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THIS PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PEE DEE GENERATING STATION E.I.S. WAS TAKEN BEFORE GWENDA SMITH, AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, EDWARDS HUMANITIES BUILDING, RECITAL HALL, IN CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007.

THE FOLLOWING, TO WIT:
IS A TRANSCRIPT OF SAID PROCEEDINGS.

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LTC JORDAN: GOOD EVENING. CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: GOOD EVENING. YES.
LTC JORDAN: MY NAME'S TREY JORDAN. I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DISTRICT IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. AND MY DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES MOST OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THE PEE DEE GENERATING STATION ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS IS PRETTY SERIOUS BUSINESS HERE, AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING COMMENTS FROM YOU ALL TONIGHT AND WE HAVE THE SYSTEM SET UP FOR IT. BUT BEFORE I GET INTO THAT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE VERY QUICKLY SOME PEOPLE THAT ARE MUCH, MUCH SMARTER THAN I AM WITH ENVIROMENTAL STUFF, WATER STUFF, YOU NAME IT (INAUDIBLE). SO LET ME INTRODUCE MS. TINA HADDEN,

18 WHO IS THE CHIEF OF OUR REGULATORY DIVISION. AND
19 MR. TRAVIS HUGHES, WHO IS CHIEF OF SPECIAL
20 PROJECTS. AND DR. RICHARD DARDEN, WHO IS IN
21 CHARGE OF THIS PROJECT. (INAUDIABLE, CLAPPING).
22 WE ALSO HAVE SOME FOLKS AROUND HERE YOU'VE SEEN
23 WEARING NAME TAGS FROM THE L.P.A. GROUP. THEY ARE
24 OUR CONSULTING GROUP THAT WE'VE HIRED TO HELP US
25 WITH THIS ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. SO I

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1 HOPE YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH THEM IN THE
2 FIRST PART OF THIS MEETING, WHICH WAS THE PREVIOUS
3 HOUR, AND HAD THE CHANCE TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE
4 SIGNS OUT THERE AND ASK THEM SOME QUESTIONS ON A
5 ONE-ON-ONE BASIS BEFORE YOU GET A -- A CHANCE TO
6 COME UP HERE AND MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT. WHY ARE
7 WE HERE TONIGHT; NOW, WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS THE
8 PEE DEE GENERATING STATION AND THE PERMIT
9 APPLICATION THAT SANTEE COOPER HAS MADE. BUT WHY
10 -- WHY IS THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HERE? WE'RE
11 GOING TO GET INTO THAT IN A LITTLE BIT. BUT THERE
12 IS SOME WETLANDS ON THIS 2000 ACRE TRACT THAT THE
13 -- THAT SANTEE COOPER WANTS TO BUILD ON. AND
14 THOSE WETLANDS FALL UNDERNEATH THE ARMY CORPS OF
15 ENGINEERS JURISDICTION. IT'S KIND OF COMPLICATED
16 TO EXPLAIN, BUT THE WAY I WANT TO THINK ABOUT IS,
17 IF THERE IS AN NAVIGABLE WATERWAY OR A WATERWAY
18 THAT EXTENDS UP INTO A STATE THAT PEOPLE CAN USE
19 FOR TRANSPORTATION, BOAT TRANSPORTATION, THAT IS
20 REALLY WHAT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS -- ONE OF
21 THE REASONS WHY IT'S DESIGNED AND ONE OF THE
22 THINGS THAT IT DOES. AND IT GOES ALL THE WAY BACK
23 UP INTO THE WETLANDS. SO BECAUSE SANTEE COOPER
24 WANTS TO BUILD ON THESE 97 ACRES OF WETLANDS, ON
25 THIS 2000 ACRE TRACT, THEY HAVE TO GET A PERMIT

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1 THROUGH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AND TINA IS
2 GOING TO COME UP IN A LITTLE BIT, BUT IN 1969 THE
3 NATIONAL ENVIROMENTAL POLICY ACT WAS ENACTED. AND
4 IT SAID, HEY, ANYBODY THAT'S GOING TO DO -- ANY
5 FEDERAL AGENCY, WHICH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
6 IS, YOU'RE GOING TO GRANT A PERMIT, YOU MUST ALSO
7 NOW CONSIDER ALL OF THESE ENVIROMENTAL THINGS.
8 (INAUDIABLE) 97 ACRES OF WETLANDS THAT I HAVE TO BE

