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AND INFORMATION HEARING

In the Matter of:)
) Docket No. 16-AFC-01
STANTON ENERGY REALIBILITY CENTER)
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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 4:40 P.M.

4 STANTON, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I want to make sure that if
6 you need translation, please speak with our Public Adviser,
7 who's at the yellow table right here in the back, and she
8 can help you out with that. Oh, I'm sorry, she's right
9 here. She will momentarily be at the yellow table there at
10 the back and help you out with that.

11 So welcome. This is the Informational Hearing,
12 Environmental Scoping, Issues Identification, and Scheduling
13 Conference conducted by a Committee of the California Energy
14 Commission, regarding the proposed Stanton Energy
15 Reliability Center.

16 The Energy Commission Chairman has assigned a
17 Committee of two Commissioners to conduct these proceedings.
18 Before we begin we would like to introduce the Committee
19 Members to you. My name is Commissioner Janea Scott and I'm
20 the Presiding Member of the -- over this hearing. To my
21 left are my Advisers, Rhetta DeMesa and Matt Coldwell. To
22 my immediate right is our Hearing Officer, Ken Celli. And
23 to his right is Commissioner Douglas' Adviser, Le-Quyen
24 Nguyen.

25 So at this time I would like to ask the parties to

1 please introduce themselves and their representatives,
2 starting with the Applicant.

3 MS. MILES: Hi. I'm Kara Miles. I'm President of
4 Stanton Energy Reliability Center.

5 MR. GALATI: Scott Galati, representing Stanton
6 Energy Reliability Center, LLC.

7 MR. LAMBERG: Greg Lamberg with Stanton Energy
8 Reliability Center, LLC.

9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hello and welcome.

10 I'd like to now ask the staff to introduce
11 themselves.

12 MR. HEISER: John Heiser, Stanton Project Manager.

13 MS. DECARLO: List DeCarlo, Energy Commission
14 Staff Counsel.

15 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hello and welcome.

16 Let me find out whether or not we have -- oh, and
17 I have two folks here, Mayor Carol Warren, and just wanted
18 to introduce her. Welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR WARREN: Thank you for being here today. On
21 behalf of my colleagues on the City Council and all the
22 residents of Stanton, I want to welcome you to our city and
23 to our Civic Center for this important milestone in the
24 Commission's consideration of the Stanton Energy Reliability
25 Center's development. I'm going to refer to it as SERC

1 after this so it's not so long.

2 The city has been meeting with SERC for quite some
3 time, and we are delighted to have the Commission here
4 tonight to consider this important facility and to
5 appreciate the efforts that have been made to date. SERC is
6 important to sustainability, and that is important to
7 Stanton. Our community believes in sustainability as the
8 path to the future.

9 SERC has been and continues to be a valuable asset
10 to Stanton in our public-private partnership at Stanton
11 Central Park. The support is provides for our schools and
12 more has been a wonderful asset to our community. SERC will
13 provide valuable improvements in the area of the city that
14 has been blighted, and it is bringing a wonderful
15 improvement to otherwise idle, unimproved language. This is
16 important to our property tax base, as well as our clean
17 energy future.

18 SERC will help Stanton's economic development
19 efforts and our outreach to others to make Stanton their
20 home for business. SERC is creating jobs during
21 construction and permanent jobs thereafter, but also
22 providing reliability for those who come here to do business
23 in Stanton.

24 As you've likely noticed, Stanton is small, but we
25 are a small community that looks out for its own and

1 supports those who support us. We are grateful for SERC's
2 engagement in our city and their genuine desire to be a
3 positive force in Stanton. SERC fits well with our
4 community and we are pleased to support their efforts, and
5 consider them a small community member.

6 Would you like me to do the Pledge of the
7 Allegiance --

8 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Oh, certainly.

9 MAYOR WARREN: -- or do you have someone else?

10 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes, that would be great.

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: We don't usually do that at
12 the beginning of our meetings --

13 MAYOR WARREN: Oh, okay.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: -- but we'd be happy to, if
15 you'd like.

16 MAYOR WARREN: No, that's all right.

17 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay.

18 MAYOR WARREN: Thank you very much.

19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you so much, Mrs.
20 Mayor. Thank you for being here.

21 I also have Ricardo Perez from Assembly Member
22 Sharon Quirk-Silva's Office.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: He just wants to say hello.
25 All right.

1 Now I'd like to turn to any agencies we may have.
2 Do have any other elected officials or representatives from
3 the federal government, state government or local government
4 that would like to introduce themselves. Okay.

5 Seeing none, do we have any members of Native
6 American Tribes who would like to introduce themselves?

7 Seeing none, how about the South Coast Air Quality
8 Management District? Okay.

9 Los Angeles County, City of Stanton, or any other
10 nearby towns or cities? All right.

11 Seeing none, any other agencies that I may have
12 missed? All right. Thank you very much.

13 I just want to make note that we do, again, that
14 we do have translators here. I don't know whether they want
15 to -- they'd like to come to the microphone and say hello
16 and just let you know that they're here, in case you need
17 them.

18 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Speaking Spanish.)

19 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

20 CHINESE INTERPRETER: (Speaking Chinese.)

21 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

22 MR. LU: My name is Bai Lu, Certified Court
23 Interpreter in the Vietnamese Language.

24 (Speaking Vietnamese.)

25 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. Thank you so much
2 for being here.

3 I would like to note one more thing, too, which is
4 if you are a member of the public and you'd like to make a
5 public comment, please get one of these blue cards from our
6 Adviser, Alana Matthews. She's there at the yellow table.
7 Just fill one of those out, please, and that's how we know
8 that you would like to make a comment.

9 So at this time, I will now turn the conduct of
10 this hearing over to Hearing Office Ken Celli.

11 Take it away, Ken.

12 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Commissioner
13 Scott.

14 Good afternoon everybody. This Informational
15 Hearing, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Site Visit is
16 designed to inform members of the public about this proposed
17 project and the Energy Commission's siting process.

18 On October 26, 2016, the Stanton Energy
19 Reliability Center, LLC, submitted an Application for
20 Certification, which we call an AFC. You'll be hearing us
21 talk about AFCs today. That stands for Application for
22 Certification. The Application is to construct, own and
23 operate a hybrid electrical generating and storage facility
24 in Orange County, California. The proposed project would be
25 located in Stanton, California, here in Orange County. The

1 site is located in an industrial park area bordered by Dale
2 Avenue to the east, Union Pacific Railroad to the South, the
3 Pacific Street and Fern Avenue to the south -- rather,
4 Pacific Street and Fern Avenue to the northwest. The
5 proposed site is approximately four acres in size and is
6 rectangular in shape, approximately 130 feet by 1300 feet
7 with a long side parallel to the -- with the long side
8 parallel to the Union Pacific Railroad Line. Stanton's
9 Strong Channel bisects the project site from north to south.

10 Also, as I'm looking around I see these -- there's
11 some pictures, so you can see sort of what the layout is in
12 these pictures around the room.

13 The Stanton Energy Reliability Center, which
14 people are going to refer to as SERC, S-E-R-C, Stanton
15 Energy Reliability Center, will consist of two General
16 Electric GM-LM6000 PC-based EGTs. I think that's electrical
17 gas turbines, but the Applicant is going to explain what
18 these things are today, so we'll all know what an EGT is.
19 The Applicant will explain what an EGT is in a moment.

20 But first, let me explain that the EGT combines a
21 combustion gas turbine with an integrated battery storage
22 component operated by proprietary software. And each EGT
23 will consist of a GE-LM6000 PC natural gas-fired simple-
24 cycle combustion turbine, a clutch to provide operational
25 flexibility as a synchronous condenser, and an integrated

1 10-megawatt GE battery energy storage system. In total, the
2 SERC will provide 98 nominal megawatts of EGT capacity. The
3 applicant will describe the details of this power plant in a
4 moment.

5 Next slide please, unless you want to give me the
6 clicker and I'll -- okay. Thanks.

7 The purpose of today's hearing is to provide
8 information about the proposed power plant, to describe the
9 Commission's process in reviewing the application, to
10 provide information on opportunities for the public to
11 participate in this process, and to comment on any aspect of
12 the proposed project, to inform the Committee, the parties
13 and the community about the project, its progress to date in
14 the application process, and perceived issues that need
15 resolution, and to meet and confer about a project schedule.
16 So that's what we want to take care of today.

17 The notice of today's Site Visit, Environmental
18 Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing was mailed to all
19 the parties, adjoining land owners, interested governmental
20 agencies, and other individuals. It was also posted on the
21 Energy Commission's website. The Public Adviser's Office,
22 and, again, the Public Adviser is sitting in the back at
23 that yellow table, Alana Matthews, she will explain in a
24 moment how you can follow these proceedings on the internet.

25 Next slide. Thank you.

1 This is today's agenda. We've already had the
2 site visit and the Commissioner's opening remarks. I will
3 describe the Committee's role in the ex parte rules. After
4 that the Applicant will describe the SERC project. And
5 after that the Energy Commission will explain the
6 environmental review process, the issues they have
7 identified at this juncture, and their proposed schedule for
8 the licensing process. Following that, the Public Adviser
9 will describe the service available from the Public Advisers
10 Office to support public participation in our process. And
11 finally, we will take any questions or comments from the
12 public or any agencies that are present at the end of the
13 presentation today.

14 Next slide.

15 The California Energy Commission is a state agency
16 that has exclusive jurisdiction to license or, as we say,
17 certify new power plants that generate 50 megawatts of
18 electricity or more. The Commission is the lead agency for
19 CEQA review. CEQA is the California Environmental Quality
20 Act. We are the lead agency under CEQA. Today's hearing is
21 the first in a series of formal Committee events that will
22 extend over the next year.

23 This Committee will eventually hold evidentiary
24 hearing and issue a Presiding Member's Proposed Decision
25 containing recommendations for the full five-member Energy

1 Commission to either approve or deny the proposed project.
2 You will hear us talk about the PMPD, possibly, today. The
3 PMPD is the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision on whether
4 to certify the project or not.

5 To be clear, the Stanton Energy Reliability Center
6 is made up of two Commissioners. The Presiding Member is
7 Commissioner Janea A. Scott, who is sitting to my left. And
8 the Associate Member is Commissioner Karen Douglas, who
9 could not make it today. But that is the Committee, and
10 they will be the Committee throughout.

11 There's more here. Don't change yet. Go back.

12 Today's hearing is the first in a series. This is
13 the first, our first, so I want to thank everyone for coming
14 out today, because this is the first in a series of formal
15 Committee events that will extend over the next year. The
16 Committee will eventually hold an evidentiary hearing.

17 Did I already read that? Yes, I did.

18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Uh-huh.

19 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Sorry. Next slide.

