3 MR. STUHAN: -- to the --

4 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

5 MS. ELLIS: Can we get her a card? I need her a  
6 card.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right on the map --

8 MS. ELLIS: Get her a card.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- over there, and there's a  
10 stripe that runs kind of parallel to CAP and across CAP. And  
11 then there -- there are -- They will no longer issue building  
12 permits there, through the County. It's now a zoning thing.  
13 Because the County should have never let them build over there  
14 in the first place. But the County was on the take, so they  
15 got to build over there because they had --

16 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

17 MS. ELLIS: Folks, a couple of things. One, we do  
18 have one person who has asked to fill out a card.

19 What's happening, right now, is we've got several  
20 folks talking. And it's a really difficult venue because  
21 everyone has to shout to be able to be heard. That makes it  
22 difficult because, when we shout, then it's a little more  
23 emotional. Okay?

24 So, if someone has a question that they would like  
25 to ask, then they can come up and ask. We can put it on the --

1 We can put it on the board. If there is some ability for  
2 someone to answer it, then perhaps that can happen. I cannot  
3 speak for the BLM.

4 But, right now, we do have someone who would like  
5 to fill out a comment card. We do have some time, still. If  
6 anyone would like to make a comment and come up and speak, if  
7 you could raise your hand.

8 MR. ZAHLMANN: I want to --

9 MS. ELLIS: And, Mr. Zahlmann, if you could let  
10 everybody else speak first, people who have a card.

11 MR. ZAHLMANN: I just want to provide information  
12 that people have asked of me.

13 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Can we do that in just a moment?

14 MR. ZAHLMANN: Sure, absolutely.

15 MS. ELLIS: Let's make sure everybody has a chance  
16 to speak, first.

17 But this is not a really good venue for all of us  
18 to be, kind of, shouting questions back and forth.

19 When we break, we will have a chance to have you  
20 speak with the APS folks, be able to sit and talk and ask  
21 questions with the BLM folks, in a manner where you're close to  
22 them and they can talk about complicated things. It's  
23 difficult to talk about complicated things when you're having  
24 to shout. Okay?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I make an objection to that?

1 I'm up here, walking around, and I'm not even -- not even in  
2 the crowd.

3 MS. ELLIS: May I -- May I let this --

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And I'm understanding everything  
5 they say.

6 MS. ELLIS: May I please let this woman speak,  
7 please?

8 Okay.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not certain if it's out of  
10 line.

11 MS. ELLIS: Okay. I'm sorry?

12 MS. STALLINGS: Ladona.

13 MS. ELLIS: Ladona. Ladona --

14 MS. STALLINGS: Stallings.

15 MS. ELLIS: -- Stallings. Thank you.

16 MS. STALLINGS: I've listened to the issues of how  
17 it's going to look, and I agree. But my main issue is I live  
18 on Cloud Road. That's my home. And this is going to go right  
19 in front of me.

20 And, beyond how it's going to look, I am extremely  
21 concerned about my health. I know that this is a major health  
22 issue. I know there's countries that don't allow this. I  
23 don't want to die of brain cancer or any other kind.

24 If you put that there, then my house is absolutely  
25 worthless to me. I think, if you're going to do that, you

1 should condemn the property and pay for everybody's out there,  
2 that you're going to run this by, because you're putting them  
3 at risk in their health. And that is my main concern, is  
4 health issues.

5 MS. ELLIS: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. ELLIS: So, ladies and gentlemen, what we're  
8 going to do is -- is break.

9 And, Joe, is it okay if I have everybody --

10 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

11 MS. ELLIS: -- stand up, that's a BLM person, so  
12 that folks know who to talk to?

13 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah, stand up.

14 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Everyone who's BLM, could you  
15 all stand up, so that folks know? Okay?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why are we breaking?

17 MS. ELLIS: So --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We'd like to --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I mean, people are wanting to  
20 talk.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We'd like to ask -- ask questions  
22 of you people.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And if you break, you're going to  
24 ignore the whole section.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And we'd like to integrate the

1 whole -- the whole group, instead of individuals. Can we do  
2 that?

3 MS. ELLIS: I am going to defer to the BLM.

4 MR. INCARDINE: The best way to do that is with the  
5 boards there. I -- I know what you're saying.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No. But we have questions  
7 written down here.

8 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

9 MR. INCARDINE: Oh.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We'd like to get answers to  
11 those. Who's going to do that?

12 MR. INCARDINE: Okay. Well --

13 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

14 MR. INCARDINE: Rem, what do you think?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, it's not.

16 MR. HOWES: Yeah. I'm -- Yeah. I'm -- I'm willing  
17 to take a stab at that.

18 I guess what I'd like to see is if we can kind of  
19 go through this. What I don't want to have is a debate. We're  
20 not here to debate. We are here to collect information. The  
21 reason we're here is to listen.

