

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE
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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE) DOCKET NO.
APPLICATION OF CHEVELON BUTTE) L-21080A-19-0171-00182
5 RE LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH)
THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA)
6 REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET) CASE NO. 182
SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
7 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY)
AUTHORIZING THE CHEVELON BUTTE)
8 WIND GEN-TIE PROJECT, WHICH)
INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A)
9 NEW 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE)
AND ASSOCIATED INTERCONNECTION)
10 FACILITIES ORIGINATING IN)
COCONINO COUNTY AND)
11 INTERCONNECTING WITH THE APS)
PREACHER CANYON-CHOLLA 345KV) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
12 LINE IN NAVAJO COUNTY,)
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3 the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting
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5 15 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, commencing at
6 2:07 p.m. on the 4th of September, 2019.

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8 BEFORE: THOMAS K. CHENAL, Chairman

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1 CHMN. CHENAL: This is the time set for the
2 prehearing conference in the sPower Chevelon Butte Wind
3 Gen-Tie Project.

4 May we have appearances, please.

5 MR. ACKEN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.
6 Bert Acken of Dickinson Wright on behalf of the
7 applicant, Chevelon Butte RE, LLC.

8 MR. UNREIN: Terrance Unrein, senior
9 permitting manager with the applicant.

10 MR. GRABER: Allen Graber, ecologist with
11 SWCA.

12 MR. NEMETH: Jeffrey Nemeth, sPower, director
13 of wind.

14 MS. COBB: Marie Cobb, assistant to
15 Chairman Chenal.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Well, thanks for
17 showing up. Let's just go through. I have kind of a
18 checklist of items to cover; Mr. Acken knows it pretty
19 well. And I've reviewed the materials that have been,
20 just generally, that have been filed, and I think
21 everything is in good shape. There's no other
22 appearances, doesn't seem like anyone is intending to
23 intervene, so I think this should be -- this should go
24 well, very well.

25 So I just want to make sure, as I ask in all

1 cases, that the lodging arrangements for Committee
2 Members and the court reporter have been provided for.

3 MR. ACKEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The only
4 question I had on lodging and food related to dinner on
5 Monday evening. So we have scheduled -- We have
6 arranged for both lodging, as well as lunch, for the
7 Committee every day beginning on Monday, but wanted to
8 ask you about whether we should plan to get dinner for
9 the Committee Monday evening between the evidentiary
10 hearing and the public comment session or whether you
11 thought that wasn't necessary and just everyone could
12 be on their own.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: I think people should be on
14 their own.

15 MR. ACKEN: I'm sorry?

16 CHMN. CHENAL: People should be on their own
17 for Monday. I mean, I think our -- I don't remember.
18 Is it 5:30 or 6:00 that the hearing is, the public
19 comment hearing on Monday?

20 MR. ACKEN: 6:00.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah. I mean, some people,
22 like me, 5:00 p.m. is when you have lunch. So it's
23 not -- I know one person that would prefer to eat
24 later. So, yeah, I think it just works out better. So
25 thank you for asking, but I think the Committee would

1 be better off just being on their own for dinner.

2 Lunches are appreciated.

3 Okay. No parties other than the applicant.

4 There's been no request to intervene, that's correct?

5 MR. ACKEN: Correct, Mr. Chairman. We have
6 had no indication from any parties that they have an
7 interest in intervening.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: The applicant has filed the
9 notice to affected jurisdictions?

10 MR. ACKEN: Yes.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: And you have alerted Coconino
12 County, Navajo County, State Land Department, those are
13 the three jurisdictions that are affected, that's
14 correct?

15 MR. ACKEN: Yes.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, good. The notice of
17 hearing, let's talk about the posting and publishing.
18 Can you give me a summary of where we are with that?

19 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to hand
20 that off to Mr. Unrein to go over both the publication
21 and the posting.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Good.

23 MR. UNREIN: So we advertised the hearing in
24 the Arizona Daily Sun on August 2nd and August 4th, and
25 the Navajo Tribune on August 7th. And we provided

1 copies of our CEC application to public libraries in
2 Winslow and Flagstaff. And we installed three signs on
3 the project site at the agreed-upon locations over a
4 week ago, two weeks ago, long before the deadline; and
5 those are installed and we have documentation that will
6 be provided.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Just generally, can you
8 tell me where the signs were posted?