20 Thank you.

21 It is important to emphasize that the law requires
22 that the Committee's Proposed Decision be based solely on
23 the evidence contained in the public record. To ensure that
24 this happens, and to preserve the integrity and impartiality
25 of the Commission's licensing process, the Commission's

1 Regulations and the California Administrative Procedures Act
2 expressly prohibits private, off-the-record contacts
3 concerning substantive matters between the participants in
4 this proceeding and the Commissioners, this Committee, their
5 advisers and me, the Hearing Officer.

6 Next slide.

7 This prohibition against off-the-record
8 communications between the parties and the Committee is
9 known as the ex parte rule. This means that all contacts
10 between interested parties and the Committee regarding any
11 substantive matter must occur in the context of a public
12 discussion, such as today's event, or in the form of a
13 written communication that is distributed to all parties.
14 The purpose of the ex parte rule is to provide full
15 disclosure to all participants of any information that may
16 be used as a basis for the Committee's future decision on
17 this project.

18 Next slide.

19 The Energy Commission Staff, who is sitting over
20 here, Mr. Heiser and Lisa DeCarlo, Energy Commission Staff
21 is a party to the proceedings in the same way that the
22 Applicant is a party or a future Intervener might become a
23 party to these proceedings. Even though the Staff and the
24 Committee Members both share the name Energy Commission, we
25 are completely separate entities for purposes of these

1 proceedings. Thus, the ex parte rule is binding on the
2 Energy Commission Staff in the same way that it is binding
3 on the Applicant or Interveners.

4 Additional opportunities -- did I go up? One
5 moment.

6 Additional opportunities for the parties and
7 governmental agencies to discuss substantive issues with the
8 public will occur in public workshops that will be held by
9 the Commission Staff at locations either near the site or at
10 the Energy Commission headquarters in Sacramento. The
11 Committee will not attend Staff workshops. Information
12 regarding other communications between the parties and
13 governmental agencies is contained in written reports or
14 letters that summarize these communications. These reports
15 and letters are posted on the website and made available to
16 the public. Information regarding hearing dates and other
17 events in this proceeding will also be posted on the
18 Commission's website.

19 Next.

20 The Application for Certification, or AFC, process
21 is a public proceeding in which members of the public and
22 interested organizations are encouraged to actively
23 participate and express their views on matters that are
24 relevant to the proposed project. The Committee is
25 interested in hearing from the community on any aspect of

1 this project. Members of the public are also eligible to
2 intervene in the proceeding. And if there are potential
3 Interveners, we encourage you to file Petitions to Intervene
4 as soon as possible to allow for full participation. The
5 Public Adviser is going to explain more about what it means
6 to intervene in this case.

7 Generally a Petition to Intervene will be granted
8 by the Committee if the grounds for intervening -- if your
9 grounds are reasonable and relevant to the proceeding, and
10 the Petition to Intervene satisfies the requirements of
11 Commission [sic] 1207(a). The Committee's Scheduling Order
12 will establish the deadlines for filing a Petition to
13 Intervene. And the Public Adviser will assist members of
14 the public who would like to become Interveners in this AFC.

15 Next slide please. There you go.

16 We will now ask the parties to make their
17 presentations in the following order. First, the Applicant,
18 Stanton Energy Reliability Center, LLC, will describe the
19 proposed Stanton Energy Reliability Center Project and
20 explain its plans for developing the project site. Next,
21 Commission Staff will then provide an overview of the
22 Commission's licensing process and its role in reviewing the
23 proposed Stanton Energy Reliability Center. Next, we will
24 discuss issues addressed -- thank you -- in Staff's Issues
25 Identification Report and the parties proposed schedule.

1 And finally, we will hear from the Public Adviser's Office
2 explaining its role in supporting public participation and
3 outreach.

4 Upon completion of these presentations, we are
5 going to invite interested agencies, and any members of the
6 public who wish to, to offer comments and ask comments --
7 and ask questions of the parties. This is going to be a
8 somewhat informal process. And I just want to say to anyone
9 who wants to make a comment, you'll notice the way I'm
10 speaking into this microphone. I'm speaking right down to
11 it, like I'm playing a clarinet or something like that.
12 That's how we need you to speak into your microphone when
13 you make your comment. The reason that is, is because this
14 is a public event. We have a court reporter who is taking
15 this all down, and we need to be able to hear you clearly so
16 that he can make an accurate transcript. So all of the
17 parties, I'm going to ask you to please speak right into
18 your microphone.

19 And with that, let's hear from the Applicant
20 please.

21 If there's any question from any of the parties
22 about how we're going to proceed today, fell free to ask
23 now. Okay, good.

24 We're going to hear from the Applicant.

25 MS. MILES: Commissioner and Staff, thank you for

1 having us here tonight.

2 As you know from the site tour, we have a very
3 long, skinny parcel off of --

4 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: One question: Can you all
5 hear her in the back? No.

6 We need the --

7 MS. MILES: Is this better?

8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yeah. If you can -- Ken,
9 if you can help her out? Thanks.

10 MS. MILES: How about now?

11 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. I'm glad to know
12 I'm not the only guy who couldn't hear you.

13 MS. MILES: Okay. So thank you for having us here
14 tonight. As you can tell from your site tour, we have a
15 very long, skinny parcel that was marked off during the tour
16 off of Dale Avenue.

17 You want to go to the first slide?

18 Just a little bit of introduction about us. SERC
19 is owned by W Power and Wellhead Energy. W Power is a
20 woman-owned California-based company. We've been in
21 business since 2011, and we have one Energy Reliability
22 Center in Delano, California. We build, own and operate
23 within California, and we have a commitment to building
24 lasting partnerships in the communities that we serve.

25 So as you can tell from Stanton, we have a public-

1 private partnership with the park. We've been very
2 committed to the school systems. We have a SERC Academy
3 Elementary School just down the block that we've developed a
4 relationship with. And also, we have been sponsoring STEM
5 scholarships in the high schools.

6 Wellhead Energy has been -- well, Wellhead has
7 been in business since the early '80s. They are one of the
8 last independent power producers left in California, and
9 also independently held. They developed the EGT technology
10 in conjunction with GE that we'll be using in this project.
11 And you've discovered from our visit so far, we have new
12 technology where we're combining LM6000s with battery
13 storage, and have proprietary technology to allow them to
14 work together, similar to a hybrid car.

15 MR. LAMBERG: Thank you, Kara.

16 Some of the project like this is, in my opinion,
17 I've been doing this for a long time, I call it the
18 equivalent of the four-legged stool, working for a four-
19 legged stool to drop this project on. The four legs of this
20 stool are electrical, natural gas, wastewater water, and a
21 public-private partnership. If anyone of those legs is too
22 long, the project fails. If two of those legs are long, the
23 project fails; you just can't afford to do it.

24 We have a very ideally located site here, as you
25 saw in the site tour, with our electrical connection right

1 across the street. Our water and wastewater interconnects
2 are adjacent to the property. And we have a wonderful
3 partner in the City of Stanton to work with. I think you're
4 kind of getting the feel as you're spending some time in
5 this wonderful community.

6 Our gas line is the longest leg of the stool at
7 2.7 miles. And we've discussed that on the site visit, and
8 we can certainly discuss that in greater detail later.

9 The EGT was announced, the electric-gas turbine,
10 was announced on October 4th, 2016. And the ribbon cutting
11 ceremony was actually held earlier today. Two of these
12 facilities are now operating in Southern California. They're
13 both Southern California Edison facilities. And they have
14 proven out this technology that was co-developed by Wellhead
15 and General Electric. The patent is pending, and it was
16 applied for Wellhead. We were the original thinker of this
17 design, so to speak.

18 This is the ribbon cutting ceremony from earlier
19 today.

20 Thank you, Turner, for emailing us this picture
21 and letting us drop it into our slide show earlier this
22 morning.

23 And incidentally, I just heard from some of our
24 folks that were there, I'm going to paraphrase Mary Nichols,
25 this was not a direct quote, but Mary Nichols, who is the

1 Chief of the California Air Resources Board, says this is
2 the future of generation technology in California. So I'd
3 like to welcome everybody to the future right here at
4 Stanton this evening.

5 The two locations of the project -- I don't know
6 if this pointer is going to work from here -- you can see on
7 the upper right, there's a pushpin, on the lower left
8 there's a pushpin. Those are the two first operating EGTs.
9 They're both retrofits of Edison peakers as a direct
10 response to the challenge brought about by Aliso Canyon. On
11 the lower left is the Stanton Energy Reliability Center,
12 which will be the first greenfield application of this
13 exciting new technology.

14 The EGT hybrid technology consists of a gas-
15 turbine and a battery. And what I'd like to do is just want
16 to take about 45 seconds to a minute to show you guys a
17 little video of, actually, how this technology works.

18 (Whereupon a video is played and not transcribed.)

19 MR. LAMBERG: I think that did a much better job
20 of explaining how that works than I could have ever done, so
21 thank you for your patience in listening to that.

22 Yesterday's power plant, this is actually the
23 plant across the street at the Barre Substation that we just
24 saw on the site tour. And realistically, what we did in
25 creating this new technology, we thought it was time for a

1 total revamp of a power plant and the paradigm of what we
2 thought as a power plant.

3 So what SERC did is we incorporated the best
4 thinking from W Power, from Wellhead, both our engineering
5 and operations departments, the City of Stanton, community
6 members, General Electric, various planners, architects,
7 metal building fabricators, planners, architects and metal
8 building fabricators that knew nothing about energy or power
9 plants, mind you, and then visual resources professionals.
10 And what we came up with was a concept of blending something
11 into the community that essentially gave all of the
12 reliability that we needed and acted as a true reliability
13 source for the community but had really nice visual
14 aesthetics and blended in nicely with the community.

15 And what you see here is this is Dale Avenue
16 looking north. And by the way, these pictures, I'm going to
17 go through them relatively quickly. They are in the back of
18 the room here if you want to look at these visual
19 simulations. And also, we're going through a lot of
20 information tonight at this hearing. If anybody in the
21 public has any questions whatsoever, the Applicant, all of
22 us and our team, we will stick around after the hearing.
23 We'll be near the poster boards. If you want to engage us
24 in any questions or anything like that, we're more than
25 happy to address your questions.

1 So Dale Avenue looking north with the facility
2 looks pretty good. Dale Avenue looking on the south, the
3 way we came down from the bus route, and then Dale Avenue
4 south with the facility, I think this is something we're
5 really, really proud of with regards to how far we've come
6 with visual and both noise suppression from this state-of-
7 the-art design.

8 Project benefits are significant. The enhancement
9 to local electric reliability speaks for itself. This
10 project was selected from a robust RFO that was conducted by
11 Edison with over 70 bids into the process. It has gone
12 through the CPUC process and has its CPUC approval with
13 Edison. We've talked about the benefit and value of this
14 technology.

