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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Docket Number
LAVACA BAY LNG PROJECT : PF13-1-000
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Bauer Community Center
2300 Texas 35
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

Thursday, March 21, 2013

The above-entitled matter came on for Scoping
Meeting, pursuant to notice, at 7:00 p.m., Eric Howard,
FERC Moderator.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. HOWARD: Good evening. On behalf of the
3 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, also known as FERC,
4 I would like to welcome all of you tonight. This is a
5 scoping meeting for the Lavaca Bay Liquefied Natural Gas,
6 or LNG Project, proposed by Excelerate Liquefaction
7 Solutions I, LLC, and Lavaca Bay Pipeline System, LLC,
8 collectively referred to as ELS.

9 Let the record show that the public scoping
10 meeting in Lavaca Bay began at 7:08 on March 21st, 2013.
11 The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide you an
12 opportunity to comment on the project or on the scope of
13 the environmental analysis being prepared for the Lavaca
14 Bay LNG Project.

15 My name is Eric Howard, and I am the Assistant
16 Project Manager for this project, with the Commission's
17 Office of Energy Projects. With me at the table tonight
18 is Maggie Suter, the FERC Project Manager for this
19 project, and Andrew Kohout, the LNG Project Engineer with
20 FERC.

21 Working at the sign-in table tonight are
22 individuals from TRC, consultants assisting FERC in the
23 project's review, Laura De La Flor and Elizabeth Saxton.

24 The FERC is an independent agency that
25 regulates the interstate transmission of electricity,
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1 natural gas and oil. FERC reviews proposals and
2 authorizes construction of interstate natural gas
3 pipelines, storage facilities, and LNG terminals, as well
4 as the licensing and inspection of hydroelectric
5 projects.

6 As a federal licensing agency, the FERC has the
7 responsibility under the National Environmental Policy
8 Act, or NEPA, to consider the potential environmental
9 impact associated with a project which is under its
10 consideration.

11 With regard to ELS's Lavaca Bay LNG Project,
12 the FERC is the lead federal agency for the NEPA review
13 and the preparation of the Environmental Impact
14 Statement, or EIS. The Department of Transportation and
15 the Department of Energy, the U.S. Coast Guard and the
16 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to
17 participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of
18 the EIS. These agencies plan to use this EIS to meet
19 their respective NEPA responsibilities or aid FERC staff
20 with their resource expertise.

21 As I said earlier, the primary purpose of this
22 meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to comment
23 on the project or on the environmental issues that you
24 would like to see covered in the EIS. It will benefit us
25 most if your comments are as specific as possible
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1 regarding the potential environmental impacts and
2 reasonable alternatives of the planned Lavaca Bay LNG
3 Project.

4 These issues generally focus on the potential
5 for environmental effects, but may also address
6 construction issues, mitigation, and the environmental
7 review process. In addition, this meeting is designed to
8 provide you with an opportunity to meet with ELS
9 representatives to ask them questions and to give them
10 more detailed information, or to get more detailed
11 information about their proposed facility location and
12 construction plans.

13 So tonight's agenda is a simple three-step
14 process. First, I'm going to describe the environmental
15 review process and the FERC's role in this project.
16 Second, we're going to let the project sponsor, ELS,
17 present a description of the proposal. Third, we will
18 hear from those of you who have signed up to speak. If
19 you would like to give comments tonight, please be sure
20 to sign the speaker's sheet at the sign-in table.

21 Now, I want to briefly describe our
22 environmental review process. To illustrate how this
23 process works, we've prepared a flow chart, which is over
24 here to my left. This was appended to the pre-filing
25 review document available at the sign-in table, and also
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1 was attached to the Notice of Intent that hopefully you
2 did receive.

3 Currently, we are near the beginning of the
4 environmental review process and within public input
5 opportunities. On December 13th, 2012, ELS held an open
6 house, which gave ELS a chance to explain more of their
7 planned project, as well as for FERC staff to introduce
8 our agency and explain our roles in the process.

