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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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700 - 14TH STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

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

place. We would also encourage that you would seek information from the western electric -- WECC -- and a conduit for that could be the Western Utility Group. Tri-State is an active member in that group and we provide information to WECC on our expansions as needed for our electric grid system.

And that's the only comments I have. Thank  
8 you.

POWERS: Thank you, Mark. Is there  
10 anybody else that would like to come up and say  
11 anything? Okay. I want to remind you that we have  
12 the scoping comment form on the registration table.  
13 There's copies of the Notice of Intent to prepare  
14 the Programmatic EIS on the back table.

15 There's several other -- since this is our  
16 first coping session meeting and we're going to do  
17 this in eleven states in the next eight or nine  
18 days, we've actually got two teams that are going  
19 to be doing this and we all came here to the first  
20 one so that, you know, we could get a sense for  
21 what kind of a response we'd get and so we could  
22 figure out whether we're going to do some of these  
23 things together, as well.

24 And, I'd like to ask those members of BLM,  
25 Forest Service and DOE to stand up, because we're

1 going to be around. We'll be available to answer  
2 questions and --. Okay. Thank you, very much.

3 MALE: [inaudible].

4 POWERS: Yes, sir. There's another  
5 session from 7:00 to 9:00 right here tonight. Yeah,  
6 Ron?

7 LEHR: [inaudible].

8 POWERS: Well, what I've been advising  
9 people is, well, from the industry's perspective  
10 that is going to have a utility -- some time of  
11 linear utility facility -- we need to know where  
12 you need to get from point A to point B and why is  
13 that important to you. I mean, it's basically that  
14 simple. And, so -- we could try to make it more  
15 complicated that that's going to be the gist of the  
16 information, from my perspective. Paul or Julia?  
17 Would you like to add --

18 SOUDER: I just like to add that  
19 expressing your priorities of why you agree or  
20 disagree, whether there's things you really want  
21 brought to the surface and that you really want to  
22 educate us on. Because, the main point of the  
23 public scoping meeting is to really hear from you  
24 many perspectives -- not just industry but, I mean,  
25 all the different voices that are out there to make

1 sure that we can consider these comments and really  
2 listen to them so that when we're writing the  
3 report, we've definitely heard from everybody  
4 [inaudible].

5 And it is the best way with these formats is  
6 to really express your priorities -- to really show  
7 us up- front this is what is most important to us,  
8 and as Scott said, this is why.

9 P.JOHNSON: And, also, just to add, the  
10 collection of information that we will have at  
11 these meetings will go to help the writers of the  
12 Programmatic EIS in framing the alternatives, and  
13 so forth. So, it's good to give us your comments  
14 and suggestion, so that as we move forward in  
15 developing the Programmatic EIS, we have all the  
16 available information to move forward in this  
17 endeavor.

18 SOUDER: Whether comments are submitted  
19 via at the annual public scoping meetings, website  
20 or fax, they are treated equally. There's equal  
21 weight granted to each one. There's no ranking  
22 [inaudible]. We're glad to get public scoping  
23 comments. The website again, which is on the  
24 poster and the Notice of Intent, and on various  
25 documents that were handed out is

1 <http://corridoreis.anl.gov>.

2 POWERS: Another question?

3 FAY: Are you -- do you have cooperating  
4 agencies that are already signed up [inaudible]  
5 regional [inaudible].

6 SOUDER: We're in consultation with  
7 various groups, but, as of right now, BLM, Forest  
8 Service and DOE, that are the agencies right now.  
9 After public scoping, we'll be definitely adding  
10 more names to that [inaudible].

11 FAY: [inaudible].

12 SOUDER: Right. We'll definitely add to  
13 the various groups that make comments [inaudible].

14 SCHAFISH: Since we're asking questions  
15 -- at the end of these transmission corridors, at  
16 least the electric ones, there's some type of  
17 generation -- does that exclude some consideration  
18 [inaudible] process?

19 SOUDER: I don't think we have the answer  
20 to that, yet, because the whole point of public  
21 scoping is to get a better understanding --

22 SCHAFISH: Better understanding. So  
23 there could be included in the process of  
24 evaluation if you get enough comments --

25 SOUDER: Could be.

1           SCHAFISH: -- in the scoping process  
2 [inaudible].

3           VARHOL: Well, definitely you want the  
4 coal fields, the oil field and the wind areas  
5 [inaudible].

6           SOUDER: Would you want to make a public  
7 comment with your name and address? I mean, that'd  
8 be great.

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9           VARHOL: Okay. My name is Thomas Varhol,  
10 I'm with Black & Beach [phonetic] Corporation.

11          POWERS: [inaudible].

12          VARHOL: Sure.

13          SOUDER: Thank you.

14          VARHOL: I have more questions than  
15 comments, but, I guess -- depending on how you  
16 respond to the questions -- what clearly -- with  
17 corridors in the western states, you want to hit  
18 coal fields and the oil shale area and the prime  
19 wind areas that the gentleman earlier spoke of. How  
20 wide are these corridors going to be? Any thoughts  
21 on that, yet?

22          POWERS: No. We're directing the  
23 legislation to establish a width, but that's going  
24 to be based on information that we receive in  
25 scoping.