

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

2 MR. LAFFOON: Good evening I would like to thank
3 all of you on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
4 Commission for coming out tonight. This is an Environmental
5 Scoping Meeting for the Alaska LNG Project proposed by the
6 Alaska Gas Line Development Corporation, BP Alaska LNG,
7 ConocoPhillips Alaska LNG Company, Exxon Mobile Alaska LNG
8 and TransCanada Alaska Midstream. We recognize the fact
9 that Alaska is trying to buy out TransCanada but we don't
10 yet have information stating that that has actually
11 occurred.

12 Let the record show that the public scoping
13 meeting in Coldfoot, Alaska started at 6:03 P.M. on November
14 17th. My name is Daniel Laffoon and I am an Environmental
15 Project Manager with the Commission's Office of Energy
16 Projects. With me at the table tonight is Eric Howard, also
17 with the Office of Energy Projects at the Commission. At
18 the table in the back of the room is Mike Boyle and Jason
19 Vaillancourt, they are both contractors that are helping us
20 prepare the environmental document for this project.

21 Also we have Earl Williams with the BLM who would
22 like to say a couple of words this afternoon as well.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening. I just want to let
24 you guys know that BLM's role in this process, I'm Project
25 Manager for our state office in Anchorage. BLM has received

1 an application for a right-of-way across the federal land in
2 Yukon River and lake and in order to make a decision on that
3 we need to have the analysis of the potential environmental
4 impact so we are a cooperating agency with the FERC on this
5 project.

6 In addition to that EIS BLM is also responsible
7 for analyzing the potential impacts for subsistence users
8 and resources so we will be preparing a report of looking at
9 subsistence facts and likely will be having commentaries
10 that will give an opportunity for that time frame and
11 additional input.

12 MR. LAFFOON: Thank you Earl. For the AK LNG
13 Project the FERC is the lead federal agency with the
14 responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act
15 to consider the potential environmental impacts and prepare
16 an Environmental Impact Statement or EIS associated with the
17 liquefied natural gas terminal or the LNG terminal and any
18 associated natural gas pipelines and facilities.

19 The primary purpose of this meeting tonight is to
20 give you an opportunity to comment on the project or on the
21 environmental issues that you would like to see covered in
22 the EIS. It will help us the most if your comments are as
23 specific as possible regarding the potential environmental
24 impacts and reasonable alternatives of the proposed Alaska
25 LNG Project.

1 These issues generally focus on the potential for
2 environment effects and they also address construction
3 issues, mitigation and the environmental review process. In
4 addition this meeting is designed to provide you with an
5 opportunity to get more detailed information about the
6 proposed facility locations as you can see in the back on
7 the maps.

8 AK LNG's Project will include a little over 30
9 miles of pipeline from the Prudhoe Bay and Point Thompson
10 units to a new gas treatment plant. A new 42 inch diameter
11 pipeline will be constructed from the gas treatment plant to
12 a planned LNG terminal in Nikiski totally about 800 miles.
13 It would mostly parallel the existing TAPS Pipeline and the
14 Dalton Highway on the north slope down to Livengood at which
15 point it would leave the existing corridor and travel to
16 Tyonek where it would cross the Cook Inlet.

17 There AK LNG would construct a new LNG terminal
18 in Nikiski adjacent to the much smaller existing Nikiski LNG
19 terminal. There are some maps again in the back of the room
20 that would be available for you after the meeting if you
21 have questions about the route.

22 Now I want to briefly describe our environmental
23 review process for you. To illustrate how this process
24 works we have created a flow chart. This was appended to
25 the Notice of Intent or the NOI and there are copies of the

1 flow chart available at the front sign-in table. Currently
2 we are in the early phase of our environmental review
3 process. The applicants entered the FERC's pre-filing
4 process on September 12, 2014 which began our review of the
5 Alaska LNG Project.

6 The purpose of the pre-filing process is to
7 encourage involvement by all interested stakeholders and it
8 allows for early identification and resolution of
9 environmental issues. As of today no formal application
10 with the FERC has been submitted by the applicant however
11 the FERC, along with other federal, state and local agency
12 staffs have begun review of the project.

13 On March 4, 2015 FERC issued a Notice of Intent,
14 NOI, to prepare an EIS for this project and initiated a
15 public scoping period. The scoping or comment period will
16 end on December 4, 2015 which means it ends in just a couple
17 of weeks. When scoping is finished our next step will be to
18 begin analyzing the issues that have been identified during
19 the scoping period. We will assess the project's effects on
20 water bodies and wetlands, vegetation and wildlife,
21 endangered species, cultural resources, soils, land use, air
22 quality, safety, health and subsistence as well as impacts
23 from alternative sites.

