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

2 (7:00 p.m.)

3 MR. BROWN: Good evening. I'm Charles Brown  
4 from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I'm the  
5 environmental project manager for the Floridian Gas Storage  
6 Project.

7 With me here tonight is Dave Blaha. I have Phil  
8 London at the back table and Bill Sadlon. They work for  
9 FERC's third-party contractor who helped me develop this  
10 Environmental Impact Statement. All three are environmental  
11 scientists, very talented young people.

12 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to take your  
13 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that  
14 the Commission issued on February 21st for the Florida and  
15 Gas Pipeline Project. Right now we're in the comment period  
16 and the comment period ends May 5th.

17 The DEIS is an extensive environmental review to  
18 comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. Over the  
19 past year, we've been compiling and analyzing data,  
20 comments, concerns from a variety of sources, including from  
21 the applicant, the public, other resource agencies, and our  
22 own independent analysis and field work.

23 This Draft was developed in cooperation with the  
24 Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and  
25 the Environmental Protection Agency. All had assisted in

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1 providing input and review of the Draft Environmental Impact  
2 Statement.

3 The format for tonight's meeting is as follows.  
4 We'll take all verbal comments first for the record. The  
5 Court Reporter will transcribe your comments to be placed in  
6 the record and I will take questions of me and  
7 representatives from Floridian.

8 I will ask that you hold all questions until all  
9 the speakers have spoken.

10 If you have comments, but don't wish to speak  
11 tonight, you may provide written comments on the forms at  
12 the back table. You may drop those off with us or you can  
13 mail them in at a later date. It's very important that any  
14 comments that you send, make sure that you have the Docket  
15 Number, CP08-13, CP08-13.

16 In addition to verbal comments tonight, we will  
17 also accept your written comments.

18 If you opt to mail us your written comments in  
19 the form of a letter, I ask again include the Docket Number  
20 so we can make sure that it gets on the Docket.

21 You also can file your comments electronically.  
22 The instructions are in the Notice that we issued, or can be  
23 located on our website, which is [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under the e  
24 filing link. We also have a handout here that has the  
25 instructions for that.

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1 All the comments that we receive, either verbally  
2 or in the form of written comments, will be addressed in a  
3 separate section of the Final EIS. We dedicate a section of  
4 the document specifically listing the comments that we  
5 received and providing our response to those comments.

6 If you got a copy of the DEIS, you  
7 will automatically receive a copy of the Final. If you  
8 didn't get a copy, we have a mailing list back there. Fill  
9 it out, put your address on it and you'll get a Final.

10 Once all the comments are received, we will  
11 produce a Final EIS. An NOA, a Notice of Availability for  
12 that should be coming out sometime in July.

13 The Commissioners at FERC, and for all of you who  
14 don't know who the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is,  
15 it's an independent regulatory agency comprised of five  
16 Commissioners appointed by the President of the United  
17 States.

18 The Commissioners at FERC will consider all the  
19 environmental information from the EIS, along with the nine  
20 environmental issues such as engineering, markets and rates  
21 in making their decision to approve or deny the project.

22 The FEIS will not be the decision making  
23 document. If the Commission does vote to approve the  
24 project, FERC environmental staff will monitor the project  
25 through construction and restoration, performing on site

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1 inspections to ensure environmental compliance with the  
2 conditions of the FERC certificate are met.

3 We will now be taking oral comments. Who's the  
4 first speaker?

5 Could you bring that up?

6 Charles Sisco, or is it Chuck Sisco?

7 MR. SISCO: I'd like to wait, if you don't mind,

8 --

9 MR. BROWN: Okay.

10 MR. SISCO: -- toward the end.

11 MR. BROWN: Art Matson. Art?

12 MR. MATSON: All I have to say is we have seen  
13 this --

14 (Whereupon, there was feedback from the  
15 microphone.)

16 MR. MATSON: Okay, my magnetic personality.  
17 That's what it is. I'll tell you what. I don't even think  
18 I need it, if you want to know the truth.

