

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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 In Re: West-Wide Energy)
 Corridor Programmatic)
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PUBLIC MEETING
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1 MS. KIENER: Close enough. Good afternoon. My name
2 is Kim Kiener. And I'm with IID Energy. We're a division
3 of Imperial Irrigation District.

4 IID currently utilizes 540 miles of high voltage
5 transmission. Approximately 310 miles of that is 161Kv.
6 The 161Kv transmission system was originally built in the
7 1930's as part of the Western Area Power Administration
8 Transmissions to bring in power for the regional
9 irrigation districts.

10 Our service territory has continued to grow in all
11 regions and it has resulted in our need to upgrade our
12 systems.

13 We're currently evaluating potential energy
14 corridors. We anticipate providing additional comments by
15 the November 28th deadline.

16 In particular, we're looking at evaluating the
17 Imperial Valley to San Felipe corridor and the San Felipe
18 to Bannister corridor.

19 As far as the efforts we're undertaking is to develop
20 what we call our Green Path. And the Green Path system
21 will successfully meet our growing needs and it will
22 provide systems in the western interconnection.

23 IID Energy is in partnership with Citizens Energy
24 Corporation and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
25 And we've recently introduced a renewable energy endeavor

1 that will benefit residences and businesses in Imperial,
2 San Diego, Los Angeles and Riverside County. This
3 partnership will expand our existing customer service and
4 allow us to build in neighboring control areas.

5 The Green Path Project's primary objective is to
6 increase capacity of the IID Energy transmission grid and
7 to keep pace with the anticipated growth in Southern
8 California.

9 The Green Path will upgrade IID transmission systems
10 enabling it to export a greater amount of renewable
11 geothermal energy generated from the Imperial Valley to
12 multiple delivery points.

13 The Green Path is comprised of three phrases
14 including upgrades of IID Energy existing transmission
15 systems and construction of two new high capacity 230Kv
16 lines.

17 The upgrades will take place predominantly in
18 existing right-of-ways. The initial phases of the project
19 will create two interconnection points, one with San Diego
20 Gas and Electric and the other with the Los Angeles
21 Department of Water and Power.

22 The Green Path will benefit greatly from the joint
23 venture and participation of the Citizens Energy
24 Corporation and LADWP.

25 Citizens Energy is a non-profit corporation formed by

1 Joseph Kennedy, II, and provides low-income households
2 with assistance with their utilities across the United
3 States.

4 As a partner in our Green Path project, Citizens
5 Corporation will provide financial support to IID Energy,
6 transmission upgrades and, in turn, will subsidize
7 electric bills for elderly customers of the IID Energy
8 service territory.

9 We appreciate the opportunity that we've had in the
10 past to work with you. We look forward to working with
11 your agency in the future.

12 Thank you for your time.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Ms. Cynthia Wilkerson.

14 MS. WILKERSON: Good afternoon. My name is Cynthia
15 Wilkerson. I'm the California representative for
16 Defenders of Wildlife. The defenders of wildlife are
17 dedicated to the protection of all native wild animals and
18 plants in their natural community. The Defenders of
19 Wildlife has nearly 500,000 members nationwide and nearly
20 100,000 of which are Californians.

21 I'm pleased to be here today to provide comments for
22 the scoping period to be used in the preparation for the
23 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for
24 designation of energy corridors on Federal land in the 11
25 western states.

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