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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Docket No.
VENTURE GLOBAL PLAQUEMINES LNG, LLC : PF15-27-000
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Belle Chasse
8398 Highway 23
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping
meeting, John Wisniewski, moderator.

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

2 (6:00 p.m.)

3 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Good evening, ladies and
4 gentlemen. On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
5 Commission, the FERC, I'd like to welcome you all tonight.
6 This is an environmental scoping meeting for the Plaquemines
7 LNG Project proposed by Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC.

8 Let the record show that the public scoping
9 meeting in Belle Chase, Louisiana, began approximately 6:00
10 p.m. on October 21st, 2015. The primary purpose of this
11 meeting is to provide you an opportunity to comment on the
12 project wherein the scope of the environmental analysis
13 prepared for the Plaquemines LNG Project.

14 My name is John Wisniewski. I am the
15 environmental project manager with the Commission's Office
16 of Energy Projects. Sitting to my right at the table here
17 is Leslie Fischbeck, who works for Ecology and Environment,
18 Inc. and also, at the back of the room, is Elizabeth Kaitano
19 and Valerie Young, who also work for Ecology and
20 Environment, Inc., an environmental consulting firm working
21 as a third party contractor in assisting us in preparing the
22 environmental impact statement for the project, or EIS.

23 The FERC is an independent agency that regulates
24 interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and oil.
25 FERC reviews proposals and authorizes construction of

1 interstate natural gas pipelines, storage facilities and
2 liquefied natural gas terminals, as well as licensing and
3 inspection of hydroelectric projects. As a federal
4 licensing agency, the FERC has a responsibility under the
5 National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, to consider the
6 potential environmental impacts associated with the project
7 which is under its consideration.

8 With regards to Venture Global, LLC's Plaquemines
9 LNG Project, the FERC is the lead federal agency for the
10 national environmental policy act review in preparation of
11 the EIS. We are currently engaging other agencies to
12 determine their NEPA responsibilities and potential levels
13 of involvement in the project, and whether any agencies may
14 wish to become cooperating agencies in the preparation of
15 the EIS.

16 Currently we do not have any agencies that have
17 filed. Others are requesting to be cooperating agencies on
18 the project. Any agencies that do become cooperating
19 agencies, can use the EIS to make a respective NEPA
20 responsibilities associated with issuing permits or
21 right-of-way grants that cross federally managed lands.

22 We have the slide up already for the scoping
23 meeting purpose. As I said earlier, the primary purpose of
24 this meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to
25 comment on the project or on the environmental issues that

1 we'd like to see covered in the environmental impact
2 statement. It will help us the most if your comments are as
3 specific as possible regarding potential environmental
4 impacts and reasonable alternatives of the proposed
5 Plaquemines' LNG project.

6 These issues generally focus on potential for
7 environmental defects, but may also address construction
8 issues, mitigation, and environmental review process. In
9 addition, this meeting is designed to provide you with an
10 opportunity to meet with the Venture Global Pipelines LNG
11 representatives to ask the questions and to get more
12 detailed information about the proposed facility location
13 and construction plans.

14 So tonight's agenda is a simple one. First I'm
15 going to describe the environmental review process and the
16 FERC's role in this project. Then, if other agencies are
17 here and would like to speak, we can then ask them to
18 explain their process. At that point, we'll take time to
19 answer questions about the process.

20 After that, we're going to let the project
21 sponsor Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC, give a brief
22 description of their proposal. Then we'll hear from those
23 who have signed up to speak. If you would like to present
24 comments tonight, please be sure to sign the speaker's list
25 at the signer table at the back of the room.

1 Now we want to briefly discuss the environmental
2 review process at FERC.

3 See the slides up here on the PowerPoint
4 projection and there's a flowchart. Right now, currently,
5 we have been able to give you the environmental review
6 process. And Venture Global Plaquemines LNG entered into
7 the FERC's pre-filing process on July 2nd, 2015, which began
8 our review of the facilities that we refer to as the
9 Plaquemines LNG Project.