19 MR. BROWN: Probably not.

20 MR. MATSON: We've been involved in this project  
21 since they first brought it into Indiantown, or first the  
22 concept of it. We've looked at it from every angle, from  
23 the safety standpoint, from the environmental standpoint,  
24 and from a benefit to the community.

25 The benefit to the community far outweighs

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1 anything else that could possibly be affected with this  
2 project. It doesn't add to the traffic. It doesn't add to  
3 the school problems.

4 It doesn't add to congestion, but it does provide  
5 jobs and it kicks off tax income, which the community very  
6 sorely needs. Everything has been explained to everybody in  
7 the community many times.

8 Dave and Brad have been here. Whenever anybody  
9 has a question, they answer it and they answer it fully. I  
10 mean there's not beat around the bush, hide this, hide that.  
11 All facts are always on the line.

12 And I for one am a hundred percent in favor of  
13 this project even though I've read this propaganda piece --  
14 leaflet. This is as much hogwash as I've ever seen.

15 For instance, we're going to have a 40-foot wall  
16 of water coming down here from a lake that's ten-foot above  
17 sea level, and we're 36-foot above sea level. Now, that is  
18 a great bit of physics if you can handle that.

19 So any way, I'm in favor of it and our Advisory  
20 Committee has voted on it and they're in favor of it. The  
21 Chamber of Commerce is in favor of it. And I have met very  
22 few people who have any negative comments whatsoever.

23 So I, as you might guess, I'm in favor.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. BROWN: Scott Watson.

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1 MR. WATSON: Well, it's always hard to follow  
2 Art in anything, but as the Chairman of the  
3 Indiantown/Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and as  
4 a business owner here in town, I can tell you that this is  
5 probably the best project that could ever come along.

6 It's great for Florida. Florida needs natural  
7 gas storage capacity. We need it for several reasons. This  
8 town needs it for the increased tax base and the jobs it  
9 will create. It's just a wonderful project.

10 David and Brad have been wonderful neighbors and  
11 they're going to be wonderful neighbors. We really need to  
12 support this. We desperately need the jobs that this  
13 project is going to create, both construct and once it's  
14 done, the jobs that will continue on to operate this plant.

15 It's a good project for Florida. It's a good  
16 project for Indiantown, and we really hope that FERC will  
17 find its way to support it. Thank you very much.

18 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

19 Kevin Powers.

20 MR. K. POWERS: A couple of things real quick.

21 A lot of the good points have been covered, but first of  
22 all, sir, when you get back to Washington, when the  
23 President's finished visiting with the Pope, maybe if you  
24 could mention that we'd like to see this thing move along --

25 (Laughter.)

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1 MR. K. POWERS: -- that would be ideal.

2 MR. BROWN: I'll be sure to do that.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. K. POWERS: Because we really would like to  
5 see it fast tracked for all the reasons that were mentioned.  
6 From the time these guys came to town, they've been very  
7 open and approachable with what they're doing, who they are,  
8 and the impacts, and they've made all the information  
9 available.

10 And so, you know, I join my fellow business  
11 leaders in saying that we want to see this happen. Thank  
12 you.

13 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

14 Is it Paul Dote?

15 MR. DOTE: Yeah. I'm going to pass because most  
16 of the comments I was going to make have already been said.  
17 Thank you.

18 MR. BROWN: Okay.

19 Shawn Neal?

20 MR. KYLE: Kyle.

21 MR. BROWN: Kyle. Sorry.

22 MR. KYLE: In favor of Florida natural gas. I  
23 consider Brad and David friends. I've known them going on  
24 two years now and I'd like to see this project move forward.

25 They are a true part of the community and we need

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1       them and our families of Indiantown need them. So I look  
2       forward to them being part of Indiantown.

3               MR. BROWN: Thank you.

4               Guy Parker.

5               MR. PARKER: Already?

6               (Laughter.)

7               MR. PARKER: Like Art, I'm on the NAC Committee.  
8       My name is Guy Parker.

9               But personally, just a quick note was literally,  
10       this thing is in my backyard. I've got no problem with it  
11       at all. It's going to furnish taxes, jobs, all good items.