22 MR. SCHAFER: Well, that's what happened in the  
23 last meeting.

24 MR. HOWES: Okay.

25 MR. SCHAFER: And then we drew maps and did a whole

1 bunch of stuff. And what we got from it was: Nothing changed.  
2 Not a single thing changed from the last meeting. We drew 100  
3 different maps, how they could reroute it, and all this other  
4 stuff.

5 And you want to do it one more time? More input?  
6 What's the input for? What do you do with our input?

7 MR. HOWES: If there's anything that we can take,  
8 we will absolutely incorporate it. And there are --

9 MS. ELLIS: Okay.

10 MR. HOWES: There are certain areas --

11 MS. ANDERSON: They're just --

12 MR. HOWES: -- where we can't.

13 MR. SCHAFER: They aren't going to change anything.

14 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

15 MS. ELLIS: Folks, if I may -- If I may, what we  
16 will do is we will conclude the hearing part of this, of this  
17 meeting. I'm going to go ahead and conclude the hearing --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's the problem. You're not  
19 hearing us.

20 MS. ELLIS: Ma'am?

21 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah.

22 MS. ELLIS: Ma'am --

23 MR. SCHAFER: You're not hearing us.

24 MS. ELLIS: -- if -- if I may -- If I may, we're  
25 going to conclude the hearing portion of this. And the -- And

1 the hearing is the portion in -- in which --

2 MR. ZAHLMANN: Grace, then we have no record of  
3 what people are saying, and that's wrong. That's wrong.

4 MR. SCHAFER: That's why we need people --

5 MS. ELLIS: That's why --

6 MR. SCHAFER: -- to go on the record.

7 MS. ELLIS: That's why, if you would like to  
8 speak --

9 MR. ZAHLMANN: And I would like to --

10 MR. SCHAFER: That's the best way to do that.

11 MR. ZAHLMANN: I'd like to get the names of the  
12 people they can contact in Washington, D.C.

13 MS. ELLIS: If you would like to --

14 MS. ANDERSON: Yes.

15 MR. ZAHLMANN: I would like to speak. Okay?

16 MS. ELLIS: I --

17 MR. ZAHLMANN: Trent Franks is one gentleman --

18 MS. ELLIS: I --

19 MR. ZAHLMANN: -- that you can speak to in  
20 Washington, D.C. Trent Franks. Get the information. Contact  
21 him.

22 Then there's --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Max Wilson, he's one.

24 MR. ZAHLMANN: Trent Franks. Then there's Ed  
25 Pastor. And then there's the -- It was Gabrielle Giffords, who

1 was injured in that accident down in Tucson. And the person  
2 that took over, I think his name is Baxter.

3 But call them. I called them this morning. I left  
4 a message to all three of them. I'm sending the letters back  
5 to them, by registered mail, in a yellow envelope. But, if you  
6 don't make noise, you're not going to get anywhere.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They're not going to let us make  
8 noise because we're going --

9 MR. ZAHLMANN: Well, I -- I --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- to adjourn.

11 MR. ZAHLMANN: Look, I'm -- I'm trying my best to  
12 say to them: I want it on the record.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

14 MR. ZAHLMANN: Okay? They shouldn't end the  
15 meeting if you want -- if you have questions.

16 The reality is, again, is that, yeah, they can  
17 snowball you. But they're not going to snowball somebody like  
18 Diamond Ventures or the City of Peoria and Sunbelt Holdings.  
19 Okay?

20 Here's the gentleman, who has the golf course, who  
21 he's -- he's fighting it. He wants it to be put back down on  
22 the south side because they're putting it closer to him.

23 MS. ELLIS: Mr. Zahlmann?

24 MR. ZAHLMANN: Yes, I'm going.

25 MS. ELLIS: Thank you.

1           Actually, what we're going to do is it is 7:23, and  
2 the BLM would like to go ahead and have this be a little  
3 different format. We do have one person who has filled out a  
4 card. So let's be respectful of that process and allow that  
5 person to come up and talk.

6           And then what we'll do is we will switch to a  
7 little more open format, where you can be able to ask  
8 questions.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

10          MS. ELLIS: Does that work for everybody? Does  
11 that work for everybody?

12          Okay. So can we have Wayne Frederickson?

13          AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just want to ask one question.  
14 Is anybody here with the Arizona School Land Trust?

15          MR. INCARDINE: No.

16          MS. ELLIS: Not this evening.

17          MR. INCARDINE: Not this evening.

18          MS. ELLIS: Okay?

19          AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. That's all I needed to  
20 know.

21          MS. ELLIS: Okay. So let's be civil, okay? And,  
22 again, this is difficult. So if -- if -- You need to speak up.  
23 Okay? And let's all raise our hands so that we're not talking  
24 over each other.