10 Purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage
11 involvement of all interested stakeholders in a matter that
12 allows for the early identification and resolution of
13 environmental issues. As of today, no formal application
14 has been filed yet with the FERC. However, the FERC, along
15 with other federal, state and local staffs have begun to
16 review the project.

17 On October 5th, 2015, the FERC issued a Notice of
18 Intent, or NOI, to prepare an environmental impact statement
19 for this project, and initiated a scoping period. This
20 scoping period, will end on November 4th, 2015. During our
21 review of the project, we will assemble information from a
22 variety of sources, including Venture Global Plaquemines
23 LNG, LLC, the public, other state, local and federal
24 agencies, and our own independent analysis and field work.

25 We will analyze this information to prepare a

1 draft environmental impact statement that will be
2 distributed to the public for comment. Once scoping is
3 finished, our next step will be to begin the analyzing the
4 company's proposals and the issues that have been identified
5 during this scoping period. This will include an
6 examination proposed to the facility location, as well as
7 alternative sites.

8 We will address the project's effects on water
9 bodies, wetlands, vegetation, wildlife, endangered species,
10 culture resources, soils, land use, air quality and safety.
11 When complete, our analysis of the potential impacts that we
12 have published as a draft environmental impact statement and
13 present it to the public for a forty-five day comment
14 period. This draft EIS will be mailed to all interested
15 parties.

16 During the forty-five day comment period on the
17 draft EIS, we will hold more public meetings to gather
18 feedback on our analysis and findings. After making any
19 necessary changes or additions to the draft EIS, the final
20 EIS will be mailed to all interested parties.

21 Please note that because of the size of the
22 mailing list, the mail version of the EIS is often on a
23 compact diskette or CD. That means unless you tell us
24 otherwise, the EIS that you will find in your mailbox will
25 be on a CD. If you prefer to have a hard copy mailed to

1 you, you must indicate that choice on the return mail
2 attached to the NOI. You can also indicate that on the
3 attendance sheet tonight in the sign-up table.

4 As I mentioned earlier, our issuance of the NOI
5 opens a formal comment period that will close on November
6 4th, 2015. The NOI encourages you to make your comments as
7 soon as possible in order to give us time to analyze and
8 research the issues.

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

15 In fact, there's some additional copies of the
16 NOI available at the sign-in table at the back of the room.
17 If you don't receive the NOI, I apologize. The mailing list
18 for this project is very large and undergoing constant
19 revision. You can be added to our mailing list by signing
20 up at the sign-up table in the back of the room, providing
21 us comments on the project.

22 I would like to add that FERC encourages
23 electronic filing in the NOI and other documents. There was
24 a small brochure that explains FERC's e-filing system at the
25 sign-up table at the back of the room also. Also,

1 instructions for this can be located on FERC's website,
2 www.ferc.gov, under e-filing.

3 If you wish to submit written comments, please
4 follow the directions in the NOI. It's very important that
5 any comment you send, either electronically or by
6 traditional mail, include the internal docket number
7 provided. The docket number is on the cover of the NOI and
8 it's available at the sign-in table. If you decide to send
9 us a comment letter, please put that number on it.

10 That will ensure that the members of the staff
11 evaluating the project will get your comments as soon as
12 possible. That docket number for the Plaquemines LNG
13 Project is Docket Number PF15-27-000. Again, that number is
14 P as in Peter, F as in Frank, 15-27-000.

15 Now the next slide is about, what is the EIS?
16 I'm gonna explain the onus of the FERC's commission and the
17 FERC environmental staff. The five-member division is
18 responsible for making the determination of whether to issue
19 a certificate of public convenience and necessity to the
20 applicant, in this case, this Venture Global Plaquemines
21 LNG, LLC.

22 The EIS prepared by FERC environmental staff,
23 which I will be a part of, describes the project facilities
24 and associated environmental impacts, alternatives to the
25 project, mitigation to avoid reduced impacts, and our

1 conclusions and recommendations. The EIS is not a decision
2 document, it is being prepared and disclosed to the public
3 and to the Commission of the environmental impact
4 constructing and operating post project.