9 MR. UNREIN: Yep. So one is at the north end
10 of the project boundary along Highway 99, one is at the
11 south end of the project boundary along Highway 99, and
12 one is to the east of Highway 99.

13 Allen, do you remember that road?

14 MR. GRABER: Forest Road 504.

15 MR. UNREIN: 504. And one is near the
16 intersection of 504 and 99 at a convenient pullout
17 there.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: And I think Ms. Cobb had been
19 in contact with you, Mr. Acken, about posting. It was
20 a little different than we had discussed at the
21 prefiling conference, and I just want to make sure that
22 those locations took into account the additional
23 location we talked about, that our office provided
24 information to you about.

25 MR. ACKEN: They did, Mr. Chairman. And as

1 Mr. Unrein indicated, we will provide both a map, as
2 well as -- a map showing the locations, photographs of
3 the signs, and Mr. Unrein will present testimony on
4 that as well.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: Perfect. Very good.

6 And an agenda has been filed by me. I just
7 want to make sure that you had an opportunity to review
8 it and whether you have any changes or additions to it.

9 MR. ACKEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have
10 reviewed the agenda, and it looks straightforward to
11 us. No requested changes.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: All right, very good.

13 MR. ACKEN: I do -- Maybe this would be the
14 time to mention. We had a request from the Winslow
15 mayor to provide public comment. And to accommodate
16 his schedule, we were hoping that he could present
17 public comment Monday afternoon, as opposed to Monday
18 evening. So I wanted to see if that was a possibility
19 today.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure, sure. Just let me know,
21 you know, who the gentleman is, the mayor, and we will
22 accommodate him. Generally I think we'd like to do
23 the -- take care of some procedural matters, start the
24 hearing, have the roll call, you know, introduce the
25 parties, appearances, I think we go through opening

1 statements. And then after that we could take his
2 public comment, after the opening statements. I think
3 that would --

4 Two reasons. One, I think that's early
5 enough he wouldn't have to wait too long. And two, I
6 think it would be more impactful for the Committee to
7 have heard the opening statements. And generally, I
8 know, you would provide some maps and media to kind of
9 put the project in context, and I think that would just
10 make his comments that much more meaningful. Although,
11 I will tell you, the Committee will have read the
12 application materials, but there's also maybe other
13 people that are present that would benefit from having
14 the introduction. And we do that pretty quickly, so
15 Monday afternoon would be no problem.

16 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

17 MR. UNREIN: And, Mr. Chairman, you inquired
18 on the mayor's name. It's Mayor Tom McCauley of
19 Winslow.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Maybe send just a
21 reminder to me that he's here and would like to provide
22 public comment after the opening statement, and we'll
23 accommodate that.

24 Okay. The hearing will take place at the --
25 in Flagstaff at the High Country Conference Center on

1 Butler Avenue in Flagstaff September 16th at 1:00 p.m.
2 We'll go to, you know, 5:00 or shortly thereafter.
3 We'll have -- That evening at 5:30 we'll have the
4 public hearing. I'm sorry, it's at 6:00 p.m., the
5 evening session at 6:00.

6 Then we'll have a tour the next day,
7 September 17th, at 7:00; and we'll just continue until
8 5:00, I think generally until the hearing concludes. I
9 think I've indicated that if we're finished with the
10 case in chief, you know, towards -- in the afternoon,
11 which we probably will be, my preference would be to
12 kind of hold off the actual deliberation work on the
13 CEC until the next day. I just find that's a lot more
14 beneficial for everyone concerned.

15 So I think the notice of hearing is in order.
16 Any update on how long you think the hearing will take?

17 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, we've been working
18 on hearing preparations. Direct testimony, without
19 questions, is probably an hour, hour and a half. So I
20 think it's conceivable that we would be done Tuesday
21 afternoon with our case after the tour.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay.