15 Stanton will benefit significantly from a high
16 property tax density on the utilization of this parcel. We
17 are not going to place any burdens on Stanton's public
18 services with regards to police or fire. The aesthetically
19 pleasing design speaks for itself. And it creates a
20 sustainable funding source for Stanton's Central Park
21 maintenance. Stanton has an amazing new Central Park that W
22 Power has partnered with Stanton and this park to assure the
23 sustainability of that park over its 30-year life.

24 As far as projected economic benefits, \$12.4
25 million of construction payroll. And looking out in the

1 audience, I think there's a few folks out here tonight who
2 are keenly interested in grabbing some of that \$12.4
3 million. Thank you for coming. Roughly \$2.5 million in
4 supplies will be purchased locally. Eighty percent of
5 workers will be from the local area, we believe, maybe more.
6 We're certainly going to try to maximize that amount. About
7 \$2 million in local sales taxes.

8 This is a 12-month construction project,
9 relatively short construction project. It is not a combined
10 cycle. It's just peaking gas turbines with batteries.
11 We've going to generate about \$1.4 million per year in
12 property taxes for the City of Stanton and, again, creating
13 that sustainable source of funding for Stanton Central Park.

14 We are early in the process. In case you're
15 unfamiliar with what it takes to get generation on the
16 ground in California, it takes about a third of your career.
17 We started this in 2013 with our bids into the California
18 Public Utilities Commission.

19 And to all the public here tonight, you are not
20 late, you are very, very early in the process. We are just
21 kicking off the environmental review and the siting of this
22 process with the Energy Commission, so thanks again for your
23 participation, and thank you for being here to learn more
24 about this.

25 Again, the CEC will go through this in greater

1 detail. It is a very, very public process. Their website
2 is super, super, super user friendly. All documentation is
3 on their website. It's really, really easy to find, and we
4 can help you out as far as how to get there and how to guide
5 you to that site. And again, the team will be here tonight
6 after this hearing to answer any questions you may have.

7 Thank you for your time.

8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you both very much
9 for your comments.

10 Let's hear next from Staff.

11 Mr. Heiser, are you going to speak for Staff?

12 MR. HEISER: Yes, I am, but I do need to load up
13 the PowerPoint presentation.

14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Please do. We need
15 the PowerPoint for -- while they're getting their PowerPoint
16 put up, if you're a member of the community here from
17 Stanton or any of the nearby communities and you would like
18 to make a comment to the Committee, what we'd like you to do
19 is go to the back of the table there, that yellow table, and
20 fill out one of these blue cards so that that's how we know
21 you're there, and then we'll call you by name when we get to
22 public comment. That's how we know that you want to make a
23 comment, so please fill one of those out if you want to
24 address the Committee or have a question.

25 The beauty of today's hearing is that this is your

1 chance to really ask questions of the Applicant about what
2 this project is, or Staff on what the process is, so we'll
3 have that chance.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just want to ask, is anybody
5 else cold in here or am I the only one?

6 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: It is cold in the room,
7 yes. Thanks for raising that. We're not in charge of the
8 air conditioning here, but I'm glad to know I'm not the only
9 one whose hands are going numb.

10 (Colloquy)

11 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: One of the great things
12 that living in the modern era provides us is the internet.
13 And I want you to know that every time a document is
14 docketed or filed in this case, it goes up on the website.
15 And all of the public, you're available to look at this
16 think and follow along as you go, see what documents are
17 being posted, and Staff will explain that.

18 MR. HEISER: Okay.

19 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Mr. Heiser, go ahead.

20 MR. HEISER: All right. I'm going to be talking
21 about our overview of our licensing process.

22 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Closer to the mike, if you
23 would please.

24 MR. HEISER: Yes.

25 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Like you're playing a

1 clarinet, folks, right in there.

2 MR. HEISER: Is this better?

3 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes. Thank you.

4 MR. HEISER: All right. Thank you.

5 John Heiser, again, with the Energy Commission and
6 the Siting Division as a Project Manager for this particular
7 project. I'd like to kind of go over briefly of our
8 licensing process.

9 As the AFC goes through our process, we have a
10 data adequacy to make sure that the project meets certain
11 criteria. And that was approved, finally, at an Energy
12 Commission business meeting on March 8th, 2017. So now
13 they've met the minimum requirements to accept applications.

14 Now we're going through a Staff discovery and analysis
15 process. And so we've had Staff actually docketed data
16 requests in each of the technical areas that we review. And
17 as the Applicant responds, Staff is going to be taking a
18 look at that. And we may be hosting another workshop
19 regarding the data request response workshop, based on how
20 the Applicant provides the information.

21 We have a data request discovery period of 180
22 days after the AFC is finally approved, basically, data
23 adequate, so we're in that discovery period. Today we're
24 having our site visit and information hearing to get some
25 more information. We also go through a Preliminary Staff

1 Assessment, kind of like a draft EIR, but, you know, the
2 Energy Commission has its own CEQA document equivalent. And
3 that PSA takes in public comments, agency comments, and we
4 start working on the different technical areas and start
5 working on draft Conditions of Certification. But again, we
6 do look at some of the comments or most of the comments that
7 are brought in and docketed from the public and other
8 agencies involved in the project. And again, the Final
9 Staff Assessment and the PMPD also looks at those kinds of
10 comments that come in, and we also look at the COCs, the
11 Conditions of Certification.

12 And again, Mr. Celli mentioned that the
13 Committee's evidentiary hearings and decisions, such as the
14 PMPD and the FSA, those happen, as well, near the end of the
15 project, the certification process.

16 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And just to remind
17 everybody, a PMPD is the Presiding Member's Proposed
18 Decision.

19 MR. HEISER: And it's not the FDOC from the Air
20 District --

21 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: No.

22 MR. HEISER: -- or the PDOC?

23 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: No.

24 MR. HEISER: Okay. That's part of the process,
25 too.

1 Again, we go through our process to make sure that
2 the Applicant and their submitted documents meet the local
3 laws, ordinances, regulations and standards, that's at the
4 local level, that's at the state level and the federal
5 level, for those areas that are potentially impacted or not.

6 Again, we have our engineering group, our
7 environmental group, and our siting group, and our
8 transmission group looking at these different areas as we go
9 through the process. You can see, we try to identify or we
10 do identify those environmental, public health and public
11 safety impacts and then provide mitigation measures,
12 evaluate the project alternatives, and recommend Conditions
13 of Certification.

14 We help facilitate public and agency
15 participation. We produce the PSA, the Preliminary Staff
16 Assessment and the Final Staff Assessment. We also make
17 recommendations to the Committee through the FSA, and that
18 will be the Staff's testimony. So this is kind of like a
19 chart of how all the different agencies and the public
20 interact with the process for the PSA part of it.

21 Again, the Energy Commission Staff work closely
22 with the local, state and other federal agencies, for
23 example, the City of Stanton. We work with the Orange
24 County South Coast Air Quality Management District, the
25 Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State Department

1 of Fish and Wildlife, the Coastal Commission, if they're
2 involved.

3 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Mr. Heiser, some people
4 are having --

5 MR. HEISER: Okay. Sorry.

6 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: -- aren't able to hear
7 you, so speak up. Thanks.

8 MR. HEISER: Okay. And then, again, we work with,
9 you know, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Coastal
10 Commission, if they're involved, State Parks, California
11 ISO, Department of Toxic Substance Control, et cetera,
12 Federal Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife
13 Services, the FAA, Federal Aviation Administration, and
14 perhaps FEMA, the Federal Flood Management Agency.

15 Again, the Committee conducts hearings to create
16 the evidentiary record. This is the Presiding Member's
17 Proposed Decision. And the PMPD contains findings related
18 to the environmental impacts, public health, and
19 engineering, project compliance with LORS, the laws,
20 ordinance, regulations and standards, or -- and then
21 recommendation Conditions of Certification, recommendations
22 whether or not to approve the project. And then the full
23 Commission will issue a final decision, appeals and
24 reconsideration by Commission, California Supreme Court.

25 The Energy Commission Staff monitors compliance

1 with all Conditions of Certification, construction, the life
2 of the project and closure during this process.

3 This is the evidentiary hearing decision process
4 where the Committee takes in all these different inputs,
5 Staff testimony, Intervener testimony, Public Adviser,
6 public comments, the Applicant's testimony, as well as the
7 local state and federal agency comments.

8 We also docketed last week or the beginning of
9 April the Staff's Issues and Identification Report. And
10 this is a report that we inform the participants of
11 potentially significant issues Staff believes we'll
12 encounter. We provide an early focus on important topics,
13 but is not limiting Staff, agencies or other stakeholders in
14 identifying additional significant issues going forward.

15 Criteria for significant issues, significant
16 impacts that may be difficult to mitigate. The project as
17 proposed may not comply with applicable laws, ordinances,
18 regulations and standards. We may have conflicts arise
19 between the parties about the appropriate findings of
20 Conditions of Certification, and issues delayed for the 12-
21 month siting process. The Identification Report that Staff
22 generated and docketed didn't identify any issues at this
23 point.

24 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Did not?

25 MR. HEISER: Did not.

1 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Correct. Thank you.

2 MR. HEISER: Did not.

3 So again, Staff's potential issue of areas, we
4 didn't find any at this juncture. And currently, we don't
5 have any disagreements with the Applicants regarding any
6 Conditions of Certification because we haven't generated any
7 certificates of conditions -- or Conditions of Certification
8 yet.

9 And we have our Staff's proposed schedule. Again,
10 based on the inputs and the information we collect, it gets
11 slightly adjusted during the process. But this is just one
12 of the proposed schedules we put in, in the Issues
13 Identification Report.

14 And then I've got the Post-Licensing Project
15 Compliance Oversight, which is another division in our
16 organization at the Energy Commission. We'll monitor and
17 assure compliance with all the Conditions of Certification,
18 applicable LORS and building codes during construction,
19 operation and decommissioning. There is a compliance
20 project manager, who provides oversight of construction and
21 operation, the process of proposed changes that require the
22 filing of a petition to amend the final Commission decision.

23 Again, public participation open to the public
24 process, there are workshop notices that are docketed ten
25 days in advance. We have a listserv that you can sign up

1 for to be notified of anything upcoming. The AFC was sent
2 to the multiple libraries in the area. And again, all
3 project documents are available at this particular website
4 on the Energy Commission's siting cases for Stanton. And we
5 have a Docket Unit that you can submit your application or
6 your comments through the listserv to the dockets.

7 And that is my presentation.

8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you very much, Mr.
9 Heiser.