9 CONCERNED ABOUT, I HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
10 ENVIROMENTAL IMPACTS OF THIS WHOLE PROJECT
11 (INAUDIBLE). SO I AM STANDING HERE BEFORE YOU
12 TONIGHT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT I BALANCE
14 THREE THINGS. AND I REALLY WISH I WOULD HAVE
15 BROUGHT MY JUGGLING BALLS UP HERE. BUT I'VE GOT
16 TO BALANCE THE ENVIRONMENT ON ONE SIDE, THE
17 GENERAL POPULOUS, YOUR NEEDS, YOUR OPINIONS,
18 YOUR -- YOUR WELFARE. AND NOT ONLY THAT, ONE OF
19 THE THINGS THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED UPON AS FAR,
20 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, OUR INDUSTRIES, IS ONE OF
21 THOSE FACTORS THAT HELPS US BECOME MORE
22 ECONOMICALLY A GREAT COUNTRY. SO HOW DO YOU
23 BALANCE ALL THREE OF THOSE THINGS; IT'S HARD TO
24 DO. AND THIS IS PART OF THE PROCESS (INAUDIBLE)
25 INPUT INTO THIS APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT, SO WE

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1 CAN DO A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUDIES AND FIGURE OUT
2 WHAT IS THE BEST (INAUDIBLE). AND EVENTUALLY WE
3 GET TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GRANT THE PERMIT OR DENY
4 THE DENY THE PERMIT OR TO GRANT IT WITH SOME
5 EXCEPTIONS. AND YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THAT
6 ON NUMEROUS (INAUDIBLE). ONE OF THEM BEING, THE
7 PUBLIC HEARING, SUCH AS THIS; WHERE YOU CAN ASK
8 QUESTIONS -- OR TONIGHT IT WILL BE STATEMENTS, BUT
9 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF HEARINGS FOR QUESTIONS AND
10 ANSWERS. THERE IS ALSO WEBSITE, E-MAILS, THERE'S
11 PHONES. IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER WAY THAT YOU WANT TO
12 COMMUNICATE WITH US, WE WELCOME IT (INAUDIBLE).
13 WE'RE OPEN TO ANY WAY TO GET INPUT FROM YOU GUYS
14 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REPRESENTING WHAT YOUR
15 CONCERNS ARE (INAUDIBLE) INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE
16 DO THIS ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. LET ME
17 JUST MAKE SURE I'M COVERING EVERYTHING. NOW, IF
18 YOU LOOK ON THE BOARDS OUT THERE, YOU'LL SEE THE
19 PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT. NOTE THAT THE PURPOSE OF
20 THIS PROJECT ISN'T TO BUILD A SPECIFIC FACILITY
21 (INAUDIBLE) GENERATE POWER. GENERATE POWER FOR
22 THE NEEDS -- PROJECTED NEEDS OF THE CUSTOMERS OF
23 THIS PART OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FUTURE. AND
24 SANTEE COOPER HAS PROPOSED ONE WAY TO DO THIS.
25 AND AS WE TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR PROPOSAL OR HAVE

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1 DISCUSSIONS (INAUDIBLE) IT'S MY JOB TO FIGURE OUT,
2 WITH THE HELP OF THESE EXPERTS, WHETHER THAT
3 INDEED IS THE BEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH (INAUDIBLE)
4 GENERATE POWER. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF
5 ALTERNATIVES THAT WE CAN CONSIDER, AND THIS
6 STATEMENT WILL END UP CONSIDERING MANY OF THOSE
7 DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES. SOME OF THE THINGS ARE
8 CONCERNS THAT YOU BRING TO LIGHT TONIGHT AND IN
9 SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS ARE ALSO GOING TO BE PUT INTO
10 THIS STATEMENT AND THEN IF YOU BRING UP A
11 REASONABLE EXP--- REASONABLE THING THAT WE NEED TO
12 TAKE A LOOK AT, WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT. IF YOU
13 HAVE A CONCERN THAT YOU WANT TO ADDRESS, WE'RE
14 GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. AND (INAUDIBLE)
15 YOU, THE PUBLIC AN (INAUDIBLE) BEST PRODUCT THAT
16 WE CAN TO SHOW YOU WHY THAT WE'RE GOING TO GRANT
17 OR NOT GRANT, OR GRANT WITH EXCEPTIONS THIS PERMIT
18 THAT SANTEE COOPER IS ASKING US FOR. I JUST WANT
19 TO STRESS TO YOU THAT IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
20 THAT YOUR INPUT (INAUDIBLE). BECAUSE IF YOU
21 DON'T, I CAN ONLY JUGGLE TWO OF THE THREE BALLS.
22 SO TONIGHT THERE'S GOING TO BE A SERIES OF PEOPLE
23 GETTING UP HERE THAT HAVE REGISTERED TO SPEAK, AND
24 I'LL GO OVER THE RULES AFTER MS. HADDEN AND
25 DR. DARDEN TALK FOR A LITTLE BIT. BUT YOU'RE