23 MR. ACKEN: I think it's unlikely that we'll
24 get through everything Monday afternoon, but I think
25 there's a chance that we will have most of our direct

1 done Monday afternoon, and then after the tour Tuesday
2 have any cleanup and follow-up questions from the
3 Committee at that time. So, you know, I'm always a
4 little more optimistic on timing, but I would think
5 Tuesday afternoon we should be -- we should be done
6 with our testimony.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, we'll see what the
8 Committee wants to do, depending on when we finish. I
9 mean, let's just play it by ear. My preference is
10 always to start the deliberations fresh and not to get
11 in a situation where, you know, we're really trying
12 hard to rush through stuff to get done, say, on a
13 Tuesday. And I just think it doesn't make for as good
14 a certificate. I just think we're better off, you
15 know, rolling over to Wednesday morning if that were
16 the case, we'd be fresh and go through it.

17 But we have also kind of done a hybrid of
18 that, where we start the process and then we break it
19 off and we finish it the next day and, you know, kind
20 of go over everything again and then kind of have a
21 vote. So let's just see how it goes. I don't want to
22 put the brakes on it when it's clear we could finish;
23 but on the other hand, I want to avoid a situation
24 where people feel pressure to hurry up and rush through
25 stuff. We don't want that.

1 We'll want sign-in forms for the hearing and
2 the public comment session, which will include the
3 name, address, phone, or e-mail. Well, we'd like
4 e-mail, phone and e-mail. And that's in case there are
5 changes in the future that you want to make to the CEC
6 that we would ask that -- we have it as a condition
7 that the people that appeared at the hearing and
8 provided public comment are notified. So this is a way
9 to get in touch with them.

10 Doesn't seem like there's a need for
11 security. Oh, some cases there is a need for security.
12 This isn't one of them.

13 Tour logistics. Any updates on that,
14 Mr. Acken?

15 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe we
16 have anything new from what we discussed last time. I
17 think our proposal remains the same. We have the van
18 ready for the Committee, we have the proposed tour stop
19 locations. We proposed starting it at 7:00 a.m., which
20 maybe we don't need to start that early, depending on
21 how things go. But it made sense to start it that
22 early from the standpoint of getting to a lunch spot in
23 Winslow and for the Committee. But, no, we haven't
24 made any proposed changes to what we previously
25 provided.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: And lunch is anticipated in
2 Winslow?

3 MR. ACKEN: Was that correct? Or to get back
4 to Flagstaff in time for lunch?

5 MR. UNREIN: Yeah, that was the main reason
6 for 7:00 a.m., just because it's such a long duration,
7 to be able to get to the site and get back to the High
8 Country Conference Center in Flagstaff. And currently
9 we have a 1:00 p.m. lunch scheduled at High Country
10 Conference Center.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, let's adjust that, if
12 necessary, on Monday; and then if we can start later,
13 we'll start later, depending on any updates you have.
14 But we can start at 7:00, if you believe that's better.

15 MR. UNREIN: Yep, and we can definitely make
16 changes. It will be subject to the availability of the
17 driver and the bus that we rented, but they are
18 probably flexible.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, very good. You'll have
20 a Google Earth presentation?

21 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, we are not planning
22 to do a Google Earth presentation for this. It's a
23 remote location. The testimony will show land uses are
24 consistent, topography consistent, and so at this time
25 we are not planning to do that. Obviously we welcome

1 your thoughts, if you think that that's an expectation
2 that we are making an error by not doing, but our
3 thought was it wasn't necessary for this case.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, I have not done one of
5 these without a Google flyover, you know, the, I don't
6 know, 15 or so that I've done. So it would kind of
7 be -- probably a question would be raised if there
8 isn't one. I mean, obviously it's your choice.

9 MR. ACKEN: Sure.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: But I think some people like
11 it. Some of the Members do not take the tour, you
12 know, for reasons, certain reasons, so this might give
13 them the opportunity to see something they wouldn't
14 otherwise be able to see. So I'll throw that out. Not
15 required, but if it's not that complicated it might be
16 a good idea to put one together, even a short one. I
17 know this is not a long line. It's not like a 200-mile
18 line case we had where a flyover was probably required.
19 And your choice, but I don't recall a case where we
20 have not had a flyover.