25          And, ma'am, did you have something? Because you

1 had -- You had said something before. Did you have a question  
2 you wanted to ask?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was just upset because of the  
4 fact that you wanted to end the meeting and -- and let  
5 everybody stand at one little booth and talk amongst whoever  
6 can talk, whoever --

7 MS. ELLIS: Very well. Well, we're beyond that  
8 now. We're beyond that now.

9 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

10 MS. ELLIS: So, great.

11 MR. INCARDINE: We're -- We're going to go and make  
12 it a little more open.

13 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

14 MS. ELLIS: So does somebody have a question? Does  
15 anyone have a question?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, they wanted to go through  
17 the --

18 MS. ELLIS: Do you want to go through these?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

20 MS. ELLIS: Do you want to go through these? Can  
21 we -- Can we start at the beginning?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Number 10 is good.

23 MS. ELLIS: Okay. So -- So how many hawks and  
24 falcons are going to die because of the power line?

25 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah.

1 MS. ELLIS: Is that a question that we can --

2 MR. INCARDINE: We -- we -- Where is Kevin?

3 There you are.

4 We have a biologist here.

5 MS. ELLIS: Can you introduce yourself?

6 MR. GROVE: Hi. I'm Kevin Grove, with the State  
7 Office.

8 MS. ELLIS: And the question is: How many hawks  
9 and falcons are going to die because of the power line?

10 MR. GROVE: I -- We've done some avian count  
11 surveys -- surveys out there.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Speak up.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Louder.

14 MR. GROVE: The majority of the avian species  
15 are -- that are flying in this area use the Agua Fria River.  
16 And they've done some studies in there, primarily -- primarily  
17 more basal area. So the power lines are expected to be up a  
18 little bit higher. They probably won't interfere with some of  
19 those in those corridors.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They're all over, by the way.  
21 They're all over the place.

22 MR. GROVE: All right.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Come on. They're all over the  
24 place.

25 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

1           AUDIENCE MEMBER: We have buzzards all over the  
2 place, big buzzards. Okay? They're not going to get fried on  
3 those power lines?

4           MR. GROVE: They -- They build-to-fit the power  
5 lines to new standards that prevent the electrocution of the  
6 birds. So the birds that get electrocuted are going on the  
7 smaller lines, the -- those ones that are real close together,  
8 that can touch the lines.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBER: So you're saying: None of them?

10          AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're saying: Zero?

11          (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

12          MR. GROVE: I -- I can't say: Zero, or I can't --

13          MS. ELLIS: Folks --

14          MR. GROVE: -- estimate how many --

15          MS. ELLIS: Folks, please.

16          MR. GROVE: -- because I --

17                 It's a hypothetical question.

18          MS. ELLIS: It's okay to ask questions. But don't  
19 talk during the answers, please.

20          MR. GROVE: And there are a lot of aspects. We  
21 base the analysis on evaluating the birds and the flight paths  
22 that are in the area. We've evaluated those and --

23          AUDIENCE MEMBER: They're going to change. They're  
24 going to -- They're going to change their flight paths based on  
25 environment. As soon as something is changed --

1 MR. GROVE: Right.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- it's going to find something  
3 else.

4 MR. GROVE: And there's a lot of evidence --

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So --

6 MR. GROVE: -- that could support that, especially  
7 large raptors that have good flight capabilities, adapt to  
8 these and use those and enhance their capabilities for -- for  
9 perching and prey. And --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

11 MR. GROVE: So -- So it's actually sometimes a  
12 benefit. I -- I hate to use it like that because all benefits  
13 also have negative consequences with it.

14 But we have evaluated and looked at the -- the  
15 number of bird species out there. And, even though it's --  
16 it's close to a lake and you have -- expect those, we do have  
17 raptors in the area. And they've been documented.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I get a -- a copy of -- of  
19 the evaluation? I would like to see a copy of the evaluation.

20 MR. GROVE: It -- it's in the -- It's in the  
21 part -- as part of the reports.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

23 MR. GROVE: It's in the DEIS. We evaluate that.  
24 And it's part of the analysis, in the impact analysis, in  
25 Chapter 4.

1 MS. ELLIS: And there are DVDs, as well. They --  
2 They're not all the paper copies.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

4 MS. ELLIS: Okay. So we have some questions that  
5 are up on the board. And we have a hand -- and a hand -- We  
6 have a hand up.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My question is just, can I -- Who  
8 are you employed by? Who pays your check? Because, as drug  
9 studies are done by the people that produce the drug and those  
10 studies are skewed, who pays -- I'm not saying you  
11 don't -- you're --

12 MR. GROVE: I -- I work for the Bureau of Land  
13 Management. I --

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So you do work for the BLM?

15 MR. GROVE: Yes.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just -- I just wanted to find  
17 out. Thank you.

18 MS. ELLIS: Okay, great.

19 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And the BLM is in bed with APS.

21 MR. GROVE: I'm a BLM employee.

22 MS. ELLIS: Okay. Can we move on to the next  
23 question, which is: What about undergrounding?

24 MR. INCARDINE: I would like to -- Richard, would  
25 you mind? You -- You know that better than the BLM would. Can

1 you maybe address undergrounding?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There's -- There's two questions  
3 about undergrounding. Just: What about undergrounding? And  
4 is it too hot to put the lines underground?