10 MR. HEISER: Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So let me -- before we
12 move on, I just want to ask some questions. And just so the
13 public understands, right now the only two parties in this
14 matter are the Energy Commission Staff and the Applicant,
15 the Stanton Energy Reliability Center, LLC, okay? If you
16 want to participate as an Intervener, we may pick up some
17 more parties in this process. But right now we're in this
18 discovery period, as Mr. Heiser was explaining.

19 In the next 180 days the parties get to ask
20 questions back and forth, they're like, essentially,
21 interrogatories, if you will, and they get to find out
22 information if they need to. Staff has a full staff of
23 experts, biology, cultural resources, noise, water, all of
24 the disciplines. All of the environmental impacts have to
25 be assessed by Staff, so they will be essentially asking

1 questions back and forth for the next 180 days, so that's
2 what we're about to go into. We're essentially going into
3 the discovery period. Okay.

4 Now about this, it seems that Staff has stated
5 that their initial look at the application, the contents of
6 the application and the type of impacts this project might
7 have, created no issues. Okay. That doesn't mean there are
8 no issues. That just means for the time being they haven't
9 identified any, but that's fine. We're just starting. This
10 is our first hearing.

11 I wanted to ask about the schedule, because I see
12 that Staff had a schedule up there. I didn't see
13 Applicant's schedule. And I wanted to know if the Applicant
14 was okay with Staff's proposed schedule?

15 Mr. Galati?

16 MR. GALATI: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Celli.

17 First, to also let you know that Staff has already
18 issued a set of data requests --

19 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay.

20 MR. GALATI: -- 66 questions. We're working on
21 them. They're do on May 5th, and then we'd be ready to have
22 a workshop shortly after to discuss those with Staff. So we
23 are moving forward on answering Staff's questions.

24 Second of all, I'd also like to point you to the
25 schedule which was on item number 15 on the schedule, which

1 is Staff files the Final Staff Assessment. It is currently
2 listed as TBD, to be determined. We'd like you to consider
3 making that 30 days after the Final Determination of
4 Compliance is issued.

5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: You're asking for the FSA
6 to come out after the FDOC, 30 days?

7 MR. GALATI: Thirty days. Usually they're tied
8 together, and this schedule doesn't tie it together. But we
9 agree with the rest of the schedule. For example, the
10 Preliminary Staff Assessment is tied to 45 days after the
11 PDOC. And so we'd like the Final Staff Assessment to be
12 tied to 30 days after the final determination of compliance.
13 It's pretty standard to do that. And then we don't have to
14 come and ask you for a date because it's already built into
15 the schedule.

16 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Staff, anything on that?

17 MR. HEISER: No.

18 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. And again, since
19 we're on the record, we need you to speak right into your
20 microphone when you say, "No."

21 MR. HEISER: At this moment, no.

22 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

23 So go ahead, Mr. Galati. You have the floor. So
24 anything else on scheduling?

25 MR. GALATI: No. Other than that, we agree with

1 the schedule.

2 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Because what's
3 going to happen, Ladies and Gentlemen, is in about 15 days
4 or so we are going to put out a Scheduling Order that says
5 this is what the schedule is going to be. And I can tell
6 you that these move -- it's deceptive. You think, oh, this
7 thing is going to take a year. They move fast. And if you
8 want to participate and if you want to be an intervener, you
9 want to get in early, you want to participate in discovery,
10 so I'm going to keep putting that out there.

11 But thank you, Mr. Galati, on that.

12 MR. GALATI: Just a correction. From Applicant's
13 perspective, it never moves fast.

14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's the other side of
15 the story.

16 MR. GALATI: I just wanted you to know that we
17 weren't in 100 percent agreement with that comment.

18 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right. It's never
19 fast enough for the Applicant.

20 So with that, then we -- if there's nothing
21 further from Staff or Applicant, then I'm going to go to the
22 Public Adviser's presentation. Okay. So let's hear now
23 from Alana Matthews, who is our Public Adviser.

24 MS. MATTHEWS: Good evening everybody. My job is
25 to wake you up. Hello. Are you out here? Everybody okay?

1 Okay.

2 So what is a Public Adviser? The Public Adviser
3 is an independently appointed attorney by the Governor to
4 ensure the fair and adequate participation of members of the
5 public, as well as interested parties. So my role is to
6 make sure every voice that wants to be heard understands how
7 to be heard. So you're heard these technical terms and
8 abbreviations, FDOC, PMPD, AFC; what does that mean? Well,
9 part of my role is to make it more simple and understandable
10 for you. There's the six stages of how to process. We'll,
11 you can contact my office and we'll help you figure that
12 out. So that's the role.

13 There are three main responsibilities of the
14 Public Adviser. One is to help the public understand the
15 process. Two, to recommend the best way to be involved.
16 You've heard the term Intervener, so there's a formal way
17 you can participate or an informal way. And then the third
18 responsibility is to assist in successful participation.
19 And what does successful participation mean? Well, it means
20 what I just described, making sure that every voice that
21 wants to be heard is educated and informed on how they can
22 be heard.

23 Now, what is not the responsibility of the Public
24 Adviser is to provide legal advocacy. I am an attorney, but
25 I'm not the public's attorney. I'm just an adviser on

1 process and procedure, but I don't advocate. So whatever
2 side you're on, my role is really just to make sure you have
3 an opportunity for the decision makers to hear the side or
4 whatever information you want them to.

5 So what does the Public Adviser do? I also make
6 sure, again, I said I want to make sure that we have
7 participation from every voice, so we do that through
8 outreach. And who do we outreach to? Local and city/county
9 officials, tribal officials, members, schools, nonprofit
10 groups, community organizations, property owners, public
11 members, who have contacted our office.

12 And how do we do that? Through paid local
13 advertisements, local radio and access cable channels, email
14 blasts, informational hearings. And just an example of some
15 of the outreach that we've done already includes the Orange
16 County Register. We've also placed ads to notify the public
17 and the surrounding area in Orange County about this meeting
18 tonight, and Korean newspaper, Vietnamese newspaper, as well
19 as Orange County has a Spanish-speaking paper, so we
20 included it in that. And then we sent out about 20 requests
21 for a PSA or to have this Informational Hearing included in
22 the community calendars for several different local
23 community organizations.

24 And when do we start our outreach? Well, our
25 research begins as soon as the application is filed with the

1 Energy Commission. So before there is a hearing, we start
2 doing our research, trying to connect with the community and
3 find out what are the different community groups, and if
4 there are any additional language needs.

5 So as a part of that, I have emails and
6 advertisements, but I have community events with the
7 question marks. And that's because my office, we are a two-
8 way kind of operation. We're not just here to give
9 information on how to participate, we like to receive
10 information. So if there are community events that you
11 think that maybe my office can come and let more individuals
12 know about how to participate, let us know that. If there
13 are some other publications that wasn't listed on my list
14 that you think, hey, this would reach a lot of people, you
15 missed this, please let me know.

16 Also, maybe the meetings or the hearings are
17 scheduled, they've already submitted a proposed schedule.
18 Mr. Celli has said we'll put out another schedule. Maybe
19 there's a big harvest festival that day, or maybe there's a
20 lot of tourism or something is going on and the date that
21 they have chosen might not be the best for the community to
22 participate, well, contact my office and make sure that I
23 know that, and then I can deliver that information. Now, I
24 can't make any promises about what the Committee will do
25 with the schedule, but at least we have a channel for you to

1 get that information to communicate that so that we can try
2 to increase and leverage and maximize the participation from
3 every voice that wants to be heard.

4 And then why do we do that? Because public
5 participation is very important, and it's important. One
6 way to participate is through public comment, so I just want
7 to spend a few moments on why public comments, so when you
8 come here and you got the little blue card so many of you
9 have filled out, why that's very important.

10 One is that it's considered by the Commissioners.
11 As you kind of get an overview of the process, the Applicant
12 applies to build a power plant and the Committee makes a
13 decision; they can either approve it or they can deny it.
14 So in order to make sure the decision makers who are going
15 to be making that decision has the information you think
16 they should know, this is one of the ways you can provide
17 it, is by making comments at any of the proceedings that we
18 have.

19 Public comment is also important, as I just said,
20 it helps information the Commission Staff and interested
21 parties of the public's concern. We know today that Staff
22 is going to be doing an analysis. If there is a specific
23 area or concern that you think Staff should include in their
24 analysis, public comment is the way to make sure that
25 concern is brought to their attention.

1 Third, public comments are necessary to understand
2 the concerns of residents.

3 And fourth and finally, they are not evidence but
4 they are a part of the official record, so we want to
5 encourage public comment.

6 I mentioned earlier that there are two levels of
7 participation. And my office can be helpful in helping
8 anyone understand whether you want to have a more formal or
9 informal. The informal way to participate is to show up at
10 the workshops or the meetings and offer public comment. You
11 can submit public comments electronically, or you can mail
12 them to us, a lot of people do that, but they are still ways
13 that you can inform. And it's a way to get your concerns,
14 the information that you want, to be a part of the record.

15 The more formal way to participate is by being an
16 Intervener. And you become an actual party of the
17 proceeding, and you would get to sit up here at the table,
18 so you're a party to the proceeding. And anyone may file a
19 Petition to Intervene. It could be an organization. It
20 could be an individual. You do not have to be an attorney
21 in order to intervene. And my office can provide you a
22 sample of what that petition -- other petitions that have
23 been filed, what it looks like. And that petition is
24 considered and you -- it's assigned to the Committee, and
25 you get a determination within 30 days. And so there are a

1 lot of different technical areas that are considered in the
2 analysis for an application. So when you intervene, there
3 might be just a couple of areas where you have an expertise,
4 whether it's air quality or environmental justice or --
5 there are a number of areas. So the Committee may also just
6 kind of limit it to where your expertise is.

7 So how to participate? I just want to spend a
8 little minute -- a few minutes wrapping up with directing
9 you to the Energy Commission's website, www.energy.ca.gov.
10 When you go to that website, you will see a little scroll-
11 down bar about -- it says Power Plants. You probably can't
12 see the tabs. But you just simply go there, where it says
13 Power Plant tabs, and then there's an alphabetical listing
14 of power plant projects. So you just simply click on that
15 list and you would choose -- what's the name of this
16 project?

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Off mike.) (Indiscernible.)

18 MS. MATTHEWS: Okay. Yeah. See, I'm going to
19 make sure you're awake. You'd choose Stanton. So the one
20 that I'm going to give you, I've used this presentation a
21 lot so it doesn't say Stanton, it says Palmdale, don't
22 choose that, but that's what you're going to look for. And
23 then on the little arrow towards, it would your right,
24 that's where you would submit your comments. So, of course,
25 you can come and fill out a blue card and make a comment.

1 But if you want to submit a comment, so if you're here
2 today, you have questions, that's where you would go, you
3 would go to the website. You'd go to the alphabetical
4 listing of the power plants, go to Stanton, and then on the
5 right side of the screen it says Submit a Comment, that's
6 how you can do that.