21 MR. ACKEN: Understood, Mr. Chairman, and I
22 appreciate you sharing that with us.

23 One question I have, being that it is a
24 shorter line in a rural area. Of the recent cases that
25 you have done, do you see one that we should look to as

1 perhaps a template? Because in my review, a lot of
2 those are more urban siting or in short locations, you
3 know, they have -- or there's more resources at issue
4 given the nature of the location. So if you have an
5 example for us, I'd welcome that; and if not, we'll
6 take it under advisement.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: I'm looking at Ms. Cobb.

8 MS. COBB: I'm trying to think of one.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: I know we had the project that
10 ran south of Tucson to hook up with Nogales, and I
11 can't remember the number, but that one was like --

12 MS. COBB: It was 176.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: -- a Nogales interconnect
14 project where it went through some pretty rural
15 territory.

16 MS. COBB: Are you talking about the UNSE
17 Nogales transmission?

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah.

19 MS. COBB: That was 176.

20 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: That might be one to look at.

22 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. We'll have robust
24 WiFi --

25 MR. UNREIN: Yes.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: -- at the conference
2 center?

3 All right. We have the witness summary.
4 There's no exhibits to exchange. You'll have those --
5 You'll have a binder of exhibits, is that correct?

6 MR. ACKEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you
7 for, I guess, the changes in the procedural order over
8 the years so that we don't have to prefile those and
9 then you end up making so many copies. So thank you
10 for that.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah. But we would like -- I
12 think the Committee would like to have copies of the
13 exhibits, obviously.

14 Any thought to iPads or similar devices for
15 the Committee? Again, not necessary. I'm sensing that
16 that's not going to be available.

17 MR. ACKEN: We did have some discussions,
18 Mr. Chairman, but thought for this project that we
19 could make the case with the materials that we provide
20 in hard copy and on the screen and through the oral
21 testimony that we present, again, because of the
22 straightforward nature of this case.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: And how many exhibits do you
24 believe you'll have?

25 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, right now I have a

1 list of eight exhibits, which one of those includes the
2 application and two are testimony slides.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Again, on our
4 larger, more complicated cases I will tell you it comes
5 in very handy for the Committee Members. This may not
6 be a case where it's necessary, and it's obviously your
7 choice. If it were something that I felt more strongly
8 about, if you had a lot of exhibits and there was a lot
9 of issues in the case, I would probably recommend it,
10 like I kind of did for the Google flyover. But I'm not
11 recommending that you do that; I know it's a cost to
12 you. I'm not sure how you can use them after the
13 hearing is over. So, again, I don't see this as a need
14 where it's absolutely necessary.

15 Having said that, the Committee Members would
16 have received the application, and I believe there was
17 a thumb drive with the application. Am I remembering
18 that correctly?

19 MR. ACKEN: That's correct.

20 MS. COBB: Yeah, I did send those out.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. So the Committee
22 Members have that. Now, the exhibits is the only thing
23 they won't have in electronic format, and I'm just
24 thinking out loud now. If there's a way you could
25 provide us with the exhibits as an attachment to an

1 e-mail or something like that, I'm just thinking out
2 loud, as a way that we can then forward it to the
3 Committee and they could load it onto their individual
4 computers or, you know, iPads or something like that,
5 then we could achieve the functional equivalent.

6 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, the short answer
7 is: Yes, we can certainly do that. And then the
8 question would be: Would a ShareFile site work or
9 would you prefer thumb drives to be sent -- to be
10 e-mailed to the Committee Members? You tell us what
11 your preference is. I'm a little worried that an
12 e-mail, with the slides in particular, that we may
13 run up against size limitations on e-mail on file
14 size.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: We'd run into the same problem
16 if it was a shared file, I think, because we'd have the
17 same problem with providing -- accessing the file would
18 be easy to do, but we'd have to get it to the Committee
19 Members and we'd have the same problem.

20 MS. COBB: Unless we did it SharePoint.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, yeah, we haven't done
22 that before. I'm not sure.

23 MR. ACKEN: We can certainly provide thumb
24 drives, if that's -- We can see if it's small enough
25 to e-mail; and if it is, great; and if not, provide

1 thumb drives.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: I know, though, for iPads, I
3 mean, it's easier to take an e-mail and open the e-mail
4 and then basically access the exhibit and drop it into
5 a file or something on your iPad. With a thumb drive
6 there's really no way to get it onto the iPad, and I
7 think a lot of people have iPads. So I'm thinking of
8 iPads, as opposed to their computers.

