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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATION COMMISSION
SCOPING MEETINGS
FOR THE
WHITEWATER CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

PUBLIC MEETING

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September 18, 2013
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Detroit, Oregon

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1 DETROIT, OREGON; WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

2 6:00 p.m.

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4 MR. LIBERTY: So I think I met all of you.
5 I'm Aaron Liberty with FERC. I'll be conducting the
6 meetings tonight and tomorrow morning.

7 I think I'm just going to start off with a
8 little poll here. It sounds like most of the people
9 here, about everyone here, is coming to the meeting
10 tomorrow morning.

11 So I'm going to leave it up to you all. If
12 you want me to run through the presentation tonight, I
13 can do that. I'd be more than happy to do that. But
14 again, if you're all coming to the meeting tomorrow
15 night, we can just --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: Tomorrow morning.

17 MR. LIBERTY: -- go home, and we'll do the
18 meeting tomorrow morning.

19 Because it's the same exact presentation.
20 We just like to offer a meeting in the evening hours
21 for the public, which I don't think we have any public
22 here.

23 And then tomorrow is, typically, the agency
24 meeting. But folks are -- the public is welcome to
25 attend the agency meeting tomorrow as well.

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1 So what do you guys think? Do you want me
2 to run through the presentation here tonight? Do you
3 want to save it all for tomorrow?

4 It's totally up to you. It seems like
5 everyone I talked to here is coming to the meeting
6 tomorrow morning. So what do you think?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: Tomorrow.

8 MR. LIBERTY: Tomorrow? Is everybody fine
9 with that?

10 Okay. We'll make this real easy.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: Not that we wouldn't
12 want to hear it twice.

13 MS. GRAINEY: Unless the applicant has
14 something they need to hear about the process.

15 MR. LIBERTY: It's the same presentation
16 here tonight as tomorrow. I'm sure we're going to get
17 into process tomorrow morning.

18 There's a whole section about process and
19 milestones and dates going forward. So that will be
20 covered tomorrow in detail. And if you guys have any
21 questions, you're welcome to ask those.

22 So everybody's on board with that?

23 MR. MCMAHAN: I guess the only question is,
24 is there a possibility that we may need to extend the
25 field trip time to Friday, just because of the
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1 logistics of getting in and out there in a half-day?

2 MR. LIBERTY: Yes, I think that is a
3 possibility. We'll see what the time is tomorrow, how
4 long the meeting goes.

5 I mean, I had planned to do everything
6 tomorrow. But if circumstances warrant doing the trip
7 on Friday, then we can probably swing that, yes.

8 We'll just play it by ear, and see what time
9 we get done tomorrow, and take a poll and see what
10 people think.

11 MR. MCMAHAN: Okay. Thanks.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER 2: Who would decide? Would
13 you? Who would want to decide to keep it over another
14 day and see --

15 MR. LIBERTY: I mean, we'll see how long the
16 meeting goes tomorrow. I'm really hoping to get it
17 done tomorrow. I personally have a flight out of here
18 on Friday morning. So I mean, I'm fine with going
19 home on Saturday. I can talk to my supervisor and
20 change things.

21 So you know, if the meeting runs long
22 tomorrow -- and I'm not sure how long this is going to
23 take, how long it takes to drive there, to hike into
24 the sites and all that sort of thing.

25 So again, we'll just play it by ear tomorrow

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1 and see where we're at at the end of the meeting.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: How long's your
3 presentation?

4 MR. LIBERTY: Oh, it depends on how many
5 questions you guys ask. Probably 45 minutes or so.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: We're in good shape. We
7 could do everything we pretty much planned. If we're
8 out of here by 11:30 to -- to 12, we can do everything
9 what we planned to do.

10 MR. LIBERTY: Okay. All right. Sounds good
11 to me. I'm sure my wife would like me home on Friday
12 rather than Saturday, too.

13 All right. I guess with that, we can
14 conclude the meeting for tonight. And I will see you
15 all bright and early tomorrow at 9 a.m.

16 Thank you, guys.

17 (The meeting concluded at 6:07 p.m.)

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