12              A safety issue. There was a gentleman from the  
13       Fire Department here about a year ago. He gave it thumbs  
14       up. And he did all the research. There is at least 90 to  
15       100 of these around the country. They've had no problem.

16              Art's mentioning 40 feet of water coming from the  
17       lake. I don't know. But as far as Dave and Brad, they seem  
18       to be part of the community now. If this wasn't something  
19       good and legit, I don't think they would have been as honest  
20       as they have been.

21              I'm in favor.

22              MR. BROWN: Thank you.

23              Is it Brian Powers?

24              MR. B. POWERS: Yes, thank you. Brian Powers,  
25       for the record, brother of Kevin. Obviously, I'm in favor

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1 as well.

2 A couple of things to remember from our  
3 standpoint. This things been a Superfund site, so even if  
4 these guys didn't have the best of intentions, it would be  
5 hard for them to impact it worse than it has been.

6 For us as a community, we worry about, frankly,  
7 what's the worst that could happen. And for us, this takes  
8 the worst that could ever happen off the table.

9 This is one of the best things that could  
10 possibly happen at this site in terms from a remediation  
11 standpoint and from a totally taking back and taking  
12 something that was foul and negative for our community and  
13 making it positive.

14 So I wish to speak in favor tonight as well.  
15 Thank you.

16 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

17 Alan Fish.

18 MR. FISH: I guess we need to talk to you, don't  
19 we?

20 MR. BROWN: That's fine.

21 MR. FISH: I have been involved as a  
22 professional economic developer and Chamber of Commerce  
23 executive in Florida for over 35 years. And in that time, I  
24 have worked with and seen I can't tell you how many  
25 projects, how many thousands of jobs and capital commitment

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1 for land, buildings, equipment, increased property tax base,  
2 all of that in a number of different communities.

3 I've seen projects that were very good,  
4 unquestionable from all points of view. I've seen some that  
5 were questionable and been in a position where we had to say  
6 I'm sorry, we can't support that. That's not something  
7 that's easy for economic development people to do, but when  
8 it's not right that's what you have to do.

9 This project, in my view, is the cleanest that I  
10 have ever seen from an economic development point of view.  
11 It is clean environmentally. It is -- the impact that it  
12 will have, and I consider the environment more than just our  
13 earth and our air and whatever's in between.

14 The environment is, you know, the community that  
15 we live in. That's part of it. And this project is one  
16 that this community needs very, very much.

17 The people that are managing the project are  
18 community sensitive. They have gone out of their way, as  
19 comments have been received, to make changes that they could  
20 make, to answer people's questions, or to allay people's  
21 fears.

22 They have done everything that -- I can't imagine  
23 that they could do any more at this point to present a clean  
24 project worthy of approval.

25 Now, I'm the President and CEO of the Indiantown

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1 Chamber of Commerce at this point and I have submitted a  
2 letter, although I don't know if they've received it yet,  
3 and I would like to read that into the record, if I may.

4 MR. BROWN: Go ahead.

5 MR. FISH: The letter was sent to Marlene Bruno,  
6 ICR Coordinator at the Treasure Coast Regional Planning  
7 Council with regard to this project.

8 "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the  
9 Indiantown/ Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce, I  
10 write in support of the proposed project identified above as  
11 one that will be extremely important to our community and to  
12 its long-term economic well being.

13 "While we at the Chamber are not specialists in  
14 environmental impact issues, the Chamber has a strong  
15 interest in this project. And from what we have been shown  
16 and told, we are of the opinion that the only environmental  
17 impact this project will have on our community is a positive  
18 one.

19 "The plan adapted reuse of the former Superfund  
20 site is environmentally sound, economically necessary,  
21 socially acceptable, and bears no resemblance to any other  
22 project planned or underway in the Indiantown area.

23 "We urge your favorable review and support for  
24 this project. It is so essential to a growing and healthy  
25 Indiantown community. The principals of the company have

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1       become as one with this community and keep us advised of  
2       progress as this project is reviewed by nearly everyone in  
3       officialdom."

4               I don't think the railroad people have passed on  
5       it yet, but if they did not, they're about the only ones.