9 I don't know the size of each of these
10 exhibits, other than the application, the application
11 itself, which is probably not necessary. But for the
12 other exhibits if they could be the subject of even
13 multiple e-mails, depending on the size of each
14 exhibit, I mean, maybe we could simply then forward
15 those on to the Committee Members. I'm just trying to
16 make an easy way for them to get this onto their iPads,
17 the exhibits onto their iPads.

18 MR. ACKEN: Understood, Mr. Chairman. We
19 will figure out a way to provide the exhibits
20 electronically via e-mail.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, perfect. See if
22 there's a way to do that, even if it's in multiple
23 e-mails. Then Ms. Cobb can get them on to the
24 Committee Members.

25 MR. UNREIN: If our presentations are able to

1 be provided in PDF form, we should be able to easily
2 reduce the file size and make that happen.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Perfect. That's a great idea
4 too. Perfect. Very good.

5 I always ask this question, to make sure the
6 applicant has been in communication with the
7 Corporation Commission regarding any financial
8 obligations to cover the costs over and above the low
9 filing fee.

10 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, we have had those
11 conversations, and they will alert us if more funds are
12 required.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, very good. Has the
14 Corporation Commission notified the applicant of any
15 positions it may have regarding the project?

16 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, Commission Staff,
17 Utilities Division, filed a letter today in the docket
18 in response to your letter requesting comment. I
19 haven't had a chance to study it in detail, but we
20 will -- well, it's in the docket, a request, a
21 condition, their standard condition with respect to any
22 interaction with natural gas pipelines. And off the
23 top of my head, I don't know if we already had the
24 condition in our proposed CEC. If you'd like, we can
25 mark that as an exhibit as well. Do you think that

1 would be helpful for the record?

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Please, yeah. And I either
3 mark it as a Chairman's exhibit or I ask the applicant.
4 In this case, why don't you just mark that, because we
5 want that in the record.

6 Okay, very good. And I believe I asked
7 this the last time, but I want to make sure. Is
8 there any litigation ongoing with respect to the
9 project?

10 MR. ACKEN: None.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: We will review the CEC and may
12 have some additional, you know, conditions, which we
13 can get into in the course of the hearing.

14 I think what we've landed on at the hearing,
15 just to review briefly, is that when we get to the
16 point of reviewing the CEC, we'll take what is the most
17 current version of the CEC, incorporating perhaps any
18 changes that have occurred during the course of the
19 hearing, and including such things as the Commission's
20 requested condition, but we'll mark that as an exhibit
21 and we'll start with that on the screen when we
22 commence deliberations as kind of a clean copy, if you
23 will.

24 And then we will mark -- We will then have,
25 on a separate screen, the working version of the CEC,

1 where the Committee will make changes, adding or
2 deleting conditions or provisions, like a track change
3 redline version, that will be the one that we will
4 actually vote on and that will become the official CEC
5 that we approve. But at the conclusion of the
6 deliberations, it will be kind of a track change
7 version, which we'll make a separate exhibit, and that
8 will then also be included in the record.

9 And then when we conclude, and I ask the
10 applicant to provide a clean copy, they'll provide me a
11 clean copy of that last exhibit that's the track change
12 version with any Scrivener's errors taken care of,
13 right? Is that clear?

14 MR. ACKEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: All right, good. And I think
16 that's worked out the best. After many different ways
17 of trying to do it very complicated, we've landed on
18 that very simple system of keep it simple, and I think
19 that works the best.

20 Let's see. I think -- There's no NEPA
21 issues involved with the project?

22 MR. UNREIN: No.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: So we're not going to have --
24 the environmental issues are what's in the application,
25 obviously, so that's -- I've reviewed that -- we will

1 have reviewed that, the Committee.

2 All right. That pretty much covers my
3 prehearing checklist. Is there anything you'd like to
4 bring up, Mr. Acken, or anything you think we should
5 cover?