5 When it is concluded, the Commission will
6 consider the environmental information for the EIS, along
7 with the non-environmental issues, such as engineering,
8 markets, rates and maybe its decision to approve or deny
9 Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC's request for
10 certificate. There is no review of FERC's decision by a
11 member of Congress, maintaining FERC's ending independence
12 as a regulatory agency and provide for fair and unbiased
13 decisions.

14 Now that I've gone through the FERC process, we'd
15 like to ask, is there any state, federal or local agencies
16 present tonight that would like to speak about their review
17 process?

18 No speakers? Okay. At this point, are any
19 questions about the FERC's roles in our review process? No
20 questions? Okay. Before we start taking comments from you,
21 I have asked Venture Global Plaquemines LNG to provide a
22 brief, approximately ten-minute overview of their proposed
23 project, so sitting to the left of me is Mr. Foret Meser,
24 who will provide you a description of the project.

25 MR. MESER: Good evening. I'm Foret Meser. I'm

1 the project director for Plaquemines LNG Project.
2 Appreciate everyone coming tonight and also appreciate FERC
3 for allowing us to make this presentation. So I have about
4 a dozen slides I want to go through here with just a
5 highlight of the project, key attributes of the facilities
6 and some of the things we're focused on most in the near
7 term.

8 Starting with Venture Global LNG, so Plaquemines
9 LNG and its subsidiary, Venture Global LNG is developing LNG
10 export projects in Louisiana. We have one other project
11 we're developing about five hours on the other side of the
12 state, Cameron Parish. It's called Calcasieu Pass Project.
13 Last month was a big milestone for that project when we
14 filed a formal FERC application.

15 I'm very proud of the team that we've assembled
16 at Venture Global. We've involved forty people on staff.
17 We're supported by nearly twenty consultants and I'm gonna
18 talk a little bit more about them in a minute, but if you
19 were to look at the profile of our technical leadership,
20 what we'd see, on average, is twenty to forty years of
21 experience, whether you're talking about marine engineering,
22 LNG engineering, safety and process engineering,
23 environmental and regulatory work and so there's a very
24 strong point about the company.

25 We're so excited to be a working in Plaquemines,

1 we're excited to be working in Louisiana. We think we have
2 an opportunity to have a big, positive impact on the state
3 and the economy, but we want to make sure that we do things
4 the right way.

5 In terms of project location, we're also very
6 excited about this project site. We would like to enter
7 into a contract with the port of Plaquemines this summer,
8 under which we have long-term access to this facility for an
9 LNG export, its operation, location we think is ideal.

10 It's located at River Marker 55, about twenty
11 miles south of the port of New Orleans. Of the six hundred
12 and thirty two acres, about four hundred and seventy six of
13 those acres are south of Highway 23, and uh -- four hundred
14 and fifty-six, I'm sorry. And then around one hundred and
15 seventy-six are north of Highway 23. It's really
16 outstanding from a waterfront standpoint, because more than
17 seven thousand feet of frontage there on the water, I think
18 the shallowest the water is in the area is around
19 forty-seven feet, which is more than ample to maneuver and
20 safely berth an LNG carrier.

21 There's constant points of the depth and also the
22 width. It's about twenty-seven hundred feet in that area.
23 We don't contemplate having to do any kind of excavation for
24 a turn in basin or anything like that.

25 Talking for a minute about the basis of design

1 and the plot plan. So this is the current state of the plot
2 plan, but it's important to point out, this will continue to
3 evolve as we perform additional safety analyses. As an
4 example, we expect to put a berm around the facility, the
5 dimensions and height of that will be determined by storm
6 surge work that's scheduled to take place later in the year.
7 So the plot plan will evolve, but fundamentally you have a
8 facility that will, when fully constructed, will have output
9 of twenty million tons per year of LNG, which equates round
10 numbers into about three billion cubic feet a day of natural
11 gas. The process facilities will consist of twenty, one
12 million tons per year fraction blocks here in south central
13 part of the land.

14 We expect a little over fourteen hundred
15 megawatts of electric power generated capacity on site,
16 currently those are configured on both the west and the east
17 of the process facilities. I note that the power plans
18 through the air folds so there will be no need for us to
19 draw water from the sphere or anywhere else to pull up to
20 the power plants right under the process facilities.

