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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING OF THE WEST-WIDE
ENERGY CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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MEETING 1-A

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COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER

700 - 14TH STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

HANSON: My name is Evan Hanson. I'm
2 with the Williams Companies, and we, too,
3 appreciate the opportunity of expressing our
4 opinion and writing our thoughts today.

5 The Williams Companies is primarily a natural
6 gas company. We operate in the western United
7 States 7,000 miles of transmission lines -- or,
8 4,000 miles of transmission lines -- 7,000 miles of
9 gathering and processing lines. And we have
10 approximately 7,000 natural gas-producing wells.

11 We have facilities throughout the west, which
12 use pipelines to conduct our business. And our
13 transmission line to the northwest pipeline system
14 is a primary source of natural gas in the states of
15 Washington, Oregon and Idaho. We service natural
16 gas from New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, as well as
17 Canada.

18 Williams is smaller than we used to be. Five
19 years ago, we had over 65,000 miles of natural gas
20 transmission lines and 26,000 miles of fiberoptic
21 cables that we've put in the ground. Since 1969,
22 when NINFA [phonetic] was put in service, we've had
23 tremendous experience putting pipeline and
24 fiberoptic cable in the ground, and we think we
25 understand the process.

1 Overall, we support the concept of creating
2 the corridors. However, there are some concerns
that we want to express and make sure they are
addressed in this process.

5 We are currently conducting a process to build
6 a new system from Wyoming to Kansas, and in certain
areas of this system, we find that we'll be
8 following a pipeline corridor where there are ten
9 existing either pipelines or fiberoptic systems.
10 However, we will be required to once again do the
11 appropriate cultural and biological surveys. We
12 feel certain circumstances of that nature are
13 excepted and we hope that something can be done to
14 address that.

15 We feel that Programmatic EIS, especially as
16 broadly and regionally as this one is, would not do
17 away with these investigations, but they should be
18 done in the appropriate level. We are in the loop
19 in this process. We do a lot of these facilities.

20 At the same time that this is being done, we
21 think that there should be corridors built and
22 represent the needs of the industry. For example,
23 we need to exercise caution that when pipelines and
24 power lines are put in the same corridors, that
25 appropriate safeguards are in place that the

1 [garbled] protection of pipelines are not
2 interfered with.

3 We think it is appropriate to have
4 circumstances where construction has adequate room,
5 where you can be putting multiple systems that we
6 can operate without interfering with any of the
7 existing facilities or the new facilities to come.
8 We don't want to be locked into these corridors.

9 Any of these comments that you'll hear now,
10 I'm sure that mine are duplicate -- some you've
11 heard and some you'll hear throughout the rest of
12 the day -- but we feel this is very important. We
13 want to be able to have flexibility to fulfill that
14 potential if new energy sources are developed,
15 you've got to have new corridors to address those
16 and get those to the market.

17 We want to make sure that there are sufficient
18 locations that are remote from these that can
19 protect the assets that will be put in place,
20 meaning the platforms, power lines and such, that
21 get those to the appropriate market. We fell that
22 there's great disparity in the marketplace right
23 now, and a lot of this is due to the lack of
24 infrastructure.

25 This will become more and more important as

1 access for developed energy sources here in the
2 Rocky Mountain states in particular. There are
3 projects that I'm sure you are aware of going from
4 the Rocky Mountains to the eastern corridors. These
5 need to have good access through both public and
6 private grounds. We feel that the need to balance
7 private and public grounds needs to be addressed as
8 part of this process. That where we are traversing
9 both, that no one is damaged and that people are
10 allowed so they can get just compensation for the
11 land used.

12 Williams will be providing written comments to
13 you formally, before the deadline. We commend you
14 for this efforts. We are looking forward to the
15 opportunity of providing these comments and would
16 be glad to consult in any way that we could as we
17 go forward.

18 Thank you.

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19 POWERS: [inaudible]. Sandra Johnson
20 from Xcel Energy.

21 P.JOHNSON: [inaudible].

22 POWERS: Turn it up a little be more. I
23 guess we'll ask the speakers to get a little closer
24 to it.

25 P.JOHNSON: [inaudible]. Sure. Thank