7 Now, one other thing you can also do is you can
8 sign up for the listserv. So it's not reflected in this
9 side, but I have my laptop. So if you want to sign up to
10 receive notices, so every time there is a document filed,
11 every time there is a meeting that will be here in Stanton
12 and you want to get notice of that, you sign up for the
13 listserv, and that's how you're guaranteed to get the
14 information. Now, it's a two-step process, because there's
15 a lot of spam going on. So we want to make sure you
16 actually -- you're really committed to receiving this
17 information. So you'll get an email, once you sign up. And
18 you have to verify, yes, I'm a real person, I really do want
19 to get this information so you can stay informed in the
20 process. You'll know when all the meetings are and you'll
21 have an opportunity to comment.

22 So my last and final slides of things for you to
23 do, sign up for the Stanton Energy Project listserv. You
24 can do that today, right in the back of the room. Submit
25 your written comments. You can provide oral comments. If

1 you haven't already filled out a blue card, you're welcome
2 to do that. And then attend the events in person. If
3 there's a meetings in Sacramento, we always have the
4 availability to join remotely, so that's usually on the
5 notice, how to participate in WebEx.

6 How many people here have ever heard of WebEx?
7 Okay. How many people have not heard of WebEx, raise your
8 hand? That's another thing my office can do, we can assist
9 you with understanding how to sign onto WebEx. Sometimes
10 you call from your computer. Sometimes you can call in from
11 a phone line. So any questions that you have about this
12 process, my office is here to help you understand that. And
13 we also have special accommodations. If you have a
14 disability or if you have language needs, if you know
15 someone who would have liked to come today, they weren't
16 sure, and they want to come to a meetings in the future,
17 call my office, so that way we can communicate and make sure
18 that that's available.

19 This is my contact information. Rosemary Avalos
20 is my kind of my siting -- she's the lead in all siting case
21 matters. And then Ashley Gaffney is my assistant. So when
22 you call my office, you will likely speak to one of the
23 three of us. And there is my phone number and my email
24 address, so please take that down. If you have any
25 questions about any information, we are happy to answer that

1 for you.

2 Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Ms. Matthews.

4 (Applause.)

5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So I just want to say that
6 before Governor Brown appointed Alana Matthews to be the
7 Public Adviser for the California Energy Commission, she was
8 in Chief Counsel's Office. She thoroughly understands
9 what's going on here and how the siting process works. And
10 the reason I say that is because every time we put out a
11 notice, whenever we're going to have any kind of an event,
12 we put out a notice, and sometimes we put out orders, but
13 mostly notices, there will be all sorts of contact
14 information on the back. The first contact person you want
15 to make is with Alana Matthews, start there, because there's
16 a technical contact and a legal contact, and all the various
17 contacts. Start with the Public Adviser, that's the best
18 place to begin, and she can point you to the right place to
19 go.

20 Okay, now, where we're at is I'd like to
21 actually -- no, I need to see, we wanted to see the WebEx
22 up, if we can, and also the timer. That's very important.

23 I'd like to say that, you know, this is quite an
24 excellent group of people who have come out. I've done
25 these before when nobody has come out, except people from

1 Staff and Applicant. And this shows us that this is a very
2 vibrant community that's involved. I would say, for the
3 record, there's probably 100 people or more in this room,
4 and that's very impressive. So I want to thank you all for
5 coming out.

6 What I'd like to do now is have, if we can get
7 this projector up, I want to have the WebEx up on the
8 screen.

9 So what's going to happen is we're at the point
10 now where we're going to take public comment. What we'd
11 like to do is usually we take agency comments first. So if
12 anybody is here from, say, South Coast Air Quality
13 Management District or a government agency, and they're on
14 the clock, basically, we want to get them to make their
15 comments.

16 MS. MATTHEWS: (Off mike.) I think we may have
17 someone from the City of Stanton here.

18 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Oh, good.

19 MS. MATTHEWS: (Indiscernible.)

20 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Well, when they show up --

21 MS. MATTHEWS: Oh, yeah, he's here.

22 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Oh, okay. Good. And if
23 anyone else shows up like that, Alana, please let us know.

24 If you want to make a comment, go to the back of
25 the room and fill out one of these blue cards so that we

1 know you're here and we know that you want to make a
2 comment. And then we're going to let everybody come up and
3 make a comment for about, hopefully, not more than three
4 minutes. I find it's really hard to talk for three minutes
5 sometimes. But we want to make sure that we can hear
6 everybody tonight who wants to make a comment.

7 When we finish with all of the people who want to
8 make a comment in the room, then we will go to WebEx, which
9 are people who are listening in on their computers or on the
10 telephone, and we'll get their comments. Okay.

11 So this is not a last chance to make a comment, by
12 the way. We have -- we're only beginning, and you can make
13 a comment throughout, just as Ms. Matthews showed you, by
14 going on the website and clicking on the e-comment and
15 filling out a comment. It's really -- we bend over
16 backwards to make this easy for you, and I think we've done
17 a good job of that.

18 So with that, I'm going to hand it over to
19 Commissioner Scott so she can run the comment period.

20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: All right. Excellent. Thank
21 you very much.

22 So as you heard, if you'd like to make a comment,
23 please do fill out one of the blue cards with our Public
24 Adviser. She'll get it to me. That's how I know that you'd
25 like to make a comment.

1 The gentleman from the City of Stanton, did you
2 want to start?

3 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes. I'm just going to --
4 you're going to hear me say this a lot tonight, but I'm
5 going to remind everybody to please come up to the podium.
6 And when you speak, speak, oh, what is this, three inches
7 away from the microphone so that we can hear you and so that
8 the words that you're saying will be taken down by the court
9 reporter and will make it into the transcript, so thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yeah. And one of the other
11 things that we'll ask is if there could please be no
12 cheering or jeering, because it makes it hard for us to hear
13 each other. It helps us make sure that we get a clear
14 transcript. And also, some folks are kind of shy and we
15 want them to feel comfortable coming up and commenting. So
16 if you could not cheer or jeer, folks, we would really
17 appreciate that.

18 But please, from the City of Stanton, go ahead.

19 MR. SHAWVER: Thank you. First of all, I'd like
20 to welcome the board [sic] to the City of Stanton. We
21 really appreciate you taking the time to come out so that we
22 can address issues or concerns, and also support, for this
23 particular project. I'm here to speak, of course, on
24 supporting the Stanton Reliable Energy Center.

25 I think one of the things that we have to remember

1 is that Stanton is the base of the very first peaker plant
2 that the state of California ever put in. And I think it's
3 going to make a very wonderful comparative partner for the
4 new center going across the street. They will not only
5 complement each other, but they will also be able to work
6 interchangeably with each other and for providing emergency
7 and backup and energy for not only our community, but for
8 probably one of the most dense areas of Orange County.

9 Stanton is an excellent location for this. We're
10 in the middle of four freeways, we're in the middle of seven
11 communities, and we're on the border of L.A. County. So I
12 think the state of California did an outstanding job by
13 picking our place of Stanton for the Barre Peaker Plant,
14 which is in full operation for the last 12 years
15 successfully, and I think this complements the one in which
16 we're looking at today.

17 I'm also the Vice Chairman of the Orange County
18 Sanitation District, which is the largest water reclamation
19 center west of the Mississippi and, of course, the GWRS.
20 And I want to inform you that the technology that's going to
21 be going in there is technology that we're going to be using
22 in our own co-generation system to where we have backup
23 batteries. So this is a very new technology. It's a
24 technology that's proven. It's a technology that's going to
25 be much of an asset. Once it is working here in Stanton, it

1 will continue probably to not only branch throughout
2 California, the United States, and also overseas. So I thin
3 from that aspect, it's also very important.

4 I also want to let you folks know that we have had
5 interaction with the company's CEOs and the people that work
6 this company, and they are regular people, the people that
7 came down. They spent a lot of time in our community,
8 helping us with several of the projects that we have. And
9 they're going to make a really wonderful partnership for our
10 city.

11 Therefore, I encourage you, after reviewing
12 everything that you need, to place that plant in Stanton.
13 It will be great for not only our community, but for the
14 state of California.

15 Thank you very much.

16 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. And would you say
17 what your name is, please, for the record?

18 MR. SHAWVER: My name is David, and my last name
19 is S-H-A-W-V, as in Victor, E-R, Shawver.

20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great.

21 MR. SHAWVER: I've been here 45 years and,
22 fortunately, been elected 28, so I know my city well. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you very much. Okay.

25 I have Michelle Nelson, and she'll be followed by

1 Phil Salerno.

2 And let me make sure we have the timer up, so
3 folks can see how long they have. The timer's not -- all
4 right. We'll try to --

5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Well, we'll try to
6 do it.

7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: We'll try to keep track up
8 here.

9 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So before you speak,
10 Ladies and Gentlemen, if you could just state and spell your
11 name, so that we have it in the record, then we'd be
12 accurate on the spelling of your names.

13 Please, go ahead.

14 MS. NELSON: Hi. I'm Michelle Nelson. It's
15 M-I-C-H-E-L-L-E, and last name, Nelson, N-E-L-S-O-N. And
16 I'm with -- I work for an environmental company called
17 Simtech Environmental. We supply equipment to sources, such
18 as power plants. The equipment we supply is called
19 continuous emissions monitoring systems, or CEMS is an
20 acronym for continuous emissions monitoring systems.

21 Our CEMS measures the emissions a power plant
22 produces on a continuous basis. The equipment is a
23 permanent installation at the plant and measures the
24 emissions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our equipment
25 takes a reading of the emissions and documents those

1 emissions to be put into a report that is sent to the
2 Federal EPA and local regulatory agencies, in this case, the
3 South Coast Air Quality Management District. With this
4 technology it is very difficult for a source, such as this
5 proposed power plant, to generate emissions not permitted
6 and approved by the Federal EPA or SCAQMD.

7 Our equipment and out data collection system is
8 required to be 98 percent accurate and reliable. There are
9 daily calibration gas checks and quarterly cylinder gas
10 audits that are done to challenge our system's accuracy.
11 There are also third-party relative accuracy test audits
12 that are performed to challenge our equipment on an annual
13 basis to ensure the facility's CEMS equipment and the data
14 collection systems are linear and accurate.

15 In addition, the air pollution controls, which we
16 would be part of the power plant's overall configuration,
17 will reduce NOx and other emissions.

18 On all emission sources that have CEMS, great care
19 is taken in the engineering, design, production,
20 installation, certification, maintenance, periodic testing
21 and upkeep of these CEMS at all times. There are so many
22 people involved at every level that we feel very confident
23 that the systems we build meet the highest standards and the
24 data is accurate, dependable and defensible when implemented
25 and serviced correctly. We know that any power plant with

1 air pollution controls and our equipment would not be an
2 environmental concern as far as air quality standards go.