21 And the more essential portion of the plot plan,
22 you can see four circles, those depict the four 200,000
23 cubic liter storage tanks we're looking to permanently
24 construct and they'll be full containments when they're
25 designed. And then you can see three docks for the LNG

1 carriers and we currently anticipate docks being large
2 enough to accommodate shared split capacity of 285,000 cubic
3 meters.

4 To feed the facility with gas, we'll propose
5 three lateral pipelines, two to the south. The southeast
6 lateral will go on down to connect to Tennessee gas system.
7 It'll interconnect on the way with hive points, will go
8 halfway at the bottom right, and then the southwest lateral
9 is a little bit longer, twelve miles, that would connect
10 with Texas eastern system. The northern lateral extends
11 close to twenty-one miles to connect with Bridgeline. We're
12 currently evaluating two alternatives, both alternatives
13 would connect with Bridgeline.

14 We currently favor the eastern connection, but
15 this is another alternative we're looking at. This purple
16 line fits a route that would go underneath the federal park.
17 This is just for illustrative purposes. We're not looking
18 to do that. We've been meeting with Corps of Engineers and
19 Louisiana DNR and other regulatory authorities to talk about
20 the survey efforts we can do there and we're working to
21 refine these routes to minimize the environmental impact,
22 and that work will continue for some time.

23 Community is important to us and certainly we
24 will send out all the letters that the regulations require
25 when we make certain filings or achieve certain milestones,

1 we'll also update the website, have fact sheets and
2 collaterals, and share it with people.

3 But as John was saying, this NEPA pre-filing
4 process fundamentally is about getting issues and potential
5 issues identified early so that applicants or sponsors such
6 as us can find ways to address, eliminate or mitigate any
7 impacts.

8 And so what we'd like to have is a good dialogue
9 with all the stakeholders and hear what's on their mind and
10 be in a position early on to incorporate the feedback we get
11 into our project development and we do make changes based on
12 feedback. So we're hoping to get into developing good
13 dialogue with the community.

14 So last month we had a big milestone for the
15 project. We hosted two open houses and seventy-five or
16 seventy-four people came across the two nights both in
17 Plaquemines Parish and Jefferson Parish. There was some
18 themes in terms of the feedback we got that night.

19 Certainly there was a lot of enthusiasm for the
20 potential economic impact, the three thousand construction
21 jobs that would be created. That's our current estimate --
22 it could change. But it's a big number. It's hundreds of
23 permanent jobs, and then the lateral pipeline construction
24 would involve probably at peak four hundred or more workers.

25 Along that line, there was a lot of discussions

1 and questions about training resources and how we could
2 contribute to enhancing those facilities that existed, I
3 guess, prior to Katrina that are no longer in the parish, so
4 that's a top part is to see what we can do to jumpstart
5 those efforts.

6 Our preference is certainly going to be to hire
7 local people and with fairly long permitting process,
8 there's ample time to get people prepared so they're
9 qualified for the positions.

10 We also talked about, we fielded questions around
11 Highway 23. We understand that that's a very important road
12 and we're soon going to be meeting with FEMSA and FERC and
13 DOT. Our expectation is that the impact during construction
14 and operations is going to be minimal, but we'll be running
15 that to ground in the near term here. We've been doing some
16 technical work around it, but we don't expect the impact to
17 be material.

18 So just a couple of comments on the advisory
19 team. So we have forty people, but these are big projects
20 and there's a lot of complicated work streams. Our company
21 is in the blessed position of having good financial
22 resources which allows us to hire what we think are the best
23 consultants in the world of what they do.

24 Most of these consultants, there's fifteen or
25 sixteen of them, nearly all of them have worked with us on

1 the project in Cameron. We have dedicated teams and we work
2 seamlessly and we learned a lot on that project. There's a
3 lot new to learn here certainly, but we feel that we
4 couldn't have a better team of advisors who are supporting
5 us on the project. And there's others that we use. These
6 are the tentative primary ones at this point.

7 John covered this in good detail, I think what I
8 would say is there's dozens of permits and approvals that we
9 will need to secure before we can ever put a shovel in the
10 ground, in state and local, federal, it's a very demanding
11 process, certainly, but I think, you know, we have the team,
12 we have the consultants, we have the resources to do this
13 the right way, and be thorough in our work.

14 I think a good indication of that is the FERC
15 filing that we made last month, which totaled nearly twelve
16 thousand pages and there were other permits that were filed
17 about the same time -- permits for the Corps and LD&R, there
18 were not as long, but extensive. So, I think we're
19 definitely up to the task.

20 This slide highlights some things we've done
21 recently and also some field survey work that we're gonna
22 look to commence on the site, and then the proposed lateral
23 pipeline routes. I think we probably had at least two dozen
24 meetings with elected officials, business people and
25 property owners since July.

1 What I encourage anyone to do to extend your
2 interest is, every month we have to put a monthly project
3 update letter together to the FERC, it's typically three to
4 five pages long, and it will list who we met with and
5 provide some description of the topic and that will give you
6 a good sense of -- and you know, we'll look to build on that
7 momentum and get more outreach certainly as the year goes
8 on.

9 So as John said, we were accepted into the
10 pre-filing process in early July. We then submitted some
11 draft reports to the FERC at the end of July. We have the
12 Open House meetings and then tonight obviously is the
13 scoping meeting, we will be submitting a fairly large volume
14 of reports and draft analyses to the FERC in November.

15 In terms of near-term work load, survey work is
16 just gonna be a big focus, habitat, cultural resources and
17 so forth. And then we will look to get our formal
18 application to the FERC at the end of May.

19 We would anticipate, if that holds, that the FERC
20 would be in a position to issue a final EIS about ten months
21 later, at the end of First Quarter of 2017. If that holds,
22 we would anticipate getting permission to start construction
23 in the summer of 2017 and roughly a three year construction
24 period and bring the facility online in the middle of 2020.

25 As I said, we meet other people and we'd like to

1 get to know the community, be accessible, I don't know if
2 people have pens and can write down those e-mail addresses
3 or not. The point is, please reach out to us. There's
4 probably ten people from the team here. We all have
5 business cards and so we'd like to hear what you think.
6 I've probably talked enough. Now it's time for me to listen
7 and hear what you think. So, again, thanks for coming
8 tonight.

9 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Meser. After our
10 meeting here is adjourned, representatives of Venture Global
11 Plaquemines LNG, LLC, will be available with project maps
12 and will be on hand to answer questions about the project.
13 We will now begin the important part of our meeting where we
14 hear your comments. We will first take comments from those
15 who have signed up on the speakers' list, which was at the
16 table in the back of the room.

17 If you would prefer, you may hand us written
18 comments tonight or send them in to the Commission by
19 following the procedures outlined in the NOI. There's also
20 a form at the sign-in table that you can use to write
21 written comments on and give them to me or my constituents
22 tonight. There are also instructions detailing how to mail
23 them in later.

24 Whether you provide your comments early or mail
25 them in, they will be considered by the FERC people. I'm

1 sure you have noted that this meeting is being recorded by a
2 transcription service, the gentleman on my left over here.
3 This is being done so we all have your comments and
4 questions and will be transcribed and put in the public
5 record.

6 To help our court reporter produce an accurate
7 record of this meeting, may I ask you to please follow some
8 general ground rules. When your name is called, please step
9 up to the microphone and state your name and spell it for
10 the record, identifying the agency or group you are
11 representing, and if applicable, and define any acronyms
12 that you may use. I also ask that everybody else in the
13 audience will respect the speaker and refrain from any
14 audible show of agreement or disagreement. We are now ready
15 for our first speaker. Our first speaker is Councilwoman
16 Ardrey T. Salvant.

17 MS. SALVANT: Good evening. It is my honor as
18 the Council representative of District 7, Plaquemines
19 Parish, to welcome the staff of the Federal Energy
20 Regulatory Commission and other business officials to our
21 great parish.

22 This is a quite exciting day in Plaquemines
23 Parish. We embrace this project for the following reasons:
24 Venture Global Plaquemines, LNG is about to build a
25 multi-billion dollar, export facility project that will

1 bring Northern American natural gas from Plaquemines Parish
2 to buyers around the world.

3 Plaquemines, LNG will simply give our local
4 economy good paying jobs. This project will create another
5 fifteen hundred jobs during each of its two construction
6 phases. The project will create three hundred permanent
7 jobs once it begins full operation. That's to be celebrated
8 right there. Three hundred permanent jobs.

9 Venture Global will give preference to qualified
10 local candidates in its hiring process. And that's another
11 thing, Venture Global has demonstrated and shared our
12 concern according to the community and --.

13 In September, as that gentleman just mentioned,
14 Venture Global held open house in my home district in Port
15 Sulphur and then -- they answered your question in
16 addressing community concerns of community members.

17 Normally this is -- you don't get that community,
18 that kind of community feel. They're concerned for the
19 community and they're quite aware of the community needs.
20 Plaquemines Parish deserves new industry, clean industry,
21 innovation in an innovative and investment, investors global
22 promise if you call it that. So I stand before you all in
23 embracing this project. And I do support it to the fullest.
24 Thank you.

25 MR. WISNEIWSKI: Thank you very much. Our next

1 speaker tonight is Denise Buford of the Plaquemines
2 Association of Business and Industry.

3 MS. BUFORD: Good evening. My name is Denise
4 Buford, and I'm the 2015 Chairman of the Plaquemines
5 Association of Business and Industry, also known as PABI.
6 I'm here tonight to read a letter that I wrote and submitted
7 to the editor of Plaquemines Parish Gazette on October 5th.

8 'Dear Editor: When this letter began, some of
9 my goals as Chairman with Plaquemines Association of
10 Business and Industry was to work towards economic diversity
11 and development for our parish. With those goals in mind,
12 it is especially fitting they are right here to publicly
13 express PABI's full support for the multi-billion dollar
14 project that stands to not only diversify our local economy,
15 but also to provide jobs and long-term stability.

16 I'm referring to Venture Global's LNG planned
17 liquefied natural gas export project, Plaquemines LNG that
18 is poised to bring American natural gas to markets around
19 the world from facilities right here in Plaquemines Parish.

20 Plaquemines LNG has our support because it stands
21 to create as many as one thousand five hundred jobs during
22 each of its two construction phases beginning in 2017, as
23 well as three hundred long-term permanent and good-paying
24 jobs.

25 It also has our support because I know first-hand

1 Plaquemines LNG is dedicated to being a good neighbor, even
2 now, as the project moves through its early regulatory
3 approval stages. From its careful consideration to minimize
4 the project's environmental impact to engaging the community
5 in open dialogue to address questions or concerns.

6 Plaquemines LNG has shown the commitment to
7 community that goes well beyond economic benefits. I've met
8 with many community leaders in recent months and a comment
9 theme was a necessity for Plaquemines Parish not to rely on
10 just one industry.

11 I believe that Plaquemines LNG will bring a new,
12 dynamic industry to our parish, and as PABI's 2015
13 Chairwoman, I look forward to seeing the economic
14 development and all benefits that will be created. PABI has
15 supported the Plaquemines Port expansion plans since first
16 presented to us by the executive director Sandy Sanders.

17 It is exciting to see the major project underway
18 from a company like Venture Global.' Thank you.

19 MR. WISNEWSKI: Thank you, Denise. Our next
20 speaker this evening is Ryan Bourriague.

21 MR. BOURRIAQUE: Tonight, I'm here as a vocal
22 element representative from a parish who has very good
23 experience with going through the FERC permit process.
24 Unfortunately, in Cameron, we've had a great deal of
25 experience with this process through Cheniere LNG and

1 Cameron LNG, which are thirty million dollar projects
2 currently in Cameron Parish.

3 To those two companies' credit, they have been a
4 very involved citizen and they have set the bar extremely
5 high. Our expectation level is probably astronomical for
6 such a small, rural parish. And I think, at times, it
7 probably made it a little bit tougher on Venture for our
8 local parish to have those expectations, but I will say that
9 over the past couple of years that we worked with these
10 individuals, I think the questions and the items of
11 discussion that Foret mentioned in his slide presentation,
12 they will hold truth.