24 During our review we will assemble information
25 from a variety of sources including the applicants, the

1 public, other federal, state and local agencies and our own
2 review. We will independently analyze this information and
3 prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This Draft
4 EIS will be distributed to the public for comment. During
5 the comment period on the Draft EIS we will hold more public
6 comment meetings to gather feedback on our analysis and
7 findings.

8 After making any necessary changes or additions a
9 Final EIS will again be distributed to the public. Please
10 note that because of the size of the mailing list, the
11 mailed version of the EIS will be on a CD. If you prefer to
12 have a hard copy mailed to you, you must indicate that
13 choice on the return mailer attached to the NOI or where
14 indicated on the back at the sign-up table.

15 If you received the NOI in the mail then you are
16 already on our mailing list, and will remain on the mailing
17 list to receive the EIS and any other supplemental notices
18 we may issue about the project unless you indicate that you
19 wish to be removed.

20 The mailing list for this project is large and
21 undergoing constant revision. If you do not get a copy and
22 would like one, there are copies of the NOI available at the
23 front table and you can add your name to the address list
24 there at the back table.

25 There are many ways that you can participate in

1 our process. Tonight's meeting is just one of these
2 options. Tonight you may sign up to speak and present
3 verbal comments and they will be transcribed and placed into
4 the public record. In addition you can submit comments by
5 mail, electronically or even by the comment form at the
6 front table.

7 Instructions for submitting comments
8 electronically or by mail can be found in the NOI. Whether
9 you provide your comments verbally or in email they will be
10 considered by the FERC equally. It is very important that
11 any comments you send include the internal docket number for
12 this project. In this case the Docket Number is PF14-21.
13 Including this number will ensure that the staff evaluating
14 the project will get your comments as soon as possible.

15 And the EIS is being prepared to disclose to the
16 public and to the Commission the environmental impact of
17 constructing and operating the planned project. The EIS is
18 not a decision-making document and does not constitute
19 approval. After the Final EIS is issued there are up to
20 five Commissioners at FERC who are responsible for making
21 the determination of whether to issue an authorization for
22 the AK LNG Project. The Commissioners will consider the
23 environmental information from the EIS among other
24 non-environmental issues in making its decision to approve
25 or deny the project.

1 We will now begin the important part of the
2 meeting where we have your comments. That's the whole
3 reason that FERC is here is to hear your comments and
4 concerns. I am sure that you have noticed the meeting is
5 being recorded by a transcription service.

6 This is being done so that all of your comments
7 and questions will be accurately transcribed into the public
8 record. To help the court reporter produce an accurate
9 record of the meeting I will ask that you please follow some
10 ground rules. Please state and spell your name for the
11 record, stand up when you are going to speak, state and
12 spell your name for the record, identifying any agency or
13 group you are representing and defining any acronyms or
14 terms that you may use.

15 It is important to face us when giving your
16 comments to ensure that the court reporter can capture your
17 comments. Most importantly please respect others that are
18 speaking here tonight, don't interrupt them or clap or boo,
19 just let them finish and then you can show your approval or
20 disapproval afterwards.

21 So we are now ready for our first speaker, is
22 there anyone who does wish to speak tonight, on the
23 speaker's sign-in sheet tonight? As it is a rather small
24 gathering so is there anyone who would like to speak, yes?

25 MR. REAKOFF: My name is Jack Reakoff,

1 R-e-a-k-o-f-f, I live in Wiseman, Alaska, a resident of this
2 area and have lived in Wiseman since 1971 for the
3 Trans-Alaskan Pipeline. I wanted to -- the routing map at
4 the back of the room, I went back and looked at it again and
5 I noted two areas that I feel that the engineers should
6 re-look at again. One is by the Koyukuk Bridge Highway
7 route crosses the road and stays on the east side or the
8 middle side of the pipeline.

9 The mountain side is subject to high landslide
10 activities, for around a half of mile or three-quarters it
11 looks like it could be a slide zone and now there is the
12 Dietrich River and I think it's mile 220 of those loads
13 coming down on the road, let's say the pipe stayed -- those
14 gas lines stay east of the road and then abruptly crosses
15 below the most active or one of the thylogs. One of the
16 fasted moving town roads is just south of that and I think
17 actually places the route right in the way of that town
18 road, that pipeline.