3 We encourage this project to move forward.

4 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

5 MS. NELSON: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Phil Salerno, followed
7 by Bill Mecham.

8 And also, I'll note that there are a few seats
9 here in the middle. Maybe if you can raise your hand, if
10 there's a seat next to you. If there are people who are
11 standing and would like a seat, there are some seats in the
12 middle here. Please feel free to come in.

13 Go ahead.

14 MR. SALERNO: Okay. I'm Phillip Salerno, that's
15 P-H-I-L-I-P S-A-L-E-R-N-O, and I go by Phil. I represent
16 Cement Masons Local 500. I'm also a 40-year resident of
17 Fountain Valley. I'm here today to address jobs that are
18 created by projects, like this 98-megawatt gas-fired power
19 plant. These jobs are very important to the trade
20 construction workers of Orange County that participate in
21 their construction.

22 One thing you have to understand is that
23 construction workers are constantly working themselves out
24 of a job as the construction projects are completed. Every
25 job, large or small, is very important to them and their

1 families. The Cement Masons have a wonderful apprenticeship
2 program and offer training while they are working on these
3 projects. Our union welcomes military servicemen and women,
4 and offers them free membership through the Helmets to
5 Hardhats Program.

6 I belong to the Cement Masons' Apprenticeship
7 Program in 1966. I was drafted into the United States Army
8 and served with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam
9 as a combat medic. I was one of the fortunate to have been
10 in an apprenticeship program back then, as we did not have
11 Helmets to Hardhats programs. When I got home, I was able
12 to go to work immediately on construction projects which
13 enabled me to support my family. I can personally vouch for
14 the importance of every union job that I have worked on over
15 my 51-year career.

16 I support this project. And I hope that our
17 building trade members build this project. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

19 I have Councilmember John O'Neill. And then we'll
20 go to Bill Mecham.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good afternoon, Commissions
22 or --

23 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good afternoon.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: -- or almost good evening.

25 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good evening.

1 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you so much for being
2 here in Stanton. I'm from your neighboring city, Garden
3 Grove, City Councilman from the City of Garden Grove. I
4 spent my entire life here in Garden Grove and in Orange
5 County. We need this so bad, reliable water and reliable
6 energy.

7 I'm extremely excited about this project because
8 I've spent my whole life doing electrical work. I'm an
9 electrical contractor. I'm a state certified General
10 Journeyman Electrician. I have a 32 -- I'm a member of the
11 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 32
12 years. We're so excited about having this project here in
13 our community, and hoping that our people that live right
14 here in our community will be able to work on this project.

15 So I strongly encourage you to move forward, pass
16 these permits and get this thing rolling so we can break
17 ground with construction in 2018. And if anybody ever needs
18 to contact me, you know where I'm at. And thank you so much
19 for coming out and spending the time and having this
20 community event here. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

22 I have Bill Mecham, followed by Ernesto Medrano.

23 MR. MECHAM: Good evening. My name is Bill
24 Mecham. I'm here tonight representing the ownership of the
25 Katella Mobile Estates Mobile Home Park, which is just

1 across the street to the south of the project. We have 279
2 spaces, roughly 1,200 residents. Those 1,200 residents, in
3 particular those who live adjacent to the SCE project, have
4 a checkered history with peaker plants. W Power came and
5 wanted to talk to us about it and we're not certain what
6 they expected, but we presented them with a series of
7 negative responses because of our experience with the Edison
8 Plant.

9 The Edison Plant, when it comes onboard, provides
10 a great deal of noise, a huge bang each time it starts up,
11 and it's very difficult for the residents, in particular
12 those who are living directly adjacent to it.

13 The outreach that they gave us, I thought was
14 important because once we told them what our issues were,
15 they indicated an interest in meeting with the residents and
16 talking to anyone who had any questions. We assisted them
17 in arranging a meeting of the residents, invited everyone in
18 the park to come. We didn't have a huge turnout, but there
19 were some who were vocal about it.

20 But I believe it's important for you to understand
21 from our point of view, being the only residential community
22 which is adjacent or near this, that according to the
23 information received, we believe this plant will be
24 different, and we believe that the company has demonstrated
25 an ability and a desire to share their information and to

1 seek answers from those who might be impacted.

2 So we're here, not necessarily in support but in
3 support of the effort that they put to communicate with us
4 as a community that is going to be impacted.

5 Thank you very much.

6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

7 MR. MECHAM: Let me give you my name. Bill
8 Mecham is M-E-C-H-A-M.

9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

10 I have Ernesto Medrano, followed by Roy Afusia.

11 MR. MEDRANO: Hi. Good evening. Welcome to
12 Orange County. My name is Ernesto Medrano and I represent
13 the Los Angeles and Orange County Building and Construction
14 Trades Council. We represent about 140,000 hardworking men
15 and women, about 49 local unions and district councils in
16 the 14 trades that exist. And I'm really -- I want to
17 commend the City of Stanton for the leadership that they've
18 taken and the vision and being bold to be able to partner
19 with W Power to get this process going to build this plant
20 here.

21 From our end -- I'm also a resident of the City of
22 Anaheim. I serve on the Anaheim Public Utilities Board.
23 And I can really understand the importance of having these
24 types of plants. It doesn't always -- the wind isn't always
25 working to our advantage, and sometimes it gets cloudy. So

1 we need to have these sorts of plants to provide for our
2 energy portfolio, so to speak, so that we're able to draw
3 from that in the times that we need that.

4 More importantly, I want to talk about the
5 community benefits that our partnership agreements with W
6 Power bring. We have a program called Helmets to Hardhats,
7 and we're very proud of that program. It enables veterans
8 to come out, to be able to enter an apprenticeship, to enter
9 into the trades, and to make a career. This is not just a
10 job. You heard earlier that our members work themselves out
11 of a job, but they're career based. They've spent 35 years,
12 30 years in this trade working from job to job and making it
13 a career. This is the other four-year degree, our
14 apprenticeship programs, and there's a few apprentices
15 you'll be hearing from this evening sitting back here and
16 everything. And I've got to tell you, our apprentices
17 receive some of the best training in the world. Yes, we are
18 some of the most highly skilled, highly trained. And we are
19 the safest and efficient skilled trades' persons that exist.

20 And so with that, I want to -- clearly, what I'd
21 like to do at this point is, essentially, we're ready to don
22 our work boots, our tool belts and our hardhats. And I'd
23 like to just ask our brothers and sisters of the trades to
24 stand and to show your support. Stand and show us. As you
25 can see, we're ready to start building. We're ready to take

1 charge and to start breaking ground here.

2 So with that, needless to say, I want to urge
3 support for this project so we can get it started here.
4 We're very excited, like I said. I want to thank, again,
5 the City Council and the leadership of the City of Stanton
6 because, like I said, we're ready to start digging and start
7 working.

8 Thank you very much.

9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you very much.

10 (Applause.)

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Roy Afusia, followed
12 by Doug Mangione.

13 MR. AFUSIA: Good evening.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good evening.

15 MR. AFUSIA: My name is Roy Afusia. I'm a
16 business rep for the Fire Sprinklers U.A. Local 709. I
17 represent over 1,000 members. Many of them live in Stanton
18 and the surrounding cities.

19 Sprinkler Fitters U.A. Local 709 is here tonight
20 to speak in full support of this project. The possibility
21 of this project, like W Power SERC, is an exciting one for
22 us. Not only do we get to enjoy the energy benefits that
23 we've heard about, but it's, for us, an opportunity to put
24 our skilled workers to do what we do best. We build
25 communities. With Helmets to Hardhats and the local hire,

1 that's a win-win.

2 Tonight, you will see and hear a lot about the
3 project, and hopefully you'll agree with all the
4 communities' members and others that it's a good project for
5 everyone. This project is worthy of your support.

6 Henry Ford said it best, "Coming together is the
7 beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together
8 is success."

9 Thank you for the opportunity. God bless.

10 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 I have Doug Mangione, followed by Joshua
13 Gutierrez.

14 MR. MANGIONE: Doug Mangione, M-A-N-G-I-O-N-E. I
15 represent the International Brotherhood of Electrical
16 Workers here in Orange County. We represent approximately
17 2,000 skilled men and women in the electrical trades. Our
18 apprenticeship is located right here in Orange County in the
19 City of Santa Ana. We have approximately 400 currently
20 enrolled students, men and women, 80 of which are veterans.
21 We train hard and we train them well.

22 We install a lot of the solar power that's making
23 a project like this a requirement. The sun goes down, we
24 all come home and we plug -- some of us plug cars in. We
25 all turn our appliances on, four TVs go on, plug our phones

1 in. We turn the washer on. Everything happens. We open
2 the refrigerator door. There's a huge consumer requirement
3 for power right around six o'clock, when the son is coming
4 down.

5 So we fully support this project. It's a well
6 thought out project. They're using the latest technology.
7 This is going to be needed. This is going to be a model
8 across the state, and that we support.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great. Thank you so much.

11 I have Joshua Gutierrez, followed by Robert Rowe.

12 MR. GUTIERREZ: Hello. My name is Joshua
13 Gutierrez. I'm an ironworker, Local 433. But most
14 importantly, I'm from the community, being born and raised
15 in Stanton and the Buena Park areas.

16 When we found out about this project, new
17 technology, you know, to us it's important for my family, my
18 kids, so they can see that the community is still building.
19 You know, a working community is a happy community, and
20 that's just something that I feel that's like really
21 important.

22 And, you know, our apprenticeship school is also
23 in the community, it's just right down on Valley View, so
24 we're here and we're ready. We have the manpower. So, I
25 mean, if this goes through, we're ready to go.

1 So thank you guys for considering this. Thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

4 I have Robert Rose, followed by Johnny Cangey,
5 Cangey, maybe.

6 MR. ROWE: Good evening. My name is Robert Rowe.
7 I'm a retired, actually, former Fire Marshal for the City of
8 Downey Fire Department. I served there for, well, actually
9 on the fire service for 30 years. And I've testified at a
10 few of these projects. I just want to say, it's a great,
11 great thing to have you guys coming into a community, not
12 only to support the energy needs of the community, but also
13 the workforce of the community.

14 As the Executive Director of the Fire Sprinkler
15 Advisory Board, representing 56 fire sprinkler contractors,
16 now that I've left the fire service I'm now helping these
17 guys out, but I think that when you have such a large,
18 important project in your city, you need to protect it
19 appropriately. And I've worked with these guys for the past
20 eight years and they're all a bunch of really good guys.
21 They're qualified. And I'm sure that the system that gets
22 put into this structure is going to be top notch.