9 ELS entered into the FERC pre-filing process on
10 November 20th, 2012, which began our review of the
11 facilities that we refer to as the Lavaca Bay LNG
12 Project. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to
13 encourage involvement by all interested parties in a
14 manner that allows for early identification and
15 resolution of environmental issues. As of today, no
16 formal application has been filed with FERC. However,
17 the FERC, along with other federal, state and local
18 agency staffs, have begun review of the project.

19 On March 5th, 2013, FERC issued a Notice of
20 Intent to prepare an EIS for this project and initiated a
21 scoping period. This scoping or comment period will end
22 on April 4th, 2013. The scoping process is a learning
23 process. It is where we educate ourselves about the
24 project and potential issues.

25 During our review of the project, we will
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1 assemble information from a variety of sources, including
2 EIS; the public; other state, local, and federal
3 agencies; and our own independent analysis and field
4 work. We will analyze this information and prepare an
5 EIS that will be distributed to the public for comment.

6 Once scoping is finished, our next step will be
7 to analyze the company's proposal and the issues that
8 have been identified during the scoping period. This
9 will include an examination of the proposed facility
10 location, as well as alternative sites. We will assess
11 the project's effects on water bodies, wetlands,
12 vegetation and wildlife, endangered species, cultural
13 resources, soils, land use, air quality, noise and
14 safety.

15 When complete, our analysis of the potential
16 impacts will be published as an EIS and presented to the
17 public for a 30-day comment period. This EIS will be
18 mailed to all interested parties.

19 The mailed version of the EIS is often on CD.
20 That means, unless you tell us otherwise, the EIS that
21 you will find in your mailbox will be on CD. If you
22 prefer to have a paper hard copy mailed to you, you must
23 indicate that choice on the return mailer attached to the
24 NOI. You can also indicate that on the mailing list
25 sheet tonight at the sign-in table.

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1 As I mentioned earlier, our issuance of the NOI
2 opened a formal comment period that will close on April
3 4th, 2013. However, we will continue to take comments
4 beyond that date and throughout our review of the
5 project. We'd ask that you submit your comments as soon
6 as possible in order to give us time to analyze and
7 research the issues.

8 If you received the NOI in the mail, you are
9 already on our mailing list to receive the EIS and any
10 other supplemental notices we may issue about the
11 project, unless you return the mailer attached to the
12 back of the NOI and indicate that you wish to be removed
13 from the mailing list.

14 If you did not receive a copy of the NOI and
15 you should have, I apologize. There are extra copies of
16 the NOI available at the sign-in table. You can be added
17 to our mailing list by signing up at the sign-in table in
18 the back or by submitting comments on the project and
19 including your mailing address in your comment letter.

20 I would like to add that FERC encourages
21 electronic filing of all comments and other documents.
22 There is a pre-filing handout that explains FERC's
23 e-filing system at the sign-in table. Also, instructions
24 can be located on our website, www.ferc.gov, or ferc.gov,
25 under the e-filing link. If you want to submit written
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1 comments, please follow directions in the NOI.

2 It is very important that any comments you
3 send, either electronically or by traditional mail,
4 include our internal docket number for the project. The
5 docket number is on the cover of the NOI and is available
6 at the sign-in table.

7 If you decide to send us a comment letter,
8 please put that number on it. That will ensure that
9 members of the staff evaluating the project will get your
10 comments as soon as possible. The docket number for the
11 Lavaca Bay LNG Project is PF13-1-000.

12 In addition, we offer a free service called
13 E-subscription, which automatically notifies you by
14 e-mail of all issuances and submittals and provides you
15 with a link to access the documents. You can register
16 for this service at our website under the E-subscription
17 link. The NOI forms at the sign-in table also provide
18 these instructions.

