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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Phase VIII Expansion Project

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Catholic Church Parish Hall
2750 S. Byron Butler Parkway
Perry, Florida
Thursday, May 14, 2009

The public hearing, pursuant to notice, convened at 7:10
p.m. before a Staff Panel:

DANNY LAFFOON, Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

MITCHELL SHIELDS, HDR Engineering

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. LAFFOON: Good evening. My name is Daniel
3 Laffoon. Can everybody hear me? Great.

4 I'm an Environmental Project Manager with the
5 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC. At the table
6 with me tonight is Mitch Shields, with HDR. HDR is an
7 environmental contractor who helped in the preparation of
8 our environmental impact statement for FGT's Phase VIII
9 Expansion Project.

10 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S.
11 Forest Service cooperated in the preparation of this
12 document. Barry Linds, who is standing with a camera, is
13 also with HDR.

14 Let the record show that the Perry Scoping
15 Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. on May 12, 2009.

16 On April 16, 2009, we mailed about 3100 copies of
17 the environmental impact statement or EIS to those
18 individuals who requested to be on our mailing list,
19 government agencies, local libraries and newspapers. Most
20 of you received a CD in the mail. Additionally, about 150
21 hard copies were sent to those individuals who specifically
22 requested a paper copy.

23 The purpose of this meeting is for me, at FERC,
24 to get your comments on this Draft EIS. We are in the midst
25 of a 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS. The comment

1 period ends on June 8, 2009. All substantive comments that
2 we receive within the comment period will be addressed in
3 the Final EIS. We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the
4 room, also we have a speaker sheet in the back of the room,
5 and I will call individuals up one at a time to speak, if
6 anybody so chooses. After those people have had their
7 opportunity to comment, I will open the floor for anyone
8 else who wishes to speak.

9 We take your environmental comments very
10 seriously. We give equal weight to your comments whether
11 you decide to speak them, mail your comments in, or submit
12 them electronically through our website as we revise the
13 Draft EIS. Specific instructions on how to file written or
14 electronic comments are contained in the first couple pages
15 of the Draft EIS on the hard copy or in the CD. If you have
16 any questions about that, you can ask me after the meeting.
17 I'll be glad to help you as best I can.

18 The more specific the comments we receive from
19 you, the better we can address your concerns. General
20 comments such as, "I don't like the project" are not as
21 helpful as specific comments. Our job over the next couple
22 of months is to revise our environmental analysis based on
23 the types of comments that we receive. If you received a
24 copy of the Draft EIS you will automatically receive a copy
25 of the final EIS; you do not need to sign up again on

1 another mailing list. Once we finish the final EIS and mail
2 it out, we will forward that on to our commissioners at the
3 FERC.

4 The commissioners will consider our environmental
5 analysis along with non-environmental issues in order to
6 determine whether to authorize the project. Thus, the EIS
7 itself is one tool in the process, and not a decision-making
8 document.

9 The preliminary statements are over, and now it's
10 time for me to turn the meeting over to the general public.
11 Like I said, this is your chance to make your comments on
12 the Draft EIS are heard. If you have questions about the
13 environmental review process, I will answer those; if you
14 have very specific questions regarding a negotiation or an
15 easement situation on your property, there are
16 representatives from FGT here tonight and they can discuss
17 those with you after the meeting.

18 I believe we have no people signed up to speak
19 tonight. Would either of you like to speak at all?

20 AUDIENCE: Go ahead, you're doing fine.

21 MR. LAFFOON: All right. Well, that's pretty
22 much the conclusion of the meeting if nobody is going to
23 speak. Our whole purpose for being here is to hear public
24 concern.

25 So if not, I'll go ahead and close the formal

1 part of the meeting. Anyone wishing to keep up with the
2 official activity associated with the Phase VIII Expansion
3 Project can use the FERC website, at www.FERC.gov. Within
4 our website there is an eLibrary link where you can type in
5 the docket number for the project; in this case it's CP09-
6 17. You can use eLibrary to gain access to everything on
7 the public record concerning the project, including all of
8 the public filings and information submitted by FGT. As I
9 stated earlier, the representatives from FGT will stay in
10 the room here for a little while after the meeting, if you
11 would like to talk with them individually about a
12 negotiation or an easement issue, or any other questions you
13 may have for them.

14 If you would like immediate copies of the
15 transcript, please see the court reporter following the
16 meeting.

17 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
18 Commission, I would like to thank both of you for coming
19 here tonight.

20 Let the record show that the comment meeting
21 concluded at 7:14 p.m. Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, at 7:14 p.m., the scoping meeting
23 concluded.)

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