6 MR. ACKEN: No, Mr. Chairman, thank you. We
7 covered the couple items that I wanted to address, so
8 no. Thank you.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: It will be interesting. I
10 mean, we don't have jurisdiction, we, the Committee,
11 doesn't have jurisdiction over the wind farm part of
12 this, but I suspect the Committee will be interested in
13 hearing about that, how it works, you know, some of the
14 engineering behind it, the storage capability of it.
15 We've had a lot of cases with, you know, various types
16 of turbines to fill in the power when the wind dies
17 down, the duck curve, we've gotten into a lot of that.
18 So I think the Committee will be very interested in
19 hearing about some of the more technical aspects of
20 that part of the project, even though we don't have
21 jurisdiction over it. But I'll give you a heads-up on
22 that, to plan on spending some time on that, and I
23 think that will just be good to educate the Committee
24 on that.

25 MR. NEMETH: Would you prefer to see that

1 through the witness testimony, or would that better be
2 handled by just responding to the questions?

3 CHMN. CHENAL: I think by witness, I think,
4 just to get into it. I know there will be questions
5 that will come up. And I know it's not part -- I
6 know you've submitted your exhibits and such. But if
7 you had some way to provide a little overview of what
8 this -- what the wind farm, if that's the correct term,
9 what it's going to look like. And I know we talked at
10 the last hearing about the size of these turbines and
11 how many you plan on having and how do you get this
12 equipment up there. I know some of us have seen it on
13 the highway, some of the turbines being transported by
14 truck.

15 I don't think we've had -- We've had some
16 Gen-Tie lines in the past, but before my time. We've
17 had solar, obviously, we've had a lot of cases on
18 turbines, various kinds of turbines for the ramp up for
19 the electricity, but I don't think we've had a wind
20 case yet, and I think it will be very interesting and I
21 know the Committee is going to have some questions
22 about it. So that might extend it a little, but I
23 think it would be time well spent.

24 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

25 MR. UNREIN: That's what we do, Mr. Chairman,

1 so we like talking about it.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, you'll have a captive
3 audience that will be eager to hear.

4 MS. COBB: Have you had any further contact
5 with the Hopi Tribe?

6 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Unrein can speak to that. I
7 think it's fair to say that there have been ongoing
8 discussions with the Tribe. I don't know if you want
9 to elaborate beyond that.

10 MR. UNREIN: Yeah. So I believe the last
11 time we met we were just coming off of a long in-person
12 meeting in Flagstaff with the Hopi Tribe. So we have
13 had kind of some general follow-on conversations with
14 the Hopi Tribe. Not a lot of specific stuff on the
15 Chevelon Butte wind farm, but I have met with members
16 of the Hopi Tribe and other people helping the Hopi
17 Tribe on some other renewable energy projects in
18 northern Arizona.

19 So, yeah, it's kind of tough to answer.
20 Specifically with this project, not a ton of material
21 dialogue; but as a company, we're working with the Hopi
22 Tribe on some other stuff related to renewable energy
23 in northern Arizona. And those conversations have been
24 fantastic and we're excited about that stuff.

25 MS. COBB: Do they seem supportive of...

1 MR. UNREIN: Of this project?

2 MS. COBB: Uh-huh.

3 MR. UNREIN: I don't know if I would go --
4 Well, one, it depends on what department you ask. You
5 know, there's the chairman and the vice chairman and
6 the council of natural resources, the cultural, the
7 renewable energy office. So it depends on what
8 department. I would say some are very supportive, like
9 the Hopi's renewable energy program is very supportive,
10 and then others are probably more neutral.

11 The scale is probably neutral to curious to
12 supportive, depending on what group you're asking. And
13 the neutral folks would be probably natural resources
14 and cultural; the very curious would probably be the
15 chairman and the vice chairman and the council; and the
16 supportive is the renewable energy office of the Hopi
17 Tribe.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Is any part of the ranch on
19 the Hopi reservation?

20 MR. UNREIN: For the Chevelon Butte wind
21 project?

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Wind project, yeah.

23 MR. UNREIN: No, we will not be impacting any
24 reservation land or Hopi trust land.

25 MR. ACKEN: It's adjacent to it.

1 MR. UNREIN: It's adjacent to it.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: That's what I recall, yeah.

3 Anything further?

4 MR. ACKEN: No, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: All right, adjourned.

6 (The prehearing conference concluded at

7 2:41 p.m.)

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