6               "We trust that the day will soon come when all  
7       the talking and reviewing will be complete and the  
8       construction may begin. We see no negatives, only positives  
9       with this project. It enjoys our full support. We  
10       encourage you in that direction also." Thank you.

11              MR. BROWN: Thank you.

12              Well, we're back to Chuck Cisco.

13              MR. SISCO: My name is Charles Sisco and I've  
14       spent about the last 30 years in my work experience in NEPA  
15       Environmental Impact Statements and I've spent about six  
16       years on capital working for entities up in -- mostly I  
17       worked, got involved at LNG facilities in the past and  
18       nuclear powerplants.

19              Let me state from the start that bringing natural  
20       gas to Florida is a good thing. Bringing jobs to Martin  
21       County is a good thing. The issues that I have are  
22       primarily with siting.

23              There are many sites away from CSX rail lines and  
24       not above ground and not within a half mile of the Cogen  
25       plant and FP&L plant and the power grade system that make a

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1 lot more sense.

2 Now, the people here from the Economic Council, I  
3 live in the Stuart/Palm City area. We've been going through  
4 the economic travesties for this last year. I know what  
5 you're going through out here. We do need the jobs. We do  
6 need clean air.

7 We've been burning bunker oil out here for the  
8 last couple of decades along with coal. It's not the best  
9 thing for the environment. Every once in a while the wind  
10 blows to the east and I can actually smell it.

11 Natural gas is a good thing. Liquefied natural  
12 gas is dangerous, inherently dangerous. You're looking at  
13 52 million gallons of fuel in one tank. Times two, it's 104  
14 million gallons of liquid fuel.

15 In the brochures and the information I've seen,  
16 I've only seen this two days ago and I apologize because I  
17 haven't been aware of this project for quite some time. I  
18 saw an article in the newspaper. I went down to the Growth  
19 National Office and I finally picked up this document two  
20 days ago.

21 The problem is the siding along the rail tracks.  
22 CSX has some real problems with this railroad line. For the  
23 last 20, 30 years, this rail is based on a lot of marsh.  
24 The ballast needs to be constantly monitored and replaced.

25 You have a high speed Amtrack rail and you also

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1 have a CSX rail. They haul liquified propane. They may or  
2 may not be hauling rocket fuel down to Pratt Whitney. I  
3 don't know the status of that.

4 But if you've ever seen some of the footage from  
5 Sandia Labs, it was done a few years ago in DOE's research,  
6 when liquified natural gas goes from 270 degrees below zero  
7 to 80 degrees fahrenheit, it is extremely explosive.

8 You know this. This isn't new information.  
9 These folks deal with it every day. And thank God for you  
10 guys. Not everybody steps up to the plate and puts a couple  
11 of billion dollars in the pipeline and then wants to build a  
12 facility on there.

13 We need the jobs. We need the gas. We need the  
14 clean combustion. What we don't need is a facility sited a  
15 few hundred feet of the railroad line and about a half a  
16 mile at the Cogen Plant and the FP&L plant.

17 God forbid Bin Laden would come along with a 747  
18 in the middle of the night and hit this plant. And you know  
19 as well as I do that the Boston Harbor Plant is on the top  
20 of his list. That's where an LNG tanker comes in about once  
21 a month and off loads. That entire harbor is shut down for  
22 two days.

23 Nothing moves, nothing flies. That's on the top  
24 of his hit list. Ask Homeland Security. This will be on  
25 the top of his hit list.

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1           The only thing that I'm asking, and I'm here  
2 representing myself, I have no dog in the hunt, I'm not  
3 making any money off of this project, look out toward the  
4 east. We've got thousands of acres of orange groves and  
5 thousands of acres of pasture.

6           And I guarantee you it won't take two years to  
7 zone an industrial. I've seen a bunch of places in Palm  
8 City that got rezoned overnight. It happens all the time.

9           Mr. Deterrlizzi, Mr. Weberman, and Doug Smith  
10 decide it needs to go in out at the ranch, or an orange  
11 grove, it will happen. It won't take two you two years.  
12 These guys are already halfway down the track with the  
13 Environmental Impact Statement.