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1 GOING TO HAVE ABOUT TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK A PIECE
2 AND YOU'LL GET UP HERE AND WE ALREADY HAVE A NOTE
3 TAKER THAT'S GOING TO TAKE NOTES. MAKE SURE THAT
4 YOU'RE -- STATE YOUR COMMENTS AND THEN WE'RE GOING
5 TO TAKE ALL OF THOSE THINGS AND COLLATE THEM AND
6 PUT THEM INTO OUR PROCESS. AND YOU CAN SEE
7 THERE'S A LITTLE PAPER AROUND HERE (INDICATING)
8 AND IT SHOWS THE TIMELINE ON HOW THIS ENVIROMENTAL
9 IMPACT STATEMENT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. AND THIS IS
10 THE VERY BEGINNING OF IT. AND YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY
11 OF CHANCES THROUGHOUT THE NEXT MONTHS AND HOWEVER
12 LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO (INAUDIBLE) INPUT TO
13 THIS. SO WE'RE REALLY, REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
14 TONIGHT. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
15 MS. TINA HADDEN.
16 MS. HADDEN: THANK YOU, COLONEL

17 JORDAN. AS COLONEL JORDAN SAID, MY NAME IS TINA
18 HADDEN. I AM THE CHIEF OF THE REGULATORY DIVISION
19 FOR THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HERE IN THE
20 CHARLESTON DISTRICT. IN GENERAL, THE CORPS'
21 REGULATORY PROGRAM REGULATES IMPACTS TO OUR
22 NATION'S WATERS AND WETLANDS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS
23 FEDERAL LAWS IN WHICH THE CORPS MUST COMPLY IN
24 ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR A
25 PROPOSED PROJECT. THE PROJECT IN THIS CASE, I

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1 THINK WE'RE ALL VERY AWARE OF, IS THE PEE DEE
2 ELECTRICAL GENERATING STATION PROPOSED BY SANTEE
3 COOPER. THE CORPS JURISDICTION TO EVALUATE THOSE
4 PERMITS LIKE THIS ONE IS PURSUANT TO TWO MAJOR
5 LAWS -- MAJOR FEDERAL LAWS. THE FIRST ON IS
6 SECTION 10 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT. AND IT
7 PRO--- PROHIBITS THE UNAUTHORIZED OBSTRUCTION OR
8 ALTERATION OF ANY NAVIGABLE WATER OF THE UNITED
9 STATES. THIS ESSENTIALLY MEANS IF SOMEONE GOES
10 OUT AND WANTS TO ALTER OR OBSTRUCT THIS -- ANY
11 NAVIGABLE WATER OF THE UNITED STATES, YOU HAVE TO
12 COME TO THE CORPS AND GET A PERMIT. THE SECOND
13 MAJOR LAW IS SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT,
14 WHICH A LOT MORE PEOPLE ARE -- ARE FAMILIAR WITH
15 BECAUSE THAT DEALS WITH WETLANDS. AND IT
16 AUTHORIZES THE CORPS TO ISSUE OR DENY PERMITS FOR
17 DISCHARGES OF DREDGE OR FILL MATERIAL INTO WATERS
18 OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING WETLANDS. AS THE
19 COLONEL SAID, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS
20 CONSISTENCY AMONG ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE
21 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, WHICH IS ALSO
22 REFERRED TO AS NEPA -- I THINK THAT'S WHAT MOST
23 PEOPLE ARE USED TO HEARING -- WAS PASSED IN 1969.
24 BASED ON THIS FEDERAL LAW, WHEN ANY AND ALL
25 APPLICANTS APPLY TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR A

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1 PERMIT, THE CORPS WILL EVALUATE THE APPLICATION IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT
3 ARE ESTABLISHED IN THAT LAW. NEPA IS, QUOTE, THE
4 BASIC NATIONAL CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
5 ENVIRONMENT. NEPA CONTAINS PROVISIONS TO ENSURE
6 THAT FEDERAL AGENCIES, IN THIS CASE THE CORPS,
7 CARRIES OUT POLICIES OF THE ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH

8 BOTH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE LAW. WHEN
9 NEPA WAS PASSED, IT ALSO ESTABLISHMENT OF A
10 COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, OR WHICH IS MORE
11 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE C.E.Q. C.E.Q. THEN
12 WROTE A SET OF REGULATIONS THAT IMPLEMENTED NEPA.
13 AND THEN EVERY FEDERAL AGENCIES WROTE THEIR
14 REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING NEPA. THESE REGULATIONS
15 INSTRUCT FEDERAL AGENCIES ON WHAT THEY NEED TO DO
16 TO COMPLY WITH THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES OUTLINED
17 IN THE LAW ITSELF. AND SEVERAL YEARS LATER
18 NEPA -- C.E.Q. ALSO PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT ENTITLED,
19 40 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING C.E.Q.'S
20 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT REGULATIONS.
21 THAT'S A MOUTH FULL, SO WHAT WE CALL IT IS, THE 40
22 QUESTIONS. THESE 40 QUESTIONS ARE ROUTINELY USED
23 BY ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES WHEN THEY'RE WORKING ON --
24 ON OR IMPLEMENTING OUR NEPA PROCESS. THE PROCESS
25 THAT IS ALLOWED -- THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE

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1 C.E.Q. REGULATIONS IS REFERRED TO AS THE NEPA
2 PROCESS. IF YOU'RE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS OVER
3 THE NEXT 14 MONTHS TO TWO YEARS, YOU WILL HEAR
4 THAT QUITE FREQUENTLY, THE NEPA PROCESS. THIS
5 PROCESS IS INTENDED TO HELP PUBLIC OFFICIALS, IN
6 THIS CASE THE CORPS AND COLONEL JORDAN, MAKE
7 DECISIONS THAT ARE BASED ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF
8 THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF A PROPOSED
9 PROJECT, AND ULTIMATELY TO GUIDE FEDERAL ACTIONS
10 THAT WILL PROTECT, RESTORE, AND ENHANCE THE
11 ENVIRONMENT. OF COURSE, THESE ENVIRONMENTAL
12 CONSEQUENCES MUST BE DOCUMENTED. THEREFORE, NEPA
13 REQUIRES THAT THIS DOCUMENTATION BE IN ONE OF TWO
14 FORMS; AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, OR AN
15 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. BOTH OF THESE
16 DOCUMENTS MUST IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE THE ISSUES
17 THAT ARE TRULY SIGNIFICANT TO THE ACTION OR
18 PROPOSAL AT QUESTION. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, AN
19 ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS A MORE IN-DEPTH
20 DOCUMENT THAN AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. WE
21 COMMONLY REFER TO AN ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS AN
22 E.I.S. AND THAT'S HOW YOU WILL COMMONLY HEAR IT
23 REFERRED TO. ONE OF THE BASIC TENETS OF C.E.Q.'S
24 REGULATIONS THAT COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION IS MADE

25 AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS BEFORE
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1 DECISIONS ARE MADE AND BEFORE FEDERAL ACTIONS ARE
2 TAKEN. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE E.I.S. AND TO THE
3 NEPA PROCESS THAT THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY, IN THIS
4 CASE THE CORPS, GAIN EXPERT AGENCY COMMENTS AND
5 INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC. AS COLONEL
6 JORDAN INDICATED, THE CORPS HAS ALREADY DETERMINED
7 THAT IT WILL PREPARE AN E.I.S. FOR THIS PROJECT.
8 THE E.I.S. WILL BE PREPARED IN TWO PHASES; A DRAFT
9 ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND A FINAL
10 ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. BOTH OF THESE
11 DOCUMENTS WILL BE CIRCULATED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
12 AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING
13 CIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT
14 STATEMENT. ULTIMATELY, WHEN THE CORPS IS PREPARED
15 TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE APPLICATION, WE
16 WILL PREPARE WHAT IS A RECORD OF DECISION.
17 SOMETIMES YOU HEAR THAT REFERRED TO AS A ROD.
18 CERTAINLY THE E.I.S. WILL DOCUMENT THE IMPACTS
19 FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND CONTAIN ALL THE
20 INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS THAT THE DISTRICT
21 ENGINEER WILL USE IN REACHING HIS PERMIT DECISION.
22 BUT THE RECORD OF DECISION WILL DOCUMENT THE
23 DISTRICT ENGINEER'S DECISION ITSELF. SINCE THE
24 CORPS OF ENGINEERS CANNOT DICTATE TO SANTEE COOPER
25 WHERE THEY WILL BUILD AN ELECTRICAL GENERATING

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1 STATION, THE DISTRICT ENGINEER'S DECISION WILL BE
2 ONE OF THREE THINGS; IT WILL ISSUE A PERMIT, DENY
3 A PERMIT, OR ISSUE A PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS. BUT
4 THAT'S THE END OF THE PROCESS. THAT'S ALL--- AFTER
5 ALL THIS IS SAID AND DONE, AND AFTER THE WHOