

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT LS-378

2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

3 In the matter of the) DOCKET NO.
 4 application of Salt River) L-00000B-24-0223-00239
 5 Project Agricultural)
 6 Improvement and Power) LS CASE NO. 239
 7 District, in conformance with)
 8 the requirements of Arizona)
 9 Revised Statutes § 40-360,)
 10 et seq., for a Certificate of)
 11 Environmental Compatibility)
 12 authorizing the South Mountain)
 13 Transmission Project, which)
 14 includes the construction of) PREFILING CONFERENCE
 15 two new 230kV double-circuit)
 16 transmission lines that will)
 17 interconnect the existing)
 18 double-circuit Anderson-Orme)
 19 transmission line to a new)
 20 substation, each located)
 21 within the city of Phoenix,)
 22 Maricopa County, Arizona.)
 23)

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before the
3 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting
4 Committee, commencing at 11:00 a.m. on September 17, 2024,
5 with all participants appearing via videoconference.

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7 BEFORE: ADAM STAFFORD, Chairman

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21 Alysha Gilbert, SRP in-house counsel
22 David Felix, SRP senior manager, regulatory affairs
23 Rick Hernandez, SRP power delivery program manager
24 Chris Janick, SRP senior director of distribution
25 and grid services
Kenda Pollio, KP Environmental principal
Zack Heim, SRP senior director of power delivery
Tod Brewer, assistant to Chairman Stafford

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1 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Let's go on the
2 record.

3 Now is the time set for the prefiling
4 conference for SRP South Mountain transmission line.

5 (Zack Heim joined the meeting.)

6 MR. DERSTINE: There we go.

7 Yeah. Good morning. I guess it's still
8 morning. Matt Derstine of Snell & Wilmer appearing on
9 behalf of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and
10 Power District.

11 I don't know whether -- Madam Court
12 Reporter, do you want me to go through the roster that I
13 have or -- I know you were given a list. I'm happy to go
14 through it as well.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: Sure. That would be
16 great. Thank you.

17 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. We also have joining
18 us Alysha Gilbert, who's in-house counsel with SRP;
19 Michele Maser, senior legal tech for SRP; Gourjia Odisho,
20 paralegal with Snell & Wilmer; Chris Janick, senior
21 director, power delivery; Rick Hernandez, power delivery
22 program manager; Kenda Pollio, principal, KP
23 Environmental; and if David just joined or he joins us in
24 a minute it will be David Felix, senior manager,
25 regulatory affairs.

1 And then I -- Jill Marnell?

2 THE COURT REPORTER: That's me. I'm in
3 twice.

4 MR. DERSTINE: Oh, okay. Gotcha. All
5 right. Perfect.

6 Then I think that's everyone on my roster.

7 MR. JANICK: Zack joined as well. I don't
8 think you mentioned Zack.

9 MR. DERSTINE: Okay, Zack Heim.

10 And, Chris, help me with Zack's new powerful
11 title.

12 MR. JANICK: So he actually is the senior
13 director of power delivery.

14 And as of yesterday I'm actually the senior
15 director of distribution and grid services.

16 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. Let's make sure that
17 is noted for the record. We don't want to confuse
18 anyone's titles.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Thank you.

20 (David Felix joined the meeting.)

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Has there been any public
22 interest in this project to date?

23 MR. DERSTINE: There is, yeah. I think
24 you'll see from the -- we've got -- One of our exhibits is
25 the proposed route map. I think that's maybe Exhibit 1.

1 It indicates that the -- the project will -- It's two sets
2 of 230 double-circuit k -- two sets of double-circuit
3 230 kV transmission lines that will -- our routes
4 generally follow the Loop 202. And so, yeah, area
5 residents, community groups, as well as the landowners on
6 either side of -- of Loop 202 have all been noticed,
7 participated at one level or another in our public
8 outreach and stakeholder engagement, and there's a
9 significant amount of interest in the project.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. You have four
11 exhibits by my tally. Can you go through them and we'll
12 admit them.

13 MR. DERSTINE: Yep. Happy to.

14 Exhibit 1 I think, as I mentioned, is the --
15 the route map. This particular map breaks down the -- the
16 route segments into nodes for ease of reference. And you
17 will see that there's a northern siting area, a block, and
18 then a southern siting area. And the -- the routes within
19 each of those, the north and the south, we're looking to
20 select two routes within each of those separate areas for
21 the project.

22 Exhibit 2 is the notice of hearing.

23 Let's see. Exhibit 3 is our notification or
24 our study area. Shows the green boundaries surrounding
25 the -- the project. Includes where we provided notice by

1 mail and by social media.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: What's the radius of that
3 notification area?

4 MR. DERSTINE: Ms. Pollio, can you answer
5 that?

6 Or if someone else on the call can -- can
7 describe the radius of the notification area.

8 MR. JANICK: Rick, do you recall?

9 MS. POLLIO: I apologize. This is Kenda.
10 It's one and a half to two and a half miles from the
11 routes that are listed.

12 So it varies trying to pick up -- Generally
13 it's about -- We started with a mile, but we extended it
14 to capture a lot of the subdivisions that would have been
15 crossed. So it -- it extends outwards to about two and a
16 half miles in some areas.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Thank you.

18 Now, we have got the draft notice of hearing
19 and the Word copy from you so we're all set with that.

20 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: The notice publication, is
22 that going to be -- Which paper and what dates?

23 MR. DERSTINE: Arizona Republic. First
24 publication date scheduled for October the 1st, with the
25 second on October the 8th. This is based on the filing of

1 the application on September the 27th.

2 And then we have the Arizona Business
3 Gazette, first publication date October the 3rd, second
4 October the 10th.

5 And then Prensa Arizona, which I think is a
6 Spanish-language publication. First publication October
7 the 3rd, second publication October the 10th.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: The second one was Arizona
9 Business what?

10 MR. DERSTINE: Business Gazette.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: That's a lot of
12 publications.

13 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah. I think the Gazette is
14 intended because there are so many developers who are
15 interested in or, you know, have projects or are
16 considering projects in the area. That was the reason for
17 using that, the Gazette.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: And then your Exhibit 4 has
19 your sign locations?

20 MR. DERSTINE: That's right. And you will
21 see because there are routes -- alternatives proposed on
22 either side of the Loop 202 that were -- And some of these
23 roads do not go all the way through. We did our best to
24 try to provide sign locations that would give residents,
25 travelers on either side of the Loop 202 within the Laveen

1 area notice of the hearing.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: So it looks like you intend
3 to put up 13 signs. Correct?

4 MR. DERSTINE: I'm going to trust your math
5 on that. I don't have the -- the sign map in front of me.

6 Can someone confirm?

7 MS. POLLIO: It is 13.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And then the
9 affected jurisdictions.

10 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah. Let's see. That's
11 City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, and ADOT because of the
12 Loop 202.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And then looks
14 like you're right on the edge of the Gila River Indian
15 Community. You have reached out? They have been notified
16 as well?

17 MR. DERSTINE: I believe so.

18 Can someone on the call confirm, please.

19 MS. POLLIO: This is Kenda again. Yes, we
20 have been reaching out to the Gila River Indian Community
21 and have had many meetings with them. Basically tribal --
22 the tribal liaison for SRP has been communicating with
23 them throughout the course of the project.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Even though they are
25 technically not an affected jurisdiction I still think

1 it's wise to keep them informed, seeing how this is right
2 at their back door, depending on what -- right on their
3 border.

4 And the evidentiary hearing, we're looking
5 to have it at the Vee Quiva?

6 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, resort and casino,
7 correct. It's 15091 South -- I'm going to see if I
8 pronounce it correctly -- Komatke -- K-O-M-A-T-K-E --
9 Lane, Laveen Village, 85339.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: So we're starting the
11 hearing on --

12 MR. DERSTINE: The hearing starts on the
13 12th.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: -- Tuesday?

15 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, it's a Tuesday because
16 the 11th is a holiday. And I don't know -- I know your --
17 your long-standing preference and the preference of the
18 members of the committee is to start at 1:00 on the first
19 day. I don't know -- Because the first -- the Monday is a
20 holiday and we're starting on a Tuesday, if that changes
21 or is a consideration, we'd be happy to start earlier
22 if -- if you think that would work for the committee.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. How many days do you
24 anticipate the hearing lasting?

25 MR. DERSTINE: We have it set aside for nine

1 days through Wednesday of the following week, through the
2 20th.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Do you think you'll
4 go the entire time?

5 I guess that will depend on how much -- if
6 we actually get intervenors or not.

7 MR. DERSTINE: Correct. Yeah.

8 And I -- At this time it's hard for me to
9 gauge. We do have one known intervener, that would be
10 Banner Hospital. It will be a similar intervention that
11 you -- you saw in your TEP Midtown project case. They
12 have a hospital developing, so they are supportive of the
13 project and routes, but -- but not a route that impacts
14 their -- the hospital, in their view.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Yeah, I think -- I
16 think we'll probably want to -- Since it's a quite
17 involved route, it looks like there's like four sections
18 for one. Because you have got it divided into northern
19 and southern portions, and then there's like four -- at
20 least four routes for each section to be considered.

21 MR. DERSTINE: That's right.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Yeah, I think we'll
23 want to -- We're not going to want to start on that -- at
24 1:00 on that Tuesday. I think probably 10:00 a.m. would
25 be a better start time for the first day because that will

1 give people a little more time to get there.

2 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. We'll need to adjust
3 the notice of hearing to reflect that start time.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. And we'll -- Yeah.
5 Because I'll -- I'll -- We have the Word draft. I'll go
6 ahead and modify it and then Tod will get it to you so you
7 have it before you file, so you can get ready to publish
8 them.

9 MR. DERSTINE: Okay.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: And there will be lodging
11 for the out-of-town committee members?

12 MR. DERSTINE: Yes. And should we just
13 communicate with Tod about confirming reservations or --

14 Yeah, we'll coordinate through Tod on that.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. That is the best way;
16 right, Tod?

17 MR. BREWER: It is, Mr. Chairman. Thank
18 you.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Now, for a tour, given
20 how -- the location of this, I think it's probably likely
21 we will actually do a physical tour for this project. So
22 you'll want to have a plan and submit it by the time of
23 the prehearing conference, file it in the docket.

24 The time for the tour, I guess we would do
25 it probably that Wednesday in the morning, unless you had

1 a preference for a different time.

2 MR. DERSTINE: I don't -- I don't think we
3 did. I think it's certainly best to do it early in the
4 case so the committee understands the -- the development
5 that's happening in that area, understands where the
6 route -- the proposed routes are and where they are in
7 relation to the 202 and the other developments.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I would take a look
9 at what TEP did for their tour when we had to -- with the
10 Midtown Reliability Project --

11 MR. DERSTINE: Right.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: -- because there was
13 multiple routes and we had this kind of circuitous drive
14 around to show -- I think the tour -- we did the full
15 preferred route first and went back and saw the different
16 segments of it.

17 What they did is they prepared sort of a
18 script that was filed ahead of time so it was on the
19 record. Because typically we don't take questions or have
20 any, you know, commentary from the applicant during the
21 tour because it's not on the record.

22 MR. DERSTINE: Right.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: But what they did was they
24 had a script that was on the record that they just -- it
25 showed the location of here, when the tour is at this

1 point looking out the windows of the bus, this is what you
2 are looking at. And they would have a script of what they
3 would say at that spot on the tour. So that kind of --
4 Because that -- that made it flow a lot better. Because
5 it can be awkward to hold your questions until the stop.

6 MR. DERSTINE: Right.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: What was I looking at, you
8 know, a couple miles back?

9 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: So that -- that was a --
11 that was a technique that was quite effective. So I
12 would --

13 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. If you found it
14 beneficial in that case, we'll do it here.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. Yeah, that seemed to
16 work pretty well, so I would -- I would suggest you at
17 least consider that.

18 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Now, the prehearing
20 conference date, Tod, we have it set for?

21 MR. BREWER: Be October the 30th at
22 2:00 p.m.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And there is no
24 litigation or disputes involving this project; correct?

25 MR. DERSTINE: Not at this time, no.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And what is the -- I
2 believe you said it a second ago, the plaintiff will file
3 the application September 27th?

4 MR. DERSTINE: Let's see, the filing date?
5 Yes.

6 And let me raise with you or at least alert
7 you to the fact that, so as you see the -- from the
8 Exhibit 1, the various routes that you've identified
9 within the two siting areas, at this time the application
10 will not select a preferred route. Just largely because
11 the development in that area is -- is changing rapidly.
12 Certain disclosed development plans may be changing, and
13 that impacts, you know, our -- certainly the math on what
14 route is really the -- the best route to serve the need
15 for the project.

16 Our intention would be to, by the time of
17 the hearing, have -- be in a position to educate the
18 members of the committee and yourself on what we view to
19 be the best route based on the various opportunities and
20 constraints and impacts of the project.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: So by that time you'll know
22 which side of the fence you're straddling.

23 MR. DERSTINE: Could be multiple fences that
24 we're straddling, right. Yeah.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So you'll

1 have -- and you will have the draft CEC by the time of the
2 prehearing conference for me?

3 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: And then we'll do the public
5 comment the first day at 5:30, so that will be Tuesday.

6 Do you -- How much public comment do you
7 anticipate?

8 MR. DERSTINE: We can have a fair -- fairly
9 large turnout of residents in the area. The -- the Laveen
10 Village Association would likely have a representative,
11 and others who may want to appear. And then you have the
12 various landowners and developers along the route who may
13 be inclined to -- to want to appear and provide public
14 comment.

15 So I would -- I would anticipate a fairly
16 robust public comment session.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I'll keep that in
18 mind because we may want to -- I imagine so it won't be
19 the situation where we go on the record at 5:30, there's
20 nobody there, and we go off the record and sit around till
21 6:00 o'clock and then come back on and call it a day.

22 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah. I don't think so,
23 yeah.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So we'll actually
25 have some public.

1 All right. I guess we'll have to kind of
2 play it by ear whether we are going to take more than just
3 the initial public comment depending on how -- I guess on
4 what the interest is.

5 Do you have -- Do you anticipate public
6 officials showing up to make a public comment?

7 MR. DERSTINE: I think it's possible. We
8 have been in communication with the City of Phoenix. I
9 know that they support the project. Whether or not they
10 would have an official or representatives of the City
11 appear at public comment or whether they would decide to
12 intervene in the case, I don't think we know that yet.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: We're not -- In this case
14 we're not looking at any problematic regulations or
15 ordinances that you are asking to find as unduly
16 restrictive, are we?

17 MR. DERSTINE: No. Although you've --
18 you've plowed that ground pretty well in the last -- in
19 the TEP case. And I reviewed the CEC and I think the
20 one -- No. So we don't have any conflicts with -- with
21 local, City or County ordinances.

22 We do have an issue on the east side of the
23 202 with -- ADOT has a retention basin. We'll need to
24 work through some issues with ADOT if a route is selected
25 on that east side of the 202.

1 And so I know that you had some conditional
2 language in the TEP Midtown CEC that, in the event the
3 preferred route wasn't approved, that there was -- the
4 committee selected an alternative if they weren't able to
5 work through the various zoning exceptions, et cetera. We
6 may need to build some of that in if it appears that the
7 routes along the east side of the 202 are selected,
8 because we'll still have to work through those
9 right-of-way access issues with ADOT.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So you don't
11 have a preferred route, but you may have -- you may be
12 requesting more than one approved route then.

13 MR. DERSTINE: Correct.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. And then
15 what about the permit status? Is there going to be
16 anything from the County?

17 You don't touch any federal or State land, I
18 don't think. I'm looking at the map.

19 MR. DERSTINE: I don't think we have any
20 federal permitting issues, and no other permitting
21 concerns that I'm aware of at this time.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: The lines are permitted use
23 for the current zoning for Maricopa County?

24 MR. DERSTINE: Yes, it would be.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: And the City of Phoenix,

1 too?

2 MR. DERSTINE: I believe that's correct.

3 Ms. -- Ms. Pollio, do you have any --
4 anything you want to add on that issue?

5 MS. POLLIO: No. That's correct.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: So no permits.

7 All right. Now, for the hearing I'm
8 assuming you will do the standard setup with Peaks Audio
9 with the --

10 MR. DERSTINE: SRP has their own in-house AV
11 team that they will be relying on for the hearing.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Oh, okay.

13 Now, so how are they -- how are you planning
14 on presenting the exhibits? In the same format that
15 normally -- with an iPad for each --

16 MR. DERSTINE: iPad or a tablet of some
17 kind. We'll have all the exhibits and the application.
18 All the resource materials will be on the -- on the
19 tablets, yes.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. The typical setup is
21 there's a tablet with the exhibits on it. And then if
22 there's intervenors then -- and they can get them to you
23 in time, you can put those -- so all the exhibits from all
24 the parties would be on one device. And the members can
25 scroll throughout the ledger.

1 The other thing they typically do is they
2 have a -- a Kindle that shows what the live broadcast is.
3 And then for me and the court reporter they have another
4 Kindle so we can see what the setup is on the Zoom call or
5 whatever the mechanism we use. Because like we'll have --
6 typically we'll have several members attend remotely.

7 MR. DERSTINE: Right.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: And so that way I can --
9 with that second Kindle it tends to flow much better
10 because I can see when they are raising their hands and
11 it's not -- it's not just the voice yelling out of nowhere
12 trying to get my attention. And it makes it much better
13 for the court reporter because they can see their faces
14 and look at their lips and figure out what they are
15 actually saying much more clearly.

16 MR. DERSTINE: Got it.

17 And then you -- I think you also then rely
18 on the floor monitors as well or do you generally just
19 rely on the -- the Kindle that you have to -- to see the
20 members who are appearing virtually?

21 CHMN STAFFORD: It's the Kindle. I mean, I
22 don't -- Typically the monitors they have, that's for
23 the -- the presentation. They usually have something on
24 there, but it's hard -- it's hard to see. But having that
25 second Kindle, that's why I wanted to show it with the

1 broadcasting. It's the one that shows all the people on
2 the call. It makes it much -- it makes the meeting flow
3 more smoothly.

4 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. We'll pass that along
5 to the AV team.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And so what was the
7 amount of the filing fee for this case? I'm assuming a
8 thousand dollars.

9 MR. DERSTINE: Correct.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, the Commission's
11 obligated by statute to pay the cost of reporting and
12 transcribing any application hearing, as well as the
13 actual and necessary expenses incurred by the committee
14 members in connection with their participation in the
15 committee meetings from the filing fee.

16 Costs and fees exceeding the amount of the
17 applicant's fee may, with the applicant's consent, be
18 incurred by the committee and charged to the applicant.

19 Does the applicant consent to pay the
20 Commission those costs in excess of the filing fee?

21 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: And I assume also that the
23 applicant is contracting directly with the court reporter
24 and the venue for the hearing as well.

25 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

2 MR. DERSTINE: That's correct.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. We'll have the
4 standard three-day turnaround of the transcripts.