5 MR. STUHAN: All right. There's --

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And also the CAP wrap.

7 MR. STUHAN: Okay. Undergrounding a 500kV line --  
8 Again, I mentioned earlier that, right off the bat, there's  
9 very few instances in the world where 500kV lines have even  
10 been underground.

11 And one of the longest examples is actually in  
12 Japan. And it's about 25 kilometers. And their solution was,  
13 essentially, to dig something similar to a subway tunnel and  
14 place the lines within that tunnel, and there's forced air  
15 circulation for cooling.

16 And, essentially, that's an experimental  
17 installation. So, you know, back to my comments about  
18 maturity, at the 500kV voltage, very little of this has been  
19 done. As a matter of fact, most of your undergrounding that  
20 happens with high-voltage lines for -- is, typically, your  
21 local distribution lines at 12kV; a fair amount of 69kV; and,  
22 in some cases, 230kV is becoming more common to be  
23 undergrounded around the country. But even that is still not  
24 routine.

25 So, again, at the 500kV voltage, very little of

1 that is done. It's, again, not really a mature technology.

2 And, from a cost factor, it ranges anywhere from  
3 about five to ten times more expensive. So, in the case of  
4 this project, where the project costs, you know, ultimately,  
5 for the completion of both circuits, you know, might be in the  
6 order of, you know, \$3 million a mile; instead, you might be  
7 talking \$30 million a mile for the same one mile.

8 So the cost is prohibitive, at this point, in APS's  
9 view. And the Arizona Corporation Commission has -- you know,  
10 that debate came up during the siting hearings for this  
11 project.

12 As some of you may or may not remember, there was  
13 about, approximately, counting the siting committee and the  
14 Corporation Commission, about 20 days of hearings. And there  
15 were numerous intervenors. And many of these questions, and  
16 including undergrounding, was discussed.

17 And, ultimately, our regulator agreed that it  
18 wasn't a mature technology and that it wasn't cost-effective  
19 for the customers of Arizona.

20 So, cost-prohibitive; not a mature technology; and,  
21 therefore, largely, at this point, not appropriate.

22 In the case of ground disturbance -- because while,  
23 for a lot of reasons, people like undergrounding, for the  
24 aesthetics -- from a disturbance standpoint, instead of having  
25 some access roads for construction and these tower pads,

1 instead, you're digging trenches.

2 In the case of a line like this, to make the same  
3 ampacity, you're taking and making two parallel trenches for  
4 both the 500 and the 230 circuit because you have to double the  
5 amount of wires in the ground, to get the same ampacity -- or  
6 same capacity, for, you know, more of a layman's term. So now  
7 you're talking about a substantial amount of ground disturbance  
8 in the case of undergrounding.

9 Now, depending on your vantage point, that -- you  
10 may not view that; and, therefore, it might be an aesthetic  
11 plus. Of course, from other viewing points, for example,  
12 instead, you see a large scar on the earth, an example being  
13 some of the pipelines that were recently constructed in this  
14 very geography. It's a very large ground disturbance. So  
15 there -- There are a few issues with the undergrounding.

16 And one more point, I'll add. Although APS does  
17 not consider the health risks of EMFs to be a concern, what I  
18 will note for you is that, when you take the line from overhead  
19 and put it underground, you've now moved those EMF fields that  
20 you may be concerned about. And you've actually moved them  
21 closer to you because they travel just about as good through  
22 the ground as they do through the air.

23 So I just want to note that, even in a perfect  
24 world, where --

25 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

1 MS. STALLINGS: So my health is at risk, when they  
2 go out in front of my house, no matter what you do?

3 MR. STUHAN: So the answer to your question: If  
4 you're concerned about EM -- EMF, undergrounding it does not  
5 remove that concern for you.

6 MS. STALLINGS: You're telling me it's not healthy.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, what about if they --

8 MR. STUHAN: APS doesn't consider that to be a  
9 health risk.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- put it in a subway, like in  
11 Japan? I mean, I understand, that's twice as much money when  
12 they put it in the ground.

13 MR. STUHAN: It's ten times.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't they insulate it, with  
15 something underground, to stop the transmissions? I mean, if  
16 they did it in Japan, they did it that way, obviously, for a  
17 reason.

18 MR. STUHAN: Well, they didn't put it in a subway  
19 tunnel. I was saying it was like a subway tunnel.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Like a subway tunnel.

21 MR. STUHAN: Right.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But, evidently, they were worried  
23 about, because Japan is very small, it transmitting through the  
24 ground, as well.

25 MR. STUHAN: Well, I won't pretend to understand

1 why they chose to -- to utilize that. But, again, I would note  
2 that it's really an experimental installation. So it's being  
3 studied.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But it's the cost. It's not  
5 experimental. It's the cost. That's the bottom line.

