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1 you have heard, new transmission lines do not happen  
2 overnight but are planned 10, 15, sometimes more, years in  
3 advance, so this gives plenty of time for permitting under  
4 the present system.

5 I think preplanning any corridors as specified  
6 in the PEIS is like building a road to nowhere. As soon as  
7 it is built, it is used and used and used. Therefore, I  
8 say no to the new corridor alternative, yes to the  
9 increased utilization alternative, and treat any proposed  
10 new corridor just like it is now being done. Thank you  
11 very much.

12 DR. PELL: Thank you very much, appreciate your  
13 thoughts, Mr. Kurtz. I'd now like to call on Ms. Ellen  
14 Kurtz, also representing herself I do believe. AZ06

15 MS. ELLEN KURTZ: My name is Ellen Kurtz,  
16 K-U-R-T-Z, and I too am a resident of Santa Cruz County,  
17 and I appreciate the privilege to be able to address you  
18 people and make our concerns known. This will have a major  
19 impact on the west and I'm sure it will in the east. This  
20 PEIS hearing demonstrates how the corporate utility  
21 interests are trying to quote, unquote streamline by  
22 virtually eliminating requirements for constructing utility  
23 corridors.

24 They are presently required to do a 10-year  
25 update or forecast, which allows them ample time to

1 investigate their needs and, if a new corridor should be  
2 required, if they go through the necessary steps and do it  
3 right, it can be accomplished in this time. The proposed  
interaction of agencies is a very good recommendation or  
proposal and this was sadly lacking in the one case that I  
have been involved in in the last five years. The State  
did not see fit to get in touch with the federal agencies,  
8 which resulted in some foreseeable problems.

The costs incurred are not just those of the  
10 utility but also those of the citizens, and particularly  
11 the residents of the affected areas. We talk about the  
12 costs to the companies that are putting these things in as  
13 if you can put a dollar value on everything. There are  
14 many, many other things of value that are invaluable. The  
15 condemnation of property and the effect on a person's life  
16 and livelihood can be devastating and costly in terms of  
17 money, health, and psychological factors.

18 Users of public lands are also greatly impacted  
19 by the physical, aesthetically damaging, and environment  
20 impacts, both obvious and hidden. Impact on species of all  
21 kinds, plant and animal, including humans, are possibly  
22 irreversible and affect the chain of life. Air quality can  
23 be compromised. And driving up from Santa Cruz County  
24 today, we were under one blanket of smog.

25 With the many innovations in the energy field,

2 these corridors may quickly become dinosaurs on the  
3 landscape. But once they are established, they can be  
4 easily put to some other use, perhaps even more offensive.  
5 I feel that the application system now in place works in  
6 the best interest of the taxpayer, who ultimately pays for  
7 all of this, and I feel, if there were cooperation between  
8 state and federal agencies and the Native American nations,  
9 that this whole process that I have been involved in would  
10 not still be going on today, there would be some  
11 understanding. Thank you so much.

12 DR. PELL: Thank you very much, Ms. Kurtz.  
13 Ms. Kurtz is the last of the people that preregistered.  
14 Before we go on to the people that signed in this afternoon  
15 indicating they would like to speak, I'd like to take a  
16 moment first to pass the mike to my two colleagues to the  
17 right, give them a chance to introduce themselves and add  
18 any thoughts they might have.

19 That was easy. They're letting me take all the  
20 heat here. I will proceed to Mr. Larry Killman, Greystone  
21 Environmental.

22 MR. LARRY KILLMAN: My name is Larry Killman,  
23 K-I-L-L-M-A-N, I'm with Greystone Environmental. We do a  
24 number of energy-related projects all over the United  
25 States basically.

My primary comment would be that I know a