5 Is there any other objection or concerns we
6 need to cover?

7 MR. DERSTINE: Ms. Gilbert, Ms. Pollio, is
8 there anything that I've missed that we need to raise with
9 the chairman?

10 MS. GILBERT: No, nothing for me. Thanks.

11 MS. POLLIO: I think we're covered.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Anything else,
13 Tod?

14 MR. BREWER: No, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: All right.

16 MS. GILBERT: Well, actually -- Sorry, Adam.
17 I just thought of one thing. Is that okay, Mr. Chairman?

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Please proceed.

19 MS. GILBERT: Okay. So our filing date, it
20 is scheduled for 27th of (indecipherable) --

21 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, our filing
22 date is scheduled for the 27th what?

23 MS. GILBERT: Of -- The 27th of September.

24 If SRP were able to identify preferred or
25 further refine the route between now and then, would it at

1 all be possible that they reach out to Tod about moving
2 that filing date but staying within that -- by
3 October 10th, which is our statutory deadline?

4 MR. DERSTINE: I guess it's a matter of how
5 many days' grace might we have if we need a few more days
6 to make some final tweaks or changes to the application
7 beyond the 27th. And we're happy to work that out with
8 Tod. I know Tod selects those dates to give us lots of
9 room ahead of the -- the statutory deadline, but we -- if
10 we get there, I guess we're just wondering if we can
11 coordinate with Tod to slide that 27th filing date out a
12 few days or five days.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Tod, does that have -- how
14 would that affect the hearing date?

15 MR. BREWER: I don't believe it would affect
16 a hearing date, Mr. Chairman, but it may affect the
17 publication requirement and notification time.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Uh-huh.

19 MR. BREWER: So those are set very
20 specifically to allow time for that publication to happen
21 before the hearing. So if we move those and it goes past
22 that publication date deadlines, then we're not going to
23 be able to have this hearing on that time.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. Because the second
25 publication has to occur at least 30 days prior to the

1 start date of the hearing.

2 MR. BREWER: Correct.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: That's -- that's the major
4 concern that we're working with.

5 MR. DERSTINE: That's the issue. Yeah.
6 Yeah.

7 So it sounds like a day -- a couple days
8 would not impact that, but if we went beyond that we would
9 have to coordinate.

10 I think at this time we're -- we're going to
11 work towards our September 27th filing date. And if that
12 changes we'll be in communication with Mr. Brewer to
13 coordinate and make sure we're not going to impact the --
14 the hearing date and our publication date.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. And if it -- if the
16 only change is going to be whether you narrowed in on a
17 preferred route, I don't -- if you haven't had that in
18 place at the time of filing, I think you could -- as long
19 as all the routes are identified in the filing --

20 MR. DERSTINE: Uh-huh.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: -- you could at a later
22 point, you know, by the time of the hearing -- well,
23 preferably by the time of the prehearing conference
24 identify a route that you think is best, I don't think it
25 necessarily has -- I don't think you need to hold up the

1 filing to make that determination.

2 MR. DERSTINE: Yes. Agreed.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: As long as it's not a
4 different route than what's in the notice.

5 MR. DERSTINE: Correct. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah,
6 we've talked through that. We're -- we're in agreement on
7 that issue and -- and we'll see where we go from here.
8 But I think right now our -- our plan is to file the
9 application without selection of a preferred route, but to
10 develop that and be prepared for educating the committee
11 and certainly identifying preferreds if we can by the
12 prehearing conference.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Excellent.

14 All right. Anything else?

15 MR. DERSTINE: Nothing from me.

16 Anyone on the line?

17 CHMN STAFFORD: So we're good, Tod?

18 MR. BREWER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Well, thank you
20 all very much. I look forward to seeing the filing and
21 I'll see you in October for the prehearing conference.

22 MR. DERSTINE: Thank you. Have a great day.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Thanks.

24 (Whereupon, at 11:27 a.m. the proceedings
25 ended.)

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