6 MS. ELLIS: Do we have a question here?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. Why are we not going up the  
8 CAP? You've already got the space. You've already got the  
9 easement.

10 MS. ELLIS: And -- and -- and this is the BLM's  
11 meeting.

12 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah. I -- I would like to --

13 MS. ELLIS: And let's go ahead and --

14 MR. INCARDINE: Thank you, Richard.

15 MR. STUHAN: Yeah. No problem.

16 MR. INCARDINE: We had -- One of the early  
17 alternatives that we looked at was along the CAP. But the  
18 reason we have Luke Air Force Base as one of our cooperating  
19 agencies is because of the fly-over area that is on that map,  
20 over there, that we looked at. And it's prohibitive. They --  
21 they -- There is no way we can go along the CAP with that.  
22 They -- They would not allow it. So they -- They were pretty  
23 adamant about that, so --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And why wouldn't --

25 MR. INCARDINE: -- that really ends -- ends that

1 story.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, why would they --

3 MR. INCARDINE: Sir?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- not allow it?

5 MR. INCARDINE: It's a fly-over area. They have  
6 the -- Which jet is it? The F --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's the F --

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 35s.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's the F-35s.

10 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah, The F-35s.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But they also fly over --

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, but they fly over our  
13 homes.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah. They fly the way that --

15 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay? So that -- That doesn't  
17 matter, right?

18 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah, well, the military was very  
19 adamant about that. And we can get you more answers. We can  
20 answer that in the EIS further, if it's not to your liking.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You know, you're coming in. And  
22 you're -- You're dumping my property about -- What was it?  
23 Like, 29 percent? You know? You know, I'd feel a hell of a  
24 lot better for it if somebody would cut me a check for the  
25 29 percent.

1 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's just, I'm there. All of a  
3 sudden, I'm getting hammered.

4 That's a nice little smirk you have on your face.  
5 I like that.

6 You know, this is ridiculous. This is absolutely  
7 ridiculous. And I don't care where you live. You know, I  
8 don't care where you live. If somebody comes in and goes, "Oh,  
9 by the way, 29 percent of the value of your home has just been  
10 lost," you're going to --

11 MR. INCARDINE: Are you along Cloud Road, sir?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm on 259. Okay? I'm right off  
13 of 259.

14 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's right in front of me and  
16 north of me. I'll be seeing both.

17 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Both of them.

19 I tell you, you know, if somebody would cut me a  
20 check for the 29 percent, I might be more reasonable.

21 I prefer it not be there. I prefer it be  
22 underground. I prefer it go someplace else. But -- but, if  
23 these big corporations would come up and they'd say, "Hey, I'll  
24 give you 29 percent," okay, okay. I could probably live with  
25 that. All right?

1 MS. ELLIS: Sir, can we get to the questions, since  
2 we had the -- we had the comment period?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

4 MS. ELLIS: And we've got some questions. And  
5 folks said that they were really, really concerned about  
6 getting to them.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But that was one of the  
8 questions.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. My question is: Why don't  
10 you cut me a check for the 29 percent?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That was the question.

12 MS. ELLIS: Oh, I know. Yes. That was one of the  
13 questions.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

15 MS. ELLIS: We've just got a few more that we want  
16 to get to.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okie-doke.

18 MS. ELLIS: Okay?

19 MR. INCARDINE: What's the next one?

20 MS. ELLIS: And one of the questions is: How --  
21 Can you get compensated by the BLM?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. I just asked.

23 No?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're just screwed.

25 MR. INCARDINE: No.

1 MS. ELLIS: Okay. And then -- And then the next  
2 question was: Why did they change the original route?

3 MR. INCARDINE: Now, who asked that question?  
4 What's the original route that you're talking about? Is that  
5 the CAP? I'm not sure who asked that.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think the CAP is what he was  
7 talking about, right? Wasn't he talking about the CAP?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think he was talking about  
9 Cloud Road, because people are asking: Why are they going on  
10 Cloud Road?

11 MR. INCARDINE: Oh, okay. The State Land option?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

13 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah. It's not changed. It's --  
14 The State Land asked us to analyze the area along Cloud Road,  
15 so we did. But we are not making a decision on that. That's  
16 not BLM land. Neither route is on BLM land.

17 Does that --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're talking about Cloud Road  
19 and State Land instead of going down Cloud Road or the middle  
20 of that. There's no houses between us and 74. You're already  
21 ruining the visual of 74. Why don't you take it all the way to  
22 74, instead of killing us and our -- and our neighborhood?

23 There's a lot of people that live there.

24 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And you're putting it right in

1 our front yard, and that's a health issue.

2 MR. INCARDINE: Okay.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If you're going to put it there,  
4 take it all the way to 74 and not right across -- over our  
5 houses.