14           It's not going to take another two years for FERC  
15 to go back and do this again. You may spend a little more  
16 money for pipeline. There's a whole bunch of people here  
17 that aren't here tonight, that don't know about this  
18 project, just like I didn't know about it until a couple of  
19 days ago when I read it in the paper and somebody called me.

20           And the only reason they called me is because  
21 they knew that I had background in this, not so much LNG,  
22 but the NEPA process.

23           This thing needs a lot of work and I'd be more  
24 than happy to sit down with you guys any time if you want to  
25 put together a Citizens Committee and redo this. If you

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1 want to take a look at some new locations, I'd be happy to  
2 work with you.

3 I've got a map over here that basically looks at  
4 the diameter, the blast zone. God forbid that ever happens.  
5 You know. I can't tell you what the risk is. That's what  
6 the statisticians do. I can't tell you when that train's  
7 going to derail. I just know that it's happened in the  
8 past.

9 Down in Palm Beach County, kids go across that  
10 railroad track with big mother trucks. I know because I  
11 used to arrest them on the natural areas when I worked for  
12 Palm Beach County. They jerk that line by a quarter of an  
13 inch and that rail shut down. Hopefully somebody can set  
14 detection.

15 This is a very risky piece of railroad track and  
16 you're only a few hundred feet away from it. They haul  
17 propane. They haul propellant. Two or three of those tanks  
18 come together at the wrong time, get a grapefruit truck  
19 going across four of those crossings, the risk goes up and  
20 up and up.

21 All I'm asking is that for FERC and you folks to  
22 look at a potential alternative site away from the railroad  
23 tracks and out in the farmland and away from ten or 20,000  
24 people that are only two miles away.

25 It may never happen. It may be one in a million.

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1 But you know what? One in a million happened in Chernoble.  
2 One in a million happened at Three Mile Island because  
3 somebody forgot to check the feed bumps. One in a million  
4 happened at a little TVA Plant in Tennessee.

5 There have been 54 excursions. And when I say  
6 excursions, near misses from the '60s to the '80s. And  
7 after Three Mile Island, we lost an entire industry, an  
8 entire industry.

9 I went to a Uranium conference in Wyoming last  
10 year. The average age in there was about 78. Anybody that  
11 was younger than that was from Canada. We haven't been  
12 mining Uranium because there's been no demand for it.

13 And yet, we could have been completely off coal  
14 and off oil and on nuclear just like the French are at 73  
15 percent, but we came up with four different designs and we  
16 had a whole bunch of messes.

17 And if you want to call these guys sometime, or  
18 call the NRC up in DC and put in a FOIA request, they'll  
19 provide you with all those near misses. And the problem is,  
20 we lost an entire industry.

21 We spent \$80 billion on the upper mountain and  
22 yet the French are taking the radioactive material and  
23 putting them in glass logs and storing it. Been doing it  
24 for 20 years. They've never had an excursion. You know  
25 why? Because they use one design and one company. And

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1 they've got 70 percent plus of their power coming from  
2 nuclear.

3 Now, there are some problems with nuclear just  
4 like there are with LNG, but you can solve them. So all I'm  
5 asking tonight is you take a hard look at this. There are  
6 several pages of bullet points here that should have been in  
7 the scoping process.

8 This is not the place to put in a list of demands  
9 of you guys in a Draft EIS.

10 MR. BROWN: That's exactly where it should be.

11 MR. SISCO: Well, it's -- I'm testifying, so I  
12 just -- my opinion after going over 300 of these, when the  
13 public comes in to look at it and you say things like, you  
14 know, an engineering report on the safety valves, I'd like  
15 to come in and have somebody look at that and say, okay,  
16 this is the problem.

17 I can't see it after this thing is finalized,  
18 it's done. Now, I mean talking NEPA for the last 20 years of  
19 my experience there. That's NEPA regulations. I can quote  
20 you verse and book.