19 Now, I want to explain the roles of the FERC
20 Commission and the FERC Environmental staff. The five
21 member commission is responsible for making a
22 determination on whether to issue a Certificate of Public
23 Convenience and Necessity to the applicant. In that
24 case, in this particular case, it's ELS.

25 The EIS is prepared by the FERC Environmental
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1 staff, which I, along with other members of the panel,
2 are a part of, describes the project facilities and
3 associated environmental impacts; alternatives to the
4 project; mitigation to avoid or reduce impacts; and our
5 conclusions and recommendations.

6 The EIS is not a decision document. It is
7 being prepared to disclose to the public, and to the
8 Commission, the environmental impact of constructing and
9 operating the proposed project.

10 When it is completed, the Commission will
11 consider the environmental information from the EIS along
12 with the non-environmental issues, such as engineering,
13 markets and rates, in its decision to approve or deny
14 ELS's request for a certificate. There is no review of
15 FERC's decisions by the President or Congress,
16 maintaining FERC's independence as a regulatory agency,
17 and providing for a fair and unbiased decision.

18 Before we start taking comments from you, I
19 have asked ELS to provide a brief overview of the
20 project. Here is Martin Hruska to discuss the project.

21 MR. HRUSKA: Good evening. I would like to
22 thank FERC for inviting us here, and also thank you for
23 turning out for the scoping meeting. We appreciate that.

24 My name is Martin Hruska. My responsibility at
25 Excelerate is floating liquefaction. So I look over the
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1 floating liquefaction projects, this being one of them.

2 Excelerate, just to give you a brief
3 description, Excelerate is -- and it's on the boards as
4 well -- has been around for about ten years, and we are
5 involved in floating LNG. Floating re-gas business was
6 sort of the bread and butter of our business, and we
7 moved into the floating liquefaction business.

8 The Lavaca Bay LNG Project consists basically
9 of three components. The first component is a pipeline,
10 a 29-mile pipeline intersystem. The second component,
11 which we refer to as the terminal, includes an onshore
12 component and a floating, or two floating terminals. And
13 then we also have the deepening and widening of the
14 Matagorda Ship Channel.

15 With regards to the pipeline -- and we have a,
16 there's a, the pipeline header system over there in the
17 back -- after you're done you can take a closer look at
18 that. It's basically a 29-mile pipeline header system
19 that follows a right-of-way with up to nine
20 interconnects. The pipeline is a 42-inch pipeline, and
21 ultimately how many interconnects are going to exist is
22 going to depend on how (inaudible).

23 The second part of the project, which is the
24 terminal, includes the onshore component. And I'm going
25 to refer to this, this board. This area right here is
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1 the onshore component, which includes pretreatment
2 compression for the pipeline, so the gas is brought down
3 to the facility, as well as water cooling towers. As I
4 mentioned, pretreatment, water conditioning, and so
5 forth. These tanks are makeup tanks for water as well.

6 The floating component includes up to two
7 floating liquefaction vessels. These vessels are barges.
8 They're not propelled. They're not self-propelled. They
9 each can produce up to four, I mean, five million tons
10 per annum. There are four one-million ton per annum
11 trains on board. But each one can do a little bit over
12 one million tons.

13 The project is being permitted for two vessels.
14 We are focusing on the first vessel at first, and then
15 the second vessel. So the site would include up to two
16 vessels. We have applications in for -- well, we have an
17 export license with the Department of Energy for up to
18 10 million tons per annum from this facility to free
19 trade countries, and we have an application in for
20 non-free trade countries at this time.

21 The final part -- and basically, you can see in
22 this description that the gas is going to come to the
23 facility, will be treated, will be brought on board the
24 vessel, where it will be liquefied to liquid natural gas.
25 So all of the liquid natural gas will live on the vessel.

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1 Then, the liquid natural gas is then
2 transferred to the off-taking LNG carriers, and then
3 taken out. So LNG lives strictly on this. Natural gas
4 lives onshore, part of the terminal.