6 MS. ELLIS: Okay. The next question we had was:  
7 Where was the meeting advertised?

8 MR. INCARDINE: Ellen, would you help us with that,  
9 please?

10 MS. CARR: Sure.

11 For the original meeting, in April, when we were  
12 here before --

13 MR. INCARDINE: April 11th.

14 MS. CARR: April 11th, yeah.

15 -- there were -- there's a table in the EIS  
16 document. And they've got it over here. And we've got CDs of  
17 the EIS available that -- that will show you all the places  
18 that it was advertised.

19 But, just to list a few, there was a mailing list  
20 that we compiled from anybody that communicated with the ACC  
21 originally on this and anybody that was at any of the -- of the  
22 meetings that APS had. It started out with 538 people on it.

23 Then we did a mailing by ZIP Code, which included  
24 all of the housing areas within the study area of the  
25 community, to 12,002 places. And it was a big four-by-six

1 postcard.

2           Then APS sent out over 27,000 newsletters that they  
3 distributed to that, our ZIP-Code mailing list, plus to all of  
4 their customers, advertising those meetings.

5           So, those early meetings, you can find all of that  
6 information in Chapter 5 of the DEIS. It's on page 5-2 and  
7 5-3.

8           In addition, we were out in the neighborhoods, at  
9 Circle City, in Wittmann, and at the Shell station and at the  
10 Mobile Acres. And we put fliers up in all of those  
11 communities. So, you know, we -- we tried to get out there.

12           It was also in the newspaper, full page -- or full  
13 half page, full run, statewide ad for the -- in The Arizona  
14 Republic. Plus, it was also in the -- in five different zones,  
15 three times a week, for two weeks, prior to those meetings.

16           Surprise Today, once per week for two weeks.

17           Peoria Today, once per week for two weeks.

18           The West Valley View, two times per week for two  
19 weeks, and in the Wittmann News, a little online notification  
20 that we could find. Also, for scoping, it was on the online  
21 editions for all of those newspapers.

22           For this meeting, we did essentially the same  
23 thing. We did a postcard mailing, before the DEIS was mailed  
24 out, to anybody that had attended those meetings and wanted to  
25 remain on the mailing list, and asked them, "Did you want a

1 copy of the DEIS?"

2 People that got copies of it either requested a  
3 hard copy or they requested a CD. Of that, 131 copies were  
4 sent out.

5 Again, it was advertised in The Arizona Republic,  
6 five zones, three times a week. Same papers, again: Surprise  
7 Today; Peoria Today; West Valley View, two times a week;  
8 Wittmann News.

9 Again, we were back out. We put out fliers in 26  
10 different local outlets, libraries, community centers, the  
11 Arizona Game and Fish, Lake Pleasant, Ben Avery, the Shell  
12 stations, signs in your neighborhood, a sign out here in front  
13 of the school, by the library.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What language was -- was all  
15 that?

16 MS. CARR: Excuse me?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What language did you put on all  
18 the advertisements?

19 MS. CARR: What language?

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

21 MS. CARR: On the fliers that -- The same fliers.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What language was it?

23 MS. CARR: English.

24 But there was a -- There was a statement in there,  
25 if you needed assistance for the meetings, that was in there,

1 to contact us, as well. So we -- We did our best.

2 We also sent out letters to over 900 people,  
3 personalized, addressed letters, with people's names and  
4 addresses on it, saying: Dear interested party, we're having  
5 these meetings.

6 And it notified -- The fliers and the letters all  
7 said every meeting that we had. Yeah.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So we actually, where you're  
9 talking about mailing it, on Cloud Road, our postal ZIP Code is  
10 Wittmann, 85361, but we don't appear on the Wittmann map. We  
11 are not technically Wittmann.

12 So, if you used -- I would like to know if --  
13 Because I didn't get one notification. I didn't get it. If it  
14 came in the APS bill, I'm on auto-whatever --

15 MS. CARR: Uh-huh.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's paperless. So, if it came  
17 from APS, through your billing, I wouldn't have received that.  
18 But I literally -- I have lived here for almost ten years. And  
19 I've never received any sort of mailing. So I do not  
20 understand, if you did all of this community outreach --

21 I've never come by the school, ever, ever, ever,  
22 ever. I just -- I don't go to the Shell. I come home from  
23 203rd, north. I come up to Dove Valley and turn left -- or  
24 turn right at 211th. So, if we put it at the Shell, it does me  
25 no good. I'll never get there. I don't go past the school, I

1 mean, so -- and -- and I don't read the paper. How can I not  
2 get notified? How -- I just don't understand how that can  
3 happen.

4 MR. INCARDINE: Ma'am, may I ask you: Where is a  
5 better place to, maybe, post for you? Like, the post office?  
6 Or --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Or -- or even -- yeah.

8 MR. INCARDINE: Because, you know, our -- What we  
9 want to do, in BLM, is let everybody know. We're not trying to  
10 hide this from anybody.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: People -- people moved out here,  
12 and I don't even -- But I think I speak for a lot of people.  
13 We moved out here because we're not interested in social life,  
14 necessarily.