21 MR. BROWN: And again, I'd like to point out to  
22 you that this is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.  
23 And if you see weaknesses or problems in it, you need to  
24 provide a scientific answer to me and my three scientists  
25 here --

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1 MR. SISCO: Charles, I --

2 MR. BROWN: -- and all the technical people that  
3 we have at FERC working on this.

4 I want you to understand also that this thing was  
5 developed with three Federal agencies. The Environmental  
6 Protection Agency is one, the Corps of Engineers and Fish  
7 and Wildlife. This was not done in a void.

8 We also had Florida DEP well involved in this.  
9 So everyone was involved in this.

10 MR. SISCO: Charles, I understand.

11 MR. BROWN: It was not developed in a vacuum.

12 MR. SISCO: Reclaiming my time a little bit, I'm  
13 just here to tell you that I've worked on over 300 of these  
14 and I --

15 MR. BROWN: And I would appreciate you're going  
16 through on that and pointing some things out to us that we  
17 can make a better document --

18 MR. SISCO: Unfortunately, two days ago is when  
19 I first saw this.

20 MR. BROWN: Okay.

21 MR. SISCO: So I will try and give you as much  
22 input and help as I can.

23 MR. BROWN: Okay.

24 MR. SISCO: And, like I said, I don't have a dog  
25 in the hunt. I agree with these guys, we need jobs. We

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1 need the tax base increase. The last two meetings that  
2 you've held here, only about ten people showed up you told  
3 me earlier. So this amounts responded here.

4 When I have walked around and talked to people  
5 the last couple of days, they didn't have a clue. They  
6 couldn't tell you what FERC was, and LNG, EIS, anything.  
7 Because they go out and they pick oranges and lettuce and  
8 they work hard. When they come home, they don't have time  
9 to sit here.

10 First of all, they don't know what the hell's  
11 going on because nobody set up a training seminar to walk  
12 them through what an LNG Plant is, what FERC does, what this  
13 is all about. One reason I know about it, because I spent  
14 the last 20 years of my life working on these things.

15 And like I said, I'm not making any money here.  
16 I'm not an Intervenor. I don't work for, you know, some  
17 other gas transmission company that wants to put you guys  
18 out of business, or something. I'm just here to try and  
19 help.

20 The best solution is go out here to Allapattah  
21 Flats, orange groves, rezone it, pipelines, whatever you  
22 need to do. I think there are some other alternatives and I  
23 think it could be done quickly to assign it to your project  
24 to get industrial zoning. Believe me, I've seen Martin  
25 County move in mysterious ways.

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1                   So any way, I'd just like to give an input. I'll  
2 be providing a written input with some maps.

3                   MR. BROWN:    Okay.

4                   MR. SISCO:    I guess I better quit. Any way,  
5 I'll give you some more input. I'll be more than happy to  
6 take you out to take a look at some of those places out in  
7 Allapattah Flats.

8                   MR. BROWN:    If you provide that information and  
9 we'll look at the alternative sites and we'll --

10                  MR. SISCO:    And like I said, I agree with the  
11 rest of the people. We do need the jobs. We do need the  
12 tax base. It just could be better located.

13                  MR. BROWN:    Okay.

14                  MR. SISCO:    Thanks.

15                  MR. BROWN:    Okay. At this point, that's all the  
16 speakers.

17                  MS. WATERS:    I didn't sign my name, sir.

18                  MR. BROWN:    Do you want to speak?

19                  MS. WATERS:    I got to say something.

20                  (Laughter.)

21                  MR. BROWN:    All right. I was getting ready to  
22 say that. If anyone else wants to speak, please come up.

23                  MS. WATERS:    I don't need a mike, sir.

24                  MR. BROWN:    Would you state your name for the  
25 record, please?

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1 MS. WATERS: My name is Thelma Waters.

2 MR. BROWN: Say that again?

3 MS. WATERS: Thelma Waters. The kind you drink,  
4 H2O.

5 MR. BROWN: Okay.

6 MS. WATERS: I put my name up when I signed in.

7 MR. BROWN: That's okay.

8 MS. WATERS: Any way, just listening to this  
9 young man that just finished, we've had six or seven  
10 meetings right here. It's been in the newspapers. We've  
11 talked about it and passed out flyers.

