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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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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

1 you. I'm Sandra Johnson. I work for Xcel Energy.
2 Xcel Energy has facilities in multiple states and
3 we're here today to speak on behalf of Public
4 Service Company of Colorado.

5 The demand for electricity continues to grow
6 at a very health pace in Colorado. And while we
7 are actively seeking the addition of generation
8 resources within our state to meet our load, we
9 also rely on the existing corridors that bring
10 power into our state from both the north and west,
11 as well as the southwest.

12 So, what we are hoping to accomplish through
13 this is the identification of those existing
14 corridors for expansion potential, as well as the
15 identification of new corridors.

16 We are transmission constrained, as I
17 mentioned, and we anticipate that in order to
18 continue to provide low-cost power to our
19 customers, in addition to building generation
20 within our state purchasing it from third parties,
21 we will also need to rely on generation resources
22 outside of our state, whether it be renewable
23 and/or coal. And, so, we want to preserve, I
24 guess, our rights and opportunities to work with
25 the DOE on the development of these corridors going

1 forward so that we can participate and actively
2 comment [garbled].

3 POWERS: [inaudible]. Is Pam Inman here?
4 Okay. Landon Gates from Colorado Farm Bureau? No?
5 Well, we'll have our open mike for those that
6 didn't sign up, if they'd like to come up and say
7 something. Those are the only people that
8 pre-registered to speak, so, if there's anybody
9 else? Okay.

10 [inaudible].

11 POWERS: Huh?

12 [inaudible].

13 POWERS: [inaudible].

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14 MURRAY: My name is Mark Murray and I'm
15 with Tri-State Generation and Transmission
16 Association located here in Denver. We are a
17 generation and transmission cooperative. We serve
18 44 member electric distribution cooperative
19 throughout a four-state area of western Nebraska,
20 Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

21 As pointed out by Sandra with Xcel, Tri-State,
22 too, is experiencing a great deal of load growth in
23 our members on the front range, western slopes and
24 throughout the western grid. We would encourage
25 and support the Programmatic EIS that's taking