15 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I -- I work 60 hours a week. I  
17 don't particularly -- I love my neighbors, love them. But you  
18 can -- She can tell you. I leave before dark -- I mean, I  
19 leave in the dark. I come home in the dark.

20 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not going for -- anywhere in  
22 Wittmann.

23 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If I do something, it's in  
25 Surprise --

1 MR. INCARDINE: Right.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- if I stop at a grocery store  
3 or something. So I don't get the paper. I don't -- So my  
4 point is: I just don't understand how you can do all these  
5 mailings, how they wouldn't hit me when they --

6 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- it's my -- it's --

8 MR. INCARDINE: Are you now on the mailing list?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I am now.

10 MR. INCARDINE: Okay. Thank you.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But, I mean, my point is --

12 MR. INCARDINE: And --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- my neighbors didn't know.

14 MR. INCARDINE: And you're -- Like we talked about,  
15 your e-mail, because we do e-mailing, too. So, sorry you  
16 didn't receive it before. But --

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's -- But everything on here,  
18 I -- I'm going to call my -- one of my other friends that lives  
19 over here. I guarantee you, if he knew about it, he would have  
20 been here and fired up. So I don't think that a lot of our  
21 neighbors understand or even know that this is happening.

22 MR. INCARDINE: Okay.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So I really am concerned that  
24 everybody north of Dove Valley wasn't notified.

25 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

1           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Did anybody who lives north of  
2 Dove Valley or on Cloud Road get anything, ever, in the last  
3 year?

4           AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

5           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I never got anything in April of  
6 2011, not a word.

7           MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh.

8           AUDIENCE MEMBER: And this meeting that you had 538  
9 people, a mailing from that, I never heard about that. I -- I  
10 can't -- I'm not -- I read. I'm not an idiot. If it came to  
11 my post office box, I would open it.

12           And, I mean, I get the harassing letters from APS,  
13 telling me that I use more electricity than my neighbors.  
14 Well, eight of them are winter visitors, so I sure hope that,  
15 in July, they didn't have an electric bill like mine. I mean,  
16 I get those harassment letters. I've actually asked them to  
17 stop sending them to me.

18           MS. ELLIS: Ma'am, can we -- Can we go ahead and  
19 answer a few more questions?

20           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm just saying, that this  
21 notification --

22           MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

23           AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- north of Dove Valley --

24           MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

25           AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- didn't happen.

1 MR. INCARDINE: We're -- We're going to have to be  
2 just another few minutes. We've got to be out of here by  
3 8:00 o'clock --

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

5 MR. INCARDINE: -- and take all of the boards.

6 If we can maybe just address a couple of more of  
7 these. What's our next one?

8 MS. CARR: How to stop this.

9 MR. INCARDINE: How do -- How do we stop this?

10 MS. CARR: Yeah.

11 MR. INCARDINE: Has anybody -- We have a letter in  
12 BLM.

13 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

14 MR. INCARDINE: It's a bipartisan letter that came  
15 from --

16 MS. ELLIS: Folks, please.

17 MR. INCARDINE: -- the three Congressionals that  
18 were mentioned before, republican and -- and democrat. That is  
19 probably one of the best things you can do, is write your  
20 Congressmen, have an audience with them, the Governor's office.  
21 You know, the -- the State agency, the Corporation Commission,  
22 came up with the corridor, where APS is required to put the  
23 utility. And then we have bipartisan support from  
24 Congressionals.

25 Have any of you talked to your Congressmen? I -- I

1 would ask you to do that. You know, that's -- that's, you  
2 know --

3 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What about us people that only --  
5 that are -- that are winter visitors?

6 MR. INCARDINE: I'm sorry?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We may stay out here, say, six  
8 months of the year, or so. You know, so we don't vote here.  
9 We don't even --

10 MR. INCARDINE: You know, yeah. But, I mean, I'm  
11 sure Congressmen are still going to listen to you.

12 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

13 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah. So -- So, I mean, you can  
14 see where BLM is between a rock and a hard place.

15 MS. CARR: We have one more question: What about  
16 medical issues from being close to the lines?

17 MR. INCARDINE: Well, I think we kind of --

18 MS. CARR: We covered that one?

19 MR. INCARDINE: -- talked about that already.

20 MS. ELLIS: Okay. So, Joe, since we have to be out  
21 of here --

22 MR. INCARDINE: Yeah.

23 MS. ELLIS: Can --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll just say it, out loud.

25 MS. ELLIS: A really quick one, yeah.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Will you be having another  
2 meeting?

3 MR. INCARDINE: The -- The Draft EIS calls for  
4 these meetings. The next thing that we do, in BLM, is issue a  
5 Final EIS. That's not the decision, but that is the Final.

6 So the best thing to do is to, you know, if you  
7 didn't feel like we heard you tonight, please, we're in the  
8 middle of a 90-day comment period. Either write us, e-mail us,  
9 or -- or however you want to let us know. But we want to hear.  
10 This -- This is the last of the meetings that we normally will  
11 have.