5 The third part of the project includes the
6 deepening and widening of the Matagorda Ship Channel.
7 And that's about a 26-mile endeavor. That currently,
8 based on the current permits for the channel, the channel
9 is 36 feet deep and 200 feet wide at the base. The new
10 permit that we are seeking -- well, actually, we're
11 trying to piggyback on an existing permit that the Port
12 holds right now, but we're trying to amend it.

13 We're looking at 44 foot depth, instead of the
14 36 feet, and the width to be determined. We're
15 undergoing right now a lot of studies to determine what
16 the optimal width is. The current permit has a 400 foot
17 wide channel. However, we're trying to reduce that, for
18 environmental impact, as well as, you know, just to make
19 sure that we are at a level that's required for transit.
20 And that's basically it in a nutshell.

21 MR. HOWARD: After our meeting is adjourned,
22 representatives from ELS will be available with a project
23 map and will be on hand to answer questions about the
24 project.

25 We will now begin the important part of the
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1 meeting where we hear your comments and answer your
2 questions. We will first take comments from those who
3 signed up on the speaker's list which was at the table
4 when you entered. If you would prefer, you may hand us
5 written comments tonight or send them to the Commission
6 by following the procedures outlined in the NOI.

7 There is also a form on the sign-in, at the
8 sign-in table that you can use to write comments on and
9 give them to me. That form also gives instructions on
10 how to mail them. Whether you provide your comments
11 verbally or mail them in, they will be considered by FERC
12 equally.

13 You may have noticed that the meeting is being
14 recorded by a transcription service. This is being done
15 so that all of your comments and questions will be
16 transcribed and put in the public record.

17 To help the court reporter produce an accurate
18 record of this meeting, please speak directly into the
19 microphone. I ask that when I call your name, you come
20 up to the microphone, facing the front, and state your
21 name and spell it for the record. Identify any agency or
22 group you're representing, and define any acronyms that
23 you may use.

24 I also ask that everybody else in the audience
25 respect the speaker and refrain from any audible show of
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1 agreement or disagreement.

2 We are now ready for our first speaker. If you
3 have a lot to cover, please consider summarizing your
4 points tonight and submitting additional comments in
5 written form.

6 What we'll probably do is go back and forth
7 with the microphone some -- it cuts out, unfortunately --
8 to do the responses, if we can answer some questions.

9 We'll begin with Charles Hausmann.

10 MR. CHARLES HAUSMANN: Thank you. My name is
11 Charles Hausmann. It's H-A-U-S-M-A-N-N. I'm the Port
12 Director for the Calhoun Port Authority. I am here to
13 speak in favor of the Excelerate Lavaca Bay LNG Project.

14 A project of this magnitude will be tremendous
15 to the economic growth of this region, this county, and
16 the State of Texas. It will create approximately 600
17 jobs during the construction phase of this, which will
18 have people coming into the local economy, buying
19 groceries, staying in hotels, motels. It will just be a
20 tremendous boom for this area and the State of Texas.

21 As a permanent fixture, we're going to have
22 well-paying jobs, approximately from what I hear, at 150
23 to 180 jobs. Something like that in this area just
24 creates more economic growth and wealth around the area.

25 And the other thing that I would like to state,
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1 with them coming in, and the third part of the project
2 that he was talking about, the widening and deepening of
3 the Matagorda Ship Channel, what that's going to do is
4 that's going to continue to allow for economic growth in
5 this area, which is something that we look forward to, as
6 Calhoun County depends primarily, of their tax basis,
7 approximately 85 percent comprised of industry.

8 So something like this, of this magnitude, is
9 really going to be an economic boon for the area, and
10 we'd really like to see this come to fruition.

