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PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**ORIGINAL**

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING

On Wednesday, November 2, 2005

At 7:04 p.m.

At Tuscany Suites Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

Reported by: Deborah Ann Hines, CCR #473, RPR

1           Okay. On that note then I will proceed. I  
2 have preregistration from Mr. Jim Burris of Pacific  
3 Corp. Is he with us this evening?

4           Okay. That being the case then I only have  
5 one other individual who's indicated a desire to  
6 speak from our registration outside this evening,  
7 Rita Ransom. If I may call Miss Ransom to the podium  
8 please, And let me ask you please to spell your name  
9 for the benefit of the court reporter and tell us  
10 what your affiliation might be.

11           RITA RANSOM: My name is --

12           JERRY PELL: From the podium here please so  
13 that the recorder can get it, and also let me just  
14 mention that we'd like to keep remarks to about five  
15 minutes verbal, and anything you want to submit  
16 written can be whatever magnitude you wish.

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17           RITA RANSOM: My name is Rita Ransom spelled  
18 just like kidnap money, R-a-n-s-o-m. And I'm not  
19 affiliated with any organization, I'm a private  
20 citizen.

21           I just have a couple of questions. One  
22 question is were the local utility companies in  
23 Southern Nevada invited to this scoping meeting or  
24 have their comments, opinions, thoughts been  
25 solicited separately? Because obviously they have a

1 different interest than perhaps the general public  
2 would.

3 And the second question I have is what is  
4 the timetable, the expected time when the final  
5 results, I know there's a name for it but it escapes  
6 my memory, after you've gone through the comment  
7 period, developed the PEIS, gone through all the  
8 necessary reviews and approvals, what is the  
9 timetable for issuing a final order?

10 JERRY PELL: Are you through, Miss Ransom?

11 RITA RANSOM: Yes. That's it.

12 JERRY PELL: Sure. By all means, thank you  
13 very much. I appreciate your remarks and your  
14 questions. Normally I would defer responding, we  
15 don't typically respond to testimony, but your  
16 question is posed in such a way that it's of such  
17 importance I think I should respond. And that is  
18 that utilities are being asked for their views  
19 identically to the public. There's no special  
20 consideration being given. They've received the same  
21 notices that everybody else has received, and their  
22 testimony is considered at exactly the same degree of  
23 importance or concern as anybody else's.

24 And there are no private channels in the  
25 NEPA process for preparation of an environmental

1 impact study. Everything is very much a public open  
2 process, as for example the court reporter being here  
3 this evening. There are no provisions for anonymity  
4 or secret meetings of any kind. But I do appreciate  
5 the question because it afforded me the opportunity  
6 to provide the answer.

7 And as far as timetable is concerned, all I  
8 can really tell you at this point at this early stage  
9 in the process is that we hope to have a Draft  
10 Environmental Impact Statement ready for your  
11 consideration sometime in the latter part of the  
12 summer of '06.

13 And I would now like to inquire as to  
14 whether anybody else would like to speak, especially  
15 those people that arrived. Oh, we do have two more  
16 names here, thank you. John Hiatt of the Red River  
17 Audubon Society. And, John, as did the previous  
18 speaker please spell your name for the court  
19 reporter.

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20 JOHN HIATT: John Hiatt, H-i-a-t-t, and  
21 that's actually Red Rock Audubon Society. We don't  
22 have any rivers here. We wish we did.

23 Nevada is kind of unique in the country  
24 because of the very large amount of public land we  
25 have and our wide open spaces. And so when we talk