13 Items that are called by citizenry, by your
14 officials. They will be taken into account. They will be
15 resolved through one which -- in one shape, form or another.
16 And I can say then from personal experience, now granted we
17 still have things that need to be worked through and there's
18 always time for open dialogue and getting things out there
19 on the table; however, today I will tell you that over these
20 past two years, we have formed a great working relationship
21 with Venture Global LNG.

22 We are proud that they are in our parish and for
23 such a small little parish, it's tough sometimes for an
24 outsider to come in and be one with you, be immersed into
25 the community with the variety and the first stakeholders

1 that we have, the landowners, fishermen, residents that have
2 been there for generations, sometimes it can be tough, but I
3 tell you, I will vouch for their professionalism and their
4 thoroughness and delegating a lot of these issues to
5 individuals who have historical experience, institutional
6 knowledge of Cameron Parish.

7 And I have no reason to believe that you won't
8 experience the same thing here in your parish. So, again, I
9 thank FERC for allowing me to speak tonight.

10 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Thank you, Ryan. Our next
11 speaker this evening is Mr. Amos Cormier, Plaquemines Parish
12 president.

13 MR. CORMIER: I do want to stand along with all
14 the new business in Plaquemines established. We appreciate
15 the interest and attendance in our parish. It's certainly
16 long anticipated and we look forward to Venture Global
17 coming to our parish. As the attending president and
18 traveling up and down Plaquemines Parish, three questions
19 that the residents of Plaquemines Parish posed to me.

20 And what they indicated they desire is this:
21 First of all, they want to preserve the environment. Second
22 thing, we want to protect the infrastructure. And thirdly,
23 they want to stimulate the economy. Venture Global is the
24 positive answer to all three of those questions. And so, we
25 thank the Venture Global for coming here and I'm confident

1 what we feel is the best kept secret in the United States of
2 America, and that is the great parish of Plaquemines. So we
3 look forward to a bright future in partnership in Venture
4 Global. Thank you and have a safe trip home.

5 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Thank you very much, Amos. Our
6 next speaker is Sandy Sanders, the Plaquemines Port
7 executive director.

8 MR. SANDERS: I'm Sandy Sanders. I've been here
9 two years as the executive director of Plaquemines Port
10 Harbor General District. I got here, I had a very simple
11 vision and that was make us a port, build a port, put us on
12 the map. And let me say, that thanks to Global, you're
13 making my job a lot easier.

14 As Madame Salvant said, they are bringing good,
15 clean jobs to our community. I'm proud to say that I'm part
16 of this community and we can be pretty environmentally
17 tough, but I think that's a good thing. And with the volume
18 that Venture Global has, we're gonna be exporting clean
19 energy around the world, mostly to nations that cannot
20 provide their own energy. So heretofore they have not one
21 -- buy longer -- two, three, four more years, coal. And
22 this is a new clean energy, it's very efficient, very
23 economical and I'm very happy that Venture Global chose our
24 shores to put their industry.

25 I can't say enough about the way that they have

1 embraced our community in the short time they've been here
2 and I could not agree with you more when you were talking
3 about what they did in your parish, they have duplicated
4 their efforts here. They have made it a point to ensure
5 that everyone has their questions answered, that folks like
6 yourself, the efficiency and the safety of the product that
7 they will be exporting. It is a real plus for our community
8 that they are here. So, thank you for choosing our
9 community and I hope you go through the next seven phases
10 here. Thank you.

11 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Thank you very much, Mr.
12 Sanders. Well, that's the end of the list of our speakers
13 tonight. Is there anybody else that would like to speak?

14 Without any more speakers, the formal part of
15 this meeting will conclude. On behalf of the Federal Energy
16 Regulatory Commission, I would like to thank you all for
17 coming tonight. Let the record show that the Plaquemines
18 LNG Project Scoping Meeting in Belle Chase, Louisiana,
19 concluded at approximately 6:45 p.m. Thank you all for
20 coming.

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