11 MR. HOWARD: Randy Boyd.

12 MR. RANDY BOYD: Thank you. My name is Randy
13 Boyd, B-O-Y-D. I sit as an elected official, and I sit
14 as Chairman of the Board of Calhoun Port Authority. I
15 also own a local contracting business and have been a
16 lifelong resident, 53 years, of Port Lavaca and Calhoun
17 County.

18 I'm here this evening to speak very much in
19 favor of the project. I have been involved with
20 Excelerate in understanding what goes on through the
21 Port, what happened, how the widening and deepening will
22 go on, and the different aspects of this project.

23 One thing that I would like to point out is
24 most of the things that they are trying to do are
25 blanketed on top of existing permits that were previously
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1 issued. Thus, the location of this has been very much a
2 key component of the reason that they are locating here,
3 because these issues have already been looked at, have
4 already been developed and previously approved, as a
5 terminal going the opposite way for LNG.

6 We very much support this. As Mr. Hausmann
7 said earlier, one of the big things that will happen in
8 this is the widening and deepening of the Matagorda Ship
9 Channel. The Matagorda Ship Channel at this time has
10 open-bay disposal of the spoil. That open-bay disposal
11 is a prerequisite for the permit that we have. That will
12 be changed, which will turn into utilizing the dredge
13 material for beneficial uses, which will be able to allow
14 marshes and different habitats to be created, allowing
15 this project to become even more environmental friendly
16 as it's being done.

17 I believe again that this project is a
18 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's being done because
19 of the prices of natural gas at this time. It's being
20 100 percent funded by Excelerate. And I want to repeat
21 that. It's 100 percent funded by Excelerate, meaning
22 that the local, the state and the federal government will
23 be given a wider and deeper channel at no additional
24 cost.

25 That wider and deeper channel would probably,
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1 if the Port and federal government tried to partner and
2 do that, would probably exceed \$600 million. And that
3 \$600 million investment is going to be made and given to
4 the community.

5 So I believe that is a very, very important
6 factor in this time of tight budgets and in this time of
7 economic trade. This project will drastically increase
8 our ability to change the trade deficits, and again will
9 allow us to export plentiful natural gas that we have,
10 helping the landowners, helping the suppliers, increasing
11 the amount of taxes and revenues that are paid for this.

12 I see nothing but positives with the permitting
13 process that's gone on before, although there will be
14 some issues, I'm sure, environmentally that will have to
15 be challenged. I'm sure they will be worked through.
16 Everything I've seen from Excelerate thus far makes me
17 feel very, very positive about the project, and I am very
18 much in favor. Thank you.

19 MR. HOWARD: Mike Pfeifer.

20 MR. MIKE PFEIFER: Hello. I'm Mike Pfeifer,
21 County Judge, Calhoun County. P-F-E-I-F-E-R. First off,
22 I'd like to thank you for being here this evening and
23 giving the community the opportunity to speak. I'm here
24 to speak in favor of the facility. I've been working
25 with these guys now, representatives, for several months.

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1 They have been very transparent and forthcoming, answered
2 all my questions, showed me how the whole process works,
3 kind of given me what they think is their time line.

4 I agree with what Randy and Charles have said.
5 The impact to our county and our, not just our county but
6 surrounding counties and the state will be tremendous,
7 and we look forward to them, and we're excited for them
8 coming to our county.

9 MR. HOWARD: Dale Fowler.

10 MR. DALE FOWLER: Thank you. I'm Dale Fowler,
11 F-O-W-L-E-R. I'm from the neighboring community of
12 Victoria. I'm President of the Victoria Economic
13 Development Corporation. And I too would like to speak
14 from the economic impact of this project. I want to be
15 on record as showing our support for this project.

16 I believe the jobs that are created through the
17 construction and operation of this project will be very
18 significant to the region. The investment, and very
19 important as already mentioned, the infrastructure that
20 will be put in place for this project could have
21 far-reaching positive implications for the economic
22 environment of this whole region of Texas. So thank you.