12 Now, it's been in the County and I think this is  
13 the only group of people that's been trying to get something  
14 done that didn't do a PUB, because Martin County loves those  
15 PUB's and you've got to have them for everything.

16 Now, when I first heard the word gas, I didn't  
17 hear the natural and all I heard was gas. I thought no, we  
18 can't have that, but I came, I listened, and I read, and I  
19 educated myself with listening to the people as they were  
20 talking.

21 And I read what it was like, what it does, how it  
22 works. It's the much safer thing to have than we had at  
23 that steel mill, but we didn't know it.

24 Now, that site -- you know what a Superfund site  
25 is, it's contaminated. But now you've got somebody coming

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1 in. But the only thing, they're going to come in and clean  
2 it up and put in a good, safe system out there. And that's  
3 a good thing.

4 And I'm saying it's good for the community and I  
5 mean the community. I mean them tax dollars for the  
6 community. We don't want them going to Stuart. We know  
7 they're going to grab them, but we need them for ourself.

8 They want all the good stuff that we've got going  
9 out here, but everybody in the State of Florida, in South  
10 Florida, I know, have heard about it. Well, if you haven't  
11 heard it, you must have been out of the country for a while  
12 because we've been talking about it.

13 Now, it's a good thing for this community. All  
14 our kids, my six are somewhere else. You want to have  
15 things in your community so when they go off and get  
16 educated, they can come back and bring that back home.

17 But when our kids go off to school, they've got  
18 to go somewhere else to get jobs. They don't have jobs  
19 here. Most of our young people are somewhere else. Now,  
20 the Powers boys, I always tell them that, they went off, got  
21 educated and came back with their stuff because they had  
22 stuff waiting on them when they got back.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MS. WATERS: But, see, everybody is not as  
25 blessed as those boys are. Now, when our kids graduate from

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1 college, they've got to go somewhere else to find a job.  
2 But through jobs like this, plants like this, some of our  
3 kids can return home.

4 When you lose all your education and your youth  
5 to somewhere else, that builds up those places and yours  
6 goes down. We need our educated people to come back and  
7 help us to go up.

8 Now, this is one of the processes and it's just the start.

9 Now, with your agency and all the other agencies  
10 that have been here, we all see as safe, and I don't know  
11 about Bin Laden. I hope he don't come here. I hope he's  
12 dead somewhere.

13 (Laughter.)

14 MS. WATERS: But anyway, I don't think we're  
15 going to have to worry about him. He's probably down in Key  
16 West or Miami sitting at one of the motels. We don't know  
17 where he's at.

18 But I think this is safe and we want it. And  
19 these guys have proven that they want to be a part of this  
20 community. Now, if you want to be a part of Indiantown, now  
21 you've got me. I'm on your team.

22 These guys want to be a part of Indiantown. So I  
23 told them to come on. And it looks like they're getting  
24 ready to come on. So you all just do what you all got to  
25 do.

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1 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BROWN: Okay. At this point, we'll open the  
4 floor up to any questions of myself or the company.

5 Do you have any questions at all?

6 Yes, Chuck?

7 MR. SISCO: Charles, could you go through those  
8 pages of the whole list that, you know, have those issues  
9 that would be in the EIS. Could you go through them?

10 MR. BROWN: Chuck, I'm going to need you to come  
11 up here and --

12 MR. SISCO: Okay.

13 MR. BROWN: Because this is going on the record.

14 MR. SISCO: Charles, I'm referring to -- this is  
15 on Page 4-74.

16 MR. BROWN: Okay.

17 MR. SISCO: We have a request for a complete  
18 plan drawing and a list of hazard and technical equipment  
19 prior to initial site preparation.

20 Would that be included in the Final EIS?

21 MR. BROWN: Yes, it will.

22 MR. SISCO: Okay. And --

23 MR. BROWN: Everything is outstanding in there  
24 that we have in there. Everything has to be completed  
25 before they can break -- have any ground disturbance.