19 And so I would suggest that they move or re-look
20 at those areas because we would have sort of an
21 environmental catastrophe that could happen, salification
22 or thylogs and right down to the gas line. Other than that
23 they have -- I've seen some schematics of where borrow
24 extraction, gravel extraction, some of those extraction
25 sites were really close to Wiseman. I have no problem with

1 the existing extraction sites, they have where the
2 Trans-Alaskan Pipeline across the river from Wiseman there's
3 a quarry through rock extraction, still lots of material in
4 this quarry that's fine, there's a great big pit, by -- and
5 that may expand with lots and lots of material.

6 I don't want to see any mineral extraction,
7 gravel extraction right here in the community. BLM had a
8 ground summit this last spring and so I made these comments
9 here but I wanted to let FERC also know and understand for
10 the EIS that we don't want to have a gravel extraction close
11 to our community.

12 Some of our concerns would be the construction --
13 some of the construction aspects, occurring when we're
14 hunting, in the fall time so especially then, and so Alaska
15 LNG they turned those comments and they did a lot of their
16 market logical investigations and other investigations and
17 they vacated the area after the 20th of August and so I
18 would appreciate your help in a lot of this extraction and
19 consideration.

20 There are some areas of environmental concern and
21 deep snow areas most go out of the valley, or compress the
22 valley because of deep snow. Now one of those areas is just
23 south of the Cove from here, Pedro outlets are so shallow
24 and should address that area. Other areas are right on the
25 Dietrich River, and in the valley in the head of the

1 Dietrich River and actually go around the last tree.

2 And so if the pipeline is having construction
3 during the winter season and there happens to be a deep snow
4 year the construction activity may have an effect on certain
5 loops that are creating deep snow so I would like those
6 taken into consideration. Ordinarily that might not be a
7 problem but if you get five feet of snow and you are
8 building pipeline during one of those years there are
9 certain areas that might have to be foregone for a limited
10 time, it's going to be a multiple year project and so there
11 are times when they should think about building in these
12 areas of critical habitat for moose because it is -- and
13 those should be at the early winter when the snow is not
14 typically as deep.

15 And so I can't think of any additional comments
16 at this time but I am sure that I will when the EIS comes
17 out I will have additional. This is the first time I have
18 seen this mapping, of the actual route and so there's two
19 slide areas. For the majority of the route it looks pretty
20 good but there are two areas that perhaps have environmental
21 problems associated. A lot of developments there so thank
22 you.

23 MR. LAFFOON: Thank you. Is there anyone else
24 who wants to speak tonight, have some comments that they
25 would like to get on the record.

1 MR. LANIER: I am just going with what Jack said,
2 I am not going to be -- but on the record for the slide
3 areas that he was referring to --

4 MR. LAFOOD: Can I get your name and the spelling
5 of your name?

6 MR. LANIER: My name is Scott Lanier, last name
7 L-a-n-i-e-r and I'm a resident of Coldfoot. Just to carry
8 on with what Jack said about the slide areas, if the LNG
9 Project would like to get rid of those. There was a big
10 article on AND about six months ago about this slide area
11 where they did talk specifically about those areas and the
12 possibility of having to re-route the route.

13 MR. LAFFOON: And ADN stands for?

14 MR. LANIER: Alaska Dispatch News.

15 MR. LAFOON: Thank you.

16 MR. LANIER: So I mean it is -- that's my only
17 concern there, and if they are already talking about having
18 to move the road, keeping the pipeline on the east side of
19 the road would definitely be a concern. I just wanted to
20 pass that on to you guys.

21 MR. LAFOON: Thank you.

22 MR. LANIER: It already is a concern for the
23 state.

24 MR. LAFOON: Anybody else wish to speak? Any
25 concerns about anything else that you have? All right well

1 if you do think of something later you can file the comments
2 with the Commission, the comment period remains open until
3 November or December 5th but we will still take comments
4 after that even if you think of something after that comment
5 period is closed, please send them in.

6 Without any more speakers the formal part of this
7 meeting will conclude. On behalf of the Federal Energy
8 Regulatory Commission I would like to thank you all for
9 coming out tonight. Let the record show that the Alaska LNG
10 Project Scoping Meeting in Coldfoot, Alaska concluded at
11 6:19 p.m.

12 (Whereupon at 6:19 p.m., the meeting was
13 adjourned.)

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