23 MR. HOWARD: Neil Fritsch.

24 MR. NEIL FRITSCH: My name is Neil Fritsch,
25 F-R-I-T-S-C-H, Calhoun County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

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1 I've been involved with Excelerate ever since they came
2 into the community to make us aware of what their project
3 looked like. They've been very transparent. And I'll
4 keep it pretty short, but I'm in favor of this, and it
5 has all the economic impact of not only the region but
6 the state. I'd really like to see this come to fruition
7 (sic), and it's just a heck of a project.

8 The widening and deepening of the channel is
9 something we've been trying to do for a long time. We've
10 never got it done. These people are willing to do it,
11 and it just has astronomical benefits, and we appreciate
12 your time. Thank you for coming.

13 MR. HOWARD: Are there any other individuals
14 that would like to speak --

15 MR. DAVID ROSE: Yes.

16 MR. HOWARD: -- or ask questions?

17 MR. DAVID ROSE: My name is David Rose -- if I
18 don't fall over. I'm from, from Jackson County. Rose,
19 R-O-S-E. I'm not here -- I'm here to also at this time
20 offer support for the project, but I am a little
21 concerned about the way it's been handled.

22 Jackson County is inundated with pipelines, and
23 we've dealt with many, many pipelines very successfully.
24 And here Excelerate is coming before you to seek a
25 permit, and along with that permit to go forward, it

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1 gives them the right of condemnation.

2 I'm a little disappointed -- I know there's
3 quite a few people in Jackson County that did not receive
4 any notice. I received one, but I think the majority of
5 them did not. I don't know how they came up with their
6 list.

7 We offered -- Mr. Hruska came to the office.
8 Actually, we spoke with him a couple of months ago. We
9 tried to direct him to the people that were, that he
10 would be crossing. We had an agent that he could have
11 talked to that would have given him all the names that he
12 would have crossed.

13 It's kind of -- I'm a little disappointed in
14 this aspect, that they might get the right of
15 condemnation, and I don't think -- that's the most
16 abusive right a company can have. And when you start to
17 condemn people, I think they should have notification to
18 be here to voice their concerns whenever a pipeline's
19 going to be run across them.

20 I don't know that -- we might end up working
21 things out. I just don't like the way it's starting out.
22 There hadn't been any communication since our first --
23 we've met a couple of times, I guess. And I think the
24 majority of the pipe will be in Jackson County.

25 I know you're going to have the project here.

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1 I know it's exciting to have the job opportunities there
2 that it's going to offer. But once the project's going,
3 we're going to have the pipeline for several generations
4 out there. And I think some attention needs to be given
5 to the people that are going to have to give their
6 property to have a pipe pushed across it.

7 I'm not sure what percentage, but the greater
8 percentage of the pipe, of the pipeline will be going
9 through Jackson County. And so I just ask that some
10 attention be given to the property owners over there.
11 More, more than what's been given.

12 In fact, I don't know why one of these meetings
13 aren't held in Jackson County. We seem to be -- you
14 know, I know we don't have the project here in Jackson
15 County, but it would make it easier for the people in
16 Jackson County that will have a big portion of the pipe
17 coming through it, it would make access easier for them.

18 I'm looking forward to seeing how this thing
19 goes. I'm not going to say it's going to be bad. I just
20 hope it turns out to be a little smoother, and a little
21 more attention, because it's -- it's not easy when
22 somebody has to give up something. And the way it's
23 looking now, it's not starting out looking very good.
24 But anyway, just wanted to voice my opinion.

25 MS. SUTER: I'm Maggie Suter, the Environmental
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1 Project Manager. And I know some of you have been
2 concerned about this, and a couple of you have come down
3 from Jackson County. So I just wanted to give you a
4 little bit of information.