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1 MR. SISCO: If that's in the Final EIS, would  
2 the public be allowed to comment on that Final EIS?

3 MR. BROWN: Well, yeah, you can. There's a  
4 three-day period afterwards, but --

5 MR. SISCO: But the record decision's in the  
6 Final EIS.

7 MR. BROWN: Pretty much.

8 MR. SISCO: So basically --

9 MR. BROWN: No, the record decision is 30 days  
10 after the comment period.

11 MR. SISCO: But that's on the Final EIS.

12 MR. BROWN: Right.

13 MR. SISCO: Okay. Could you do an addendum to  
14 the EIS that would include this material before the Final  
15 comes out?

16 MR. BROWN: If it's needed, yeah, we can do  
17 that.

18 MR. SISCO: Okay. That's commonly done  
19 sometimes when you get into revisions?

20 MR. BROWN: If it's needed. If we find out that  
21 it's needed, yeah, we can.

22 MR. SISCO: That's fine. I'm just requesting  
23 that if you can provide an addendum before the Final EIS  
24 comes out to this document so that we can actually look at  
25 some of the -- you've got some fairly intensive requirements

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1 in here about engineering designs and valve check offs, and  
2 safety systems that would be nice to have an engineer,  
3 someone who's familiar with the LNG Plants, basically  
4 looking at it and make sure that it's -- and I trust you  
5 guys. I mean you guys are --

6 MR. BROWN: Well, our LNG engineers are the ones  
7 that look at that.

8 MR. SISCO: And he's probably the one that put  
9 this list together.

10 MR. BROWN: Actually, they're the ones that put  
11 those conditions in there.

12 MR. SISCO: Well, it's a fairly lengthy list of,  
13 you know, bullet points and that's why I thought it --

14 MR. BROWN: And it's there for a reason.

15 MR. SISCO: Great. That's just the only request  
16 I'd have that we look at them before the final comes out so  
17 we can actually have public comment before the Final comes  
18 out.

19 MR. BROWN: Now, here's what's going to happen.

20 We're going to go back. We're going to take all  
21 the comments we received today. We're going to produce a  
22 file. That file will go in The Federal Register.

23 Once it goes in The Federal Register, there's a  
24 30-day cooling period. Okay?

25 MR. BLAHA: Comment period.

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1 MR. BROWN: No, it's not a comment period. It's  
2 called a cooling period. They can comment during the 30  
3 days. Then it goes before the Commission and either 30 days  
4 or 60 days after that.

5 So any comments that we receive during that 30-  
6 day cool off period will go in the certificate order. We'll  
7 go in and we'll write a response to any comment we get.

8 MR. SISCO: Well, commonly on EIS', several that  
9 I've worked on, especially the Forest Service, when they  
10 need to go back and amend the document, for example, a  
11 Regional Plan, a lot of times they'll come out with a  
12 Supplemental EIS, or they'll go --

13 MR. BROWN: If we determine that a Supplemental  
14 --

15 MR. SISCO: Okay.

16 MR. BROWN: -- EIS is needed --

17 MR. SISCO: Reclaiming my time again, I just  
18 would like to make a request that with this list so lengthy  
19 that you should come out -- I'm requesting that you come out  
20 with a Supplemental EIS that addresses a lot of these issues  
21 and gives us time to make comments before it goes into the  
22 Final EIS stage.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. BROWN: I'm going to need you to put that in  
25 writing.

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MR. SISCO: I will.

MR. BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

Anybody else have any questions?

(No response.)

MR. BROWN: Now, the Final EIS should come out sometime in July. Again, we'll have that 30-day, what we call cool off period, where we have no communication with the company. The company can't communicate with FERC.

And during that 30-day period if some comments come in, it will be incorporated in the certificate when the Commission finally looks at it.

Do you want to say something, ma'am?

Anything else?

(No response.)

MR. BROWN: Okay. If anybody can think of anything, I'll be here ten, 15 more minutes. We'll kind of hang around a little bit.

If not, then I'll adjourn this meeting at this time. Thank you for coming. I appreciate it.

(Whereupon, at 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)