23 We have a certification process coming up, going
24 into effect July 1, where all sprinkler fitters will be
25 required to be certified in the state of California. So you

1 know with that certification process, you're going to have
2 high quality work, high quality craftsmanship, but on top of
3 everything else you're going to have an energy efficient
4 neighborhood that will also support the local fire service
5 in the event there's an outage.

6 So thank you for the opportunity to speak. Thank
7 you for the opportunity for this city. And we look forward
8 working with you in the future. Thank you very much.

9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

10 I have Johnny -- I'm sorry, I don't know how to
11 say your last name --

12 MR. CANGEY: It's Cangey.

13 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay. Great. Followed by
14 David Shawver.

15 MR. CANGEY: Hi guys. I'm Johnny Cangey,
16 representing Ironworkers Local 433. I've been a member --
17 I've been a resident here in Buena Park for 39 years. I've
18 (indiscernible) staircase (phonetic) 357. I've been a
19 member for 15 years, Freemasons. Actually, believe it not,
20 growing up I was an all-star baseball player here in pony,
21 so this is all home to me. I used to party here. I went to
22 Western High School, all-league defense back, baseball
23 player. This is home to me, guys, you know?

24 And with the SERC project, it brings great things
25 to this community, to the children. I've coached little

1 league, Interactive Stanton Little League. Everything to
2 me, guys, is the kids. I have two older boys attending
3 Kennedy High School in Cypress. When I see things like
4 this, I see the future, my kids being successful with
5 bringing new technology to the local cities around here.

6 Right now I'm (indiscernible) Centralia School
7 District. I don't know if you guys are familiar with
8 Measure N. I'm sitting on the committee, Oversight
9 Committee, on the PLA that was just passed. I want to see
10 these cities advance, guys. That's just what I'm here to
11 base my -- so you guys hear my voice. I'm in support of all
12 you guys, and let's get this thing going.

13 Thank you for your support.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

15 MR. CANGEY: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: We heard already from the
19 City of Stanton, so sorry about that.

20 I have Derek Kirk then, followed by Michelle
21 Ferguson.

22 MR. KIRK: Hello. My name is Derek Kirk,
23 D-E-R-E-K K-I-R-K. I am the Director of Community and
24 Government Relations for the North Orange County Chamber of
25 Commerce. On behalf of our Board of Directors and member

1 businesses, I would like to express support for the Stanton
2 Energy Reliability Center.

3 In ever-changing times the Chamber is recognizing
4 the growing importance of public-private partnerships. And
5 we applaud W Power and the plant to implement this
6 partnership. The community will see great success with it.

7 As an organization that represents this entire
8 region, not just businesses in Stanton, we understand the
9 immense impact that this site will have on increasing energy
10 reliability for businesses all around North Orange County.
11 The Stanton Energy Reliability Team has been in constant
12 contact with the city to ensure all steps are taken for a
13 successful project.

14 The City of Stanton is such a special place. And
15 W Power and the team have proven that they will be an
16 invaluable part of this community. The investments that
17 they made with the Stanton Central Park, local elementary
18 schools, and the Chamber of Commerce are a few examples of
19 such commitments.

20 The jobs that this plant will provide throughout
21 the process of construction will continue to aid in the
22 successful growth of this community. As well, this project
23 will also follow along the city plans to revitalize
24 important parts of the city for increased business success.

25 We at the North Orange County Chamber strongly

1 support W Power and the Stanton Energy Reliability Center,
2 and urge this Committee and the Energy Commission to support
3 it, as well.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

6 I have Michelle Ferguson, followed by Vidal Arce.

7 And as she's making her way up, if there are other
8 folks who want to make a comment and haven't had a chance to
9 fill out a blue card, please see our Public Adviser at the
10 yellow table and she'll get you hooked up.

11 MS. FERGUSON: Michelle Ferguson,
12 F-E-R-G-U-S-O-N. I'm a member of the Local 12 Operating
13 Engineers Union. I've been a member since 1997. I came in
14 through the apprenticeship program. This union has provided
15 me and my son with the cost of living, and I support this
16 project. And I'd like to see all the trades go to work as
17 soon as possible.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 I have Vidal -- I'd like to make sure I said your
22 name right -- followed by Rudy Rodriguez.

23 MR. ARCE: Good afternoon. My name is Vidal Arce
24 and I represent the Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied
25 Workers Local 5. I'm here tonight to basically let you know

1 just a little synopsis.

2 When it comes on projects like this, you want the
3 skilled professionals to take care of it. And the people
4 that we represent, the people that you saw standing up,
5 that's exactly what we do every day in our lives, and we --
6 from recruiting people as veterans, we want to also make
7 sure that people that live in community.

8 I represent 1,300 members all over Southern
9 California, including Stanton. There were a few guys that
10 live here that I wanted to invite tonight, and they couldn't
11 make it because of the fact that they're working in San
12 Diego and in L.A. So the fact that you are creating a
13 project in here makes it easier for them, so they can spend
14 more time with their families and with a good paying job.

15 So with that, I just wanted to say that I will
16 encourage you guys to move forward with approving the
17 project. It will mean a lot for our members and their
18 families.

19 Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

21 I have Rudy Rodriguez, followed by Doug Summers.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good evening. Rudy Rodriguez,
23 Local 250 Steamfitter, Clinical (phonetic) Director and
24 Organizer. Good evening, Members of the California Energy
25 Commission. And I'm here in full support of this project.

1 What I'm really proud about is the project labor
2 agreement which will be there, because in the project labor
3 agreement, our Local 250 Steamfitter refrigerations
4 (phonetic), we have 5,500 members. We go from this side of
5 San Diego, this side of Palmdale, this side of Riverside,
6 and we have many, many members in Orange County. I've been
7 a 39-year resident of Irvine, California.

8 On this PLA, which is so important, our
9 apprenticeship program is a no-nonsense program. You sign
10 up, you get in. You miss two days, you're cool. Third day,
11 next. It's a no -- it's a serious situation.

12 We have -- and on the PLA, on the local hire, I
13 checked, we have 22 steamfitters that live in the City of
14 Stanton right now. So if they called this job starting
15 tomorrow and we called, on this project labor agreement, if
16 we called for them, they would get priority, they live in
17 this city. They'd bypass everybody and get to go to work
18 right there, get to represent themselves in their own city
19 that's also the zip code. They must be a qualified
20 journeyman. They must have all certifications.

21 Now, me being a 44-year member of Local 250, I
22 still have my welding certs current, I still have my PIP, I
23 still take all certifications, just because I'm an example,
24 okay?

25 And women; all project labor agreements have a

1 percentage of women. I ran a job before I became organizer,
2 I've been organizer for a couple years now, I ran a water
3 treatment plant over there at the 605 and 405 Freeway. That
4 PLA is the same PLA we'll have here. You must have an
5 apprenticeship program. You must have qualified journeyman,
6 local hire, women. But mostly what I'm very proud of more
7 than anything is I just came back from Washington, D.C. at
8 the Washington Building Trades National Conference, and all
9 the building trades all meet, all the presidents. And I was
10 so proud, there was an ironworker out of Chicago, and
11 ironworker out of New York, and a steamfitter apprentice got
12 recognized from Helmets to Hardhats in the whole nation got
13 recognized.

14 In this deal right now, if a veteran comes out of
15 Afghanistan or any troubled state right now across the
16 country, he comes in. And Helmets to Hardhats, he takes
17 that test, he passes that math test, he's in, because we
18 respect the people that respect our country and sacrificing
19 their life.

20 I commend you for making this thing happen. All
21 the building trades are here. Please support this and make
22 this baby happen.

23 Thank you so much for your time.

24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I've got Doug Summers,
2 followed by Anthony Novello.

3 MR. SUMMERS: Good evening. How are doing?

4 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good evening.

5 MR. SUMMERS: My name is Doug Summers with a U.
6 I have been a resident in Westminster my whole life. I
7 reside there. Now I own a house. I've raised three
8 daughters. All three daughters attend public schools here
9 in the district. And me and my family have invested in this
10 community.

11 This plant helps SCE meet customer needs.

12 The first thing I like about this plant is the
13 name of it, Stanton Energy Reliability. So when I come home
14 from work, we have a whole frig full of food, I don't want
15 power going out. I don't want to lose all that food. I
16 want that reliability for me and my family.

17 I'm in favor of this project and support all that
18 it will do for the community. It creates good jobs, local
19 hire, and veterans' hiring preferences. Projects like this
20 keep this community strong and bring benefits to the
21 families that (indiscernible) kids at schools here and the
22 those of us who work around and in this area.

23 Thank you for your time.

24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Anthony Novello,
2 followed by John Leeb.

3 MR. NOVELLO: Hi. Good morning -- good afternoon,
4 I mean. Anthony Novello. I'm with the Plumbers and
5 Steamfitters Local 582. We represent 930 members here in
6 Orange County.

7 A lot of my members have to work in L.A. and down
8 in San Diego and beyond to make ends meet. We'd love to
9 have projects here in Orange County, and I'm here to support
10 this project. Thank you guys for being here. And I urge
11 you guys to vote in favor of this so that we can move this
12 project forward.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have John Leeb, followed by
17 Roxanne Klatt.

18 MR. LEEB: My name is John Leeb, last name,
19 L-E-E-B. I'm a resident of Garden Grove, just nearby. And
20 I was glad to see our Councilman O'Neill here speaking in
21 support of this.

22 As a community member, this is the type of project
23 that I think is worthwhile for the Commission to be
24 supporting. It will do a good deal for the community and
25 provide the additional reliability that I think we need, and

1 I think we should strongly support it.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

4 I have Roxanne Klatt, followed by Vincent
5 Martinez.

6 Hello.

7 MS. KLATT: My name is Roxanne Klatt,
8 R-O-X-A-N-N-E K-L-A-T-T. I want to thank you for being so
9 welcoming to everyone here. And just from what I've heard
10 from the people involved in the LLC, that they're open to
11 hearing about the people that live next to where this
12 construction is going to be going in. It means something to
13 me as a carpenter, because I don't want to be disturbing
14 people or causing undue problems for people.

15 I grew up here. I grew up riding my bicycle down
16 Beach Boulevard to the beach every day in the summer.

17 I'm a 30-year veteran. Right now I'm going to
18 work at -- I leave my house at 1:30 in the morning to drive
19 to San Bernardino. I get off work at about 12 noon. Most
20 of us spend an hour-and-a-half to two hours or more every
21 day on the freeway. It would be nice to be close to home
22 once in a while.

23 I'm a former veteran of the U.S. Army. And I'm
24 very proud that the Carpenters Union is involved in the
25 Helmets to Hardhats, also. They also have a program for

1 bringing women into the trades. It's a good paying job.
2 It's been my life for 30 years. And it's enabled me to buy
3 a home and support other people. And I just want to thank
4 you very much to everybody for being here.