5 FERC does have requirements for notification,
6 and I have definitely heard that it sounds like some
7 people didn't get notified. So that's going to be the
8 first step that we're going to do to go back, is we're
9 going to work with Excelerate to find out where the
10 mailing list may have gone wrong and ensure that all, all
11 of the landowners and abutters are properly identified,
12 and update our mailing list accordingly, so that we can
13 make sure that everyone on the project is being notified,
14 whether they're on the pipeline portion or within the
15 area of the terminal. So that's going to be the first
16 step that has to get done.

17 Secondly, we work very hard on our outreach
18 efforts, and we constantly are working to improve them.
19 So we will be working with Excelerate to ask them to
20 improve their outreach efforts and to begin working with
21 you guys to step up their game and begin talking with you
22 guys more effectively.

23 I definitely understand your concerns about the
24 rights of eminent domain that come along with pipeline
25 projects. We hear about that all the time. That is
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1 something that the Commission does look at. It's not
2 part of the environmental portion of the NEPA review, but
3 it is part of the Commission's decision, and that is
4 something that they do look at and in order is how much
5 of the project does have to be condemned.

6 And that is something that they consider in
7 terms of part of the public interest and public
8 convenience and necessity for a pipeline project. So if
9 the majority of the route had to be condemned, that is
10 something that they would take into consideration. So
11 that is still considered for all pipeline projects.

12 And in terms of where we held our meeting, the
13 length of the pipeline, although we do recognize multiple
14 counties were involved, the 29-mile length of pipeline
15 was part of our consideration. We were able to have a
16 very nice facility down here to have the meeting and do
17 one meeting in one location. We've taken into account
18 travel considerations, et cetera.

19 It is something we can consider in the future.
20 There will be another set of meetings. When we issue the
21 environmental document, because this is an environmental
22 impact statement or NEIS, we do hold public comment
23 meeting on those EIS's. So there will be another round
24 of meetings.

25 If, based on the scoping meeting, we see a lot
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1 of public concern from the folks up in Jackson County
2 that we determine a public comment meeting in Jackson
3 County is warranted, we definitely will take that into
4 consideration and consider doing two meetings instead of
5 one.

6 So that's definitely part of the public input.
7 So the more of you folks that comment on the record, the
8 more we'll take that into our consideration. So we take
9 into account traveling, how far everyone has to travel to
10 the meeting, and how interested the public is into where
11 we hold our meetings.

12 But we do appreciate you guys coming down here
13 and your input that you have into the project.

14 MR. HOWARD: Is there anyone else that would
15 like to comment?

16 MR. VANCE MITCHELL: My name is Vance Mitchell.
17 I'm also from Jackson County. M-I-T-C-H-E-L-L.

18 Family has been a part of Calhoun, Jackson
19 County, since 1852. And we've got some land left in
20 Lolita that we're trying to sustain. There are over
21 thirty active easements on the property that we own in
22 Jackson County. And in the last ten years or twenty
23 years, we've probably worked with, been condemned by and
24 placed ten or fifteen of those easements on our tract.

25 Another pipeline is another pipeline. If we
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1 work together to get it done, we can get it done. It's
2 not like we don't put pipelines on our property. You're
3 welcome to come count the transmission easements, the
4 flow lines, the gathering lines and everything else
5 that's on there. Eminent domain and private, and we've
6 done it.

7 I'd like to see the project go through. That's
8 fine. Economic development is fine. But it needs to be
9 done fairly, which is a big turn nowadays in our
10 government. But eminent domain is not fair. It doesn't
11 work that way. And I promise, we can be negotiable, but
12 we won't be run over. Thank you.

13 MR. HOWARD: All right. Any other questions or
14 comments?

15 Well, without any more speakers, the formal
16 part of this meeting will conclude. On behalf of the
17 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, I would like to
18 thank you all for coming tonight.

19 Let the record show that the Lavaca Bay LNG
20 Project Scoping Meeting in Lavaca Bay, Texas, concluded
21 at 7:41 p.m. Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, at 7:41 p.m., the meeting was
23 adjourned.)

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