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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
October 26, 2005
Afternoon and Evening Sessions
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BEFORE:

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25 process and that is information that you may have.

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1 And the third critical part of the scoping is to have
2 the public help us refine the alternatives to be
3 examined in the PDEIS.

4 So we're going to request your comments,
5 we're going to analyze that when we go over the
6 scoping comments. And it is conceivable that we would
7 probably contact you all for further clarification of
8 those comments. And any time up to the issuing of the
9 draft document, if you want to provide additional
10 information to us, you can do that.

11 Three more quick points. Will the agency
12 folks that are here please stand up that will be
13 around for the duration. And our friends in the back,
14 during the breaks or after the meeting, we encourage
15 you to discuss any of these issues you have with our
16 agency folks. Each speaker will be allotted
17 approximately ten minutes and then I'll kind of notify
18 you with a two-minute warning.

19 And again the on and the off the record,
20 everything that we say from the podium is basically on
21 the record. And, for Qs and As and for opinions and
22 clarification, we can do that either at the breaks or
23 at the end of the session.

24 So with that my introductory remarks are
25 over. And I would like to invite our first speaker to

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1 the podium. And that's Ms. Lynda Lovejoy,
2 commissioner for New Mexico Public Regulation

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3 Commission. Thank you.

4 MS. LOVEJOY: Wow, that was quick. I've
5 never been given the floor this soon in a meeting.

6 And I don't -- I'm not here to speak, I'm
7 just here to present a couple of issues on this. And
8 Julia, right? Nice to see you again.

9 I represent District 4 which is the northwest
10 area of the state of New Mexico on the New Mexico
11 Public Regulation Commission. And I would like to
12 just say to Department of Energy, as you're doing your
13 scoping meeting, that from the New Mexico point of
14 view, there are 21 tribes here in New Mexico.
15 Probably New Mexico and Arizona have the largest
16 tribal membership -- members rather in their states.

17 And I would just like to caution the
18 Department of Energy, although you will not be
19 directly dealing with tribes in siting and application
20 issues because that responsibility greatly lies with
21 the secretary of Interior, however, I think there will
22 be times when you will have to coordinate on these
23 matters.

24 And I would just like to state to DOE that I
25 hope that what little land base the tribes have, that

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1 their small land base does not become an energy
2 corridor because a lot of lands, tribal lands -- or
3 rather a lot of the transmission lines and gas lines
4 go through tribal lands. And so that's just a bit of
5 information for you to keep in the back of your mind.

6 The other issue that I just want to state is

7 how many corridors are needed in your scoping plan I
8 guess for the western region and specifically the
9 southwest area, whether the plans were placing
10 multiple utilities in these corridors in consideration
11 with their -- with their interdependence
12 characteristics or independent characteristics. And
13 so those are just things that I want to state. Thank
14 you.

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15 MR. MONTAGNA: Our next speaker is David
16 Eubank from the Public service company of New Mexico.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. EUBANK: okay. Thank you and good
19 afternoon. My name is David Eubank. I hold the title
20 of professional engineer in the transmission
21 development and contracts department at PNM. And
22 thanks to everybody from D.C. who came out, I
23 appreciate you putting on this meeting.

24 who is PNM. For those of you who don't know,
25 PNM is the largest utility company in New Mexico. we

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1 serve -- we've brought electric service to about
2 400,000 customers and gas service to about 470,000
3 customers.

4 we've been around about 90 years. And today
5 PNM is the largest subsidiary of PNM Resources and
6 energy holding company based here in Albuquerque. we
7 operate about 2,700 miles of electricity transmission
8 facilities and about 1,500 miles of gas pipeline.

9 PNM's interest in this process, why we
10 support this process, is significant amounts of land
11 in New Mexico are federal land. And portions of many