12 MS. DEPUKAT: No. We have one more meeting  
13 tomorrow.

14 MS. ELLIS: There is a meeting tomorrow night.

15 MS. CARR: We have a meeting tomorrow.

16 MR. INCARDINE: No, no, no, no. I mean, you know,  
17 I think she's saying --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I understand. Another group.

19 MR. INCARDINE: -- yeah, another group of meetings.

20 MS. DEPUKAT: Another group.

21 But we do have one more meeting, tomorrow night.

22 MR. INCARDINE: But we -- We're meeting in Phoenix  
23 tomorrow night. Yeah, but it's still part of the Draft EIS.  
24 So the answer is: No.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Thank you.

1 MR. INCARDINE: The National Environmental Policy  
2 Act does not call for another group of meetings.

3 Sir?

4 MR. STALLINGS: Can I add a question to the list?

5 MR. INCARDINE: Please.

6 MR. STALLINGS: What's the difference in the price  
7 of this proposal and the previous proposal that this changed  
8 from, and who's going to pay the difference?

9 MR. INCARDINE: Now, when you say, "the previous  
10 proposal," are you talking about Cloud Road and -- and the one  
11 above it?

12 MR. STALLINGS: No, the proposal that was last  
13 year's proposal, that I think I talked to you about, over in  
14 the BLM office, back in April or March, that -- There was some  
15 proposal, going along CAP Canal for part of the way and -- and  
16 the existing utility right-of-way. There's three power lines  
17 on it now or four?

18 MR. INCARDINE: Uh-huh. Oh, the south line?

19 MR. STALLINGS: Yeah.

20 MR. INCARDINE: The one that goes way south?

21 MR. STALLINGS: Yeah. And what's the difference in  
22 the cost? The one that's more direct to the Morgan substation,  
23 Sun Valley, what's the difference in cost, going that way and  
24 then this way, and who's going to pay that difference?

25 MR. INCARDINE: That's a very good question. We

1 spoke with APS about that.

2 Richard, would you mind, maybe, addressing that?

3 MR. STUHAN: Certainly. Well, first of all, the --  
4 Well, part of it is -- Part of it is your document, Joe. There  
5 is a set portion of the document that discusses the  
6 alternatives considered but eliminated. Ultimately, in  
7 particular -- And we're talking about the routes potentially  
8 following the existing lines? Was that one of the southern  
9 ones you were talking about?

10 MR. STALLINGS: It followed the existing lines for  
11 a ways.

12 MR. STUHAN: Okay. That would be -- That would  
13 actually be more expensive, considerably more expensive. And  
14 it has to do with technical issues. For one, placing this line  
15 adjacent to those lines would not meet the redundancy  
16 reliability requirements of this project.

17 MR. STALLINGS: The three there -- The three that's  
18 there is not redundant. That's the definition of "redundancy,"  
19 anyway.

20 MR. STUHAN: Yes, they are, because they do not all  
21 originate and terminate at the same place.

22 In this case, this line, if it were to be placed  
23 there, would share --

24 MR. STALLINGS: To be redundant -- To be redundant,  
25 they have to be spaced apart by a certain distance and not of

1 the same technology and construction.

2 MR. STUHAN: About the -- About the length of the  
3 longest span, according to Western Electric Coordinating  
4 Council. So, on this project, a typical span would be about  
5 1100 feet. So you could -- So, in theory, you could place it  
6 1100 feet away.

7 (Audience members speak simultaneously.)

8 MR. STUHAN: The issue you would have there is  
9 that, one, most landowners out there wouldn't view that as  
10 being adjacent and would potentially sever -- essentially make  
11 the land in between the lines unusable for -- for most  
12 purposes. And, therefore, the cost would be substantially  
13 higher.

14 MR. STALLINGS: So you have three lines. You get  
15 them together, and you can't get another one?

16 MR. STUHAN: That's correct.

17 MR. STALLINGS: By your -- By your rules made by  
18 your own business? Well, not "business," but --

19 MR. STUHAN: By the -- Well, by the guidance of the  
20 Western Electric Coordinating Council, who is the oversight for  
21 the western grid.

22 MR. STALLINGS: Yeah. Who pays for those guys,  
23 there? The utility company?

24 MR. STUHAN: I have no idea.

25 MR. STALLINGS: The same people that paid for the

1 ETRI?

2 MR. STUHAN: I have no idea.

3 MR. STALLINGS: But you say you -- that route would  
4 be more expensive? A direct route would be more expensive than  
5 going around through the BLM land?

6 MR. STUHAN: That's correct.

7 MR. STALLINGS: The BLM must be getting a good deal  
8 on that.

9 MR. INCARDINE: Well, we're going to have to break  
10 down the boards and everything. We've got to be out of here by  
11 8:00 o'clock. So thank you, everyone. You still have until  
12 February 8th to make any additional comments.

13 (The public hearing is adjourned at 7:49 p.m.)

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