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Vincent Martinez,
8 followed by Edward Vasquez.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is
10 Vincent Martinez.

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Can you put it a little
12 closer to your --

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Oh, sorry. My name is Vincent
14 Martinez. I'm an apprentice out of my Local Union 2361.
15 Our training center is right down the street in Buena Park.
16 I live ten minutes away in Anaheim. I've lived there for 24
17 years of my life.

18 Right now I've been working -- I've been waking up
19 and driving two hours to work and two hours back home. It's
20 a really long commute. And this project that we're trying
21 to pass, it will be really helpful for me, especially, since
22 all I want to do is get home to my son and just carry him.

23 It's important for us to contribute in our local
24 community. And it's kind of hard for us to do it if we're
25 kind of working outside of our community. So it's -- I'd

1 like to -- sorry, I don't do this.

2 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: No. You're doing great.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm more a hammer and a nail kind
4 of guy. But passing the Stanton Energy Reliability Center,
5 it will be really important for us, and we'll appreciate
6 your help.

7 Thank you so much.

8 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Edward Vasquez,
11 followed Tom Turpin.

12 MR. VASQUEZ: Hello. My name is Edward Vasquez. I
13 live here in the City of Stanton. I've lived here for about
14 four years now. It's an awesome city. I like it here.

15 I'm a union carpenter with the Local 803. I'm in
16 their apprenticeship program. It's a four-year program.
17 It's an awesome program. They emphasize in helping you
18 become master craftsman. And it's an awesome feeling to
19 build things, you know, especially for your community, you
20 know?

21 I work for USS Cal Builders. We do a lot of
22 bridge work. Unfortunately, some of the bridges that we're
23 working on are kind of like far distance away. But
24 nevertheless, last year we finished a bridge pretty close to
25 here, out in Tustin on Rose Drive. We just finished that

1 bridge there and it was awesome working close to home, to
2 where now, you know, you feel the difference, you know?

3 But I would like to encourage everybody to support
4 this project, and that's all I got.

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Tom Turpin, followed
8 by Manuel Adame.

9 And let me know, this is the last blue card I
10 have, so if there are other folks who would like to make a
11 comment and haven't had a chance to get a blue card, please
12 ask your Public Adviser and let me know.

13 Please, go ahead.

14 MR. TURPIN: Tom Turpin, T-U-R-P-I-N, here to
15 represent Local 12. I'm an apprentice with Operating
16 Engineers. And I just came out to encourage the support
17 this project. I have been resident of Orange County for
18 over 40 years. And like everybody else, I drive an hour or
19 two hours for work, L.A., San Diego, whatever. Not a lot of
20 projects in Orange County.

21 So I encourage you to move forward with this.
22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Manuel Adame -- oh,

1 I'm sorry, Adame.

2 MR. ADAME: Hi. I work for Labor 652. I'm a
3 laborer, and I'm also a contractor. And I support this, not
4 because it's union, but just because you get the quality,
5 you get the safety. I've been working Downey, Pasadena,
6 JPL, Disneyland, everywhere pretty much, prisons, California
7 City, Lancaster, everywhere pretty much. And the safety
8 area that you want to get is a union. I've seen it. And
9 like I said, I've been working in Downey, and there's two
10 parts, non-union and union. And you can tell the
11 differences of the quality, the way they work together, the
12 unions and the non-unions. So therefore, you just look at
13 the people, the way they work in the non-union compared to
14 the union. It's a lot different. And they're very
15 cautious.

16 And I've been living here for 25 years. And this
17 city, it has changed a lot. And I think it's -- the lights
18 go on and off all the time. And, you know, in the
19 summertime, water, everything, we'd like a fix. And
20 therefore, I think it's a privilege for us to get this.

21 And plus, as residents, we deserve to live a
22 little closer. It takes me like four hours to get home, so
23 I have to travel, stay there for a week and come back. And I
24 think it's a little -- a lot of benefit for all these union
25 employees. And you get the quality, I'm sure about that.

1 Thank you very much.

2 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have a few more blue cards
5 that I just received from our Public Adviser. A reminder,
6 if you would like to speak, please do fill out a blue card
7 and let me know. We're delighted to hear from all of you.

8 I have Allen, followed by Rich Gomez.

9 MR. OFFMAN: Good evening. Hi. My name is Allen
10 Othman. I own --

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Wait. Can you --

12 MR. OFFMAN: I own -- my business is here in
13 Stanton, and I have multiple homes.

14 The good thing about this project, this brings
15 quality jobs, prevailing-wage project to the area. I mean,
16 it's an excellent opportunity for the community. They have
17 committed to have the local businesses to participate in
18 this business, so we strongly support it and we want you to
19 support it, as well.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

22 I have Rich Gomez, followed by Sam Hurtado.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Good evening. My name is Rich Gomez,
24 spelled G-O-M-E-Z. I'm a representative of the Southwest
25 Regional Council of Carpenters. And as you can see, we have

1 our sisters and brothers here that reside in the community,
2 live close to the community. I'm a resident of Fountain
3 Valley, been a resident for going on 50 years, okay?

4 I just want to let you know that our training
5 center is a state-of-the-art training center. It's located
6 1.5 miles down the street. Right now we have three locals
7 running out of that center, so you're around 8,700 members,
8 female, male. And the apprentice, we're running around just
9 under 1,300 apprentices out of that facility. And believe
10 me, these are all local. The majority are local Orange
11 County carpenters. Nothing better than keeping this --
12 having this work here in the community, keeping our tax
13 dollars here, keeping our hardworking money in the
14 community.

15 These carpenters, like we said, they're driving
16 two to four hours a day on the road, where they could be
17 driving 10 to 15 minutes, spending more time with their
18 family, spending more time in the community dining,
19 shopping, and it's all a positive.

20 Another thing, the training, they go through a
21 four-year program. Our apprentices go through a four-year
22 training program. When they graduate, they're going to walk
23 out with 33 to 36 college credits that they can apply
24 towards a BA, AA/BA in construction management.

25 And one last thing, we take pride in what we

1 build, and we're going to do it right. Because I've worked
2 in Disney, built California Adventure, and every time I walk
3 into that park, nothing better than holding your head up
4 high and stating, I built this and showing it to your
5 family.

6 So believe me, with the local hire here, I
7 guarantee it, like Roxanne was saying, she rides her bike
8 down the street, Beach Boulevard, going to the beach. Every
9 time one of our carpenters, any of these craftsman that pass
10 by, any of these trades, they're going to say, I built that,
11 because it's going to bring good paying jobs to our
12 community.

13 Thank you for your time.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have Sam Hurtado, followed
17 by Leslie Reinmiller.

18 MR. HURTADO: Good evening. Thank you for the
19 opportunity to come before you. I'm an OC resident. I'm a
20 second-generation, 34-year member of the Sheet Metal
21 Workers. I'm the business agent for Orange County. I'm a
22 CSUF grad, Cal State Fullerton. Go Titans. But college
23 isn't for everybody.

24 As I was an athlete in high school, I realized I
25 can't sit behind a desk. Once I graduated, I kind of had a

1 detour of going to law school. The detour ended up being
2 five foot two, big green eyes, hair down to her ankles. And
3 I said, "Hey, dad, what did you do for a living?" And so I
4 followed in his footsteps of becoming a sheet metal worker.

5 I represent 6,000 active and retired and members,
6 1,000 of which reside in Orange County, 10 of which reside
7 in this fair city. It's awesome that you guys are being
8 proactive in dealing with the power situation.

9 As you remember, there was a water shortage. And
10 even though it's been declared over two years ago, two-and-
11 a-half years ago, my father is a resident, after he retired
12 he did the Green Acres thing, sitting on the tractor and,
13 you know, had ten acres of kiwi. Well, the little town of
14 Porterville where he resided, he's since passed, but where
15 he lived, the wells ran dry. So things do happen. Being
16 proactive is the intelligence of a community that is
17 dedicated to its members. And so thank you for being
18 proactive.

19 We are in full support of that power plant and ask
20 that you would be the same, so thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I have, again, the last blue
24 card. So if other -- if there's anyone else, we're
25 delighted to hear from you. Please fill out a blue card and

1 make sure that I get it, so I know that you'd like to speak.

2 Ms. Reinmiller, please.

3 MS. REINMILLER: Yes. Hi. Good evening. My name
4 is Leslie Reinmiller. I'm a sheet metal worker, 32 years.
5 I'm the training director for the Southern California Sheet
6 Metal Apprenticeship, and I'm also a 17-year resident of
7 Stanton, so Stanton is very important to me as a city, that
8 we improve, bring jobs in, local hire, that we train people,
9 because I'm the training coordinator so I like to see all
10 the trades in job sites with all their apprentices learning
11 while they work. It shows -- it enables these people to buy
12 houses in the future, to retire with dignity, to raise their
13 families, to put food on the table.

14 So I'm really happy that you are thinking about
15 putting a power plant in Stanton. We really do need it, and
16 I commend you.

17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: So that was the last blue
21 card I have indicating a comment in the room.

22 Let me turn to our WebEx to see whether or not we
23 have comments from folks who have dialed in.

24 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So we have Colleen Langon.
25 Is she associated with Staff of Applicant? She's with

1 Applicant? Okay.

2 And I also had Garret Herring. Is he with Staff
3 or Applicant? Okay.

4 If not, then let's hear from Garret Herring or
5 Henning, if I have that --

6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: So the phone lines are open.
7 If you are not muted, we can hear you loud and clear now.
8 So if you are on the phone or on the WebEx and would like to
9 make a public comment, please go ahead and speak up. So we
10 have a few folks that are on the phone. If you are there
11 and you would like to speak, you are unmuted, at least on
12 our end you are. So please go ahead and speak up if you'd
13 like to make a comment. Okay. Going once, going twice,
14 okay, so I don't hear any public comment on the phone.

15 So that will conclude our public comment.

16 I just want to say thank you so much to Mayor
17 Carol Warren for the warm welcome to the community, to all
18 of you for taking time this evening to come and to let us
19 know your thoughts.

20 Some of you mentioned that you had some friends
21 that might not have been able to make it. You can always
22 submit public comments online, as well. We definitely read
23 those. We're always happy to hear from you.

24 And I did hear that you had gotten an award on the
25 hardhats -- I'm sorry, Helmets to Hardhats, so I wanted to

1 say congratulations to you all on that. That's sounded
2 really exciting.

3 Let me turn to Hearing Officer Celli to close out
4 our hearing.

5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

6 Ladies and Gentleman, I want to thank you all for
7 being here tonight. With that, and thank you for all your
8 comments, at this time we are adjourned. Thank you.

9 (The Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and
10 Informational Hearing of the California Energy Commission
11 adjourned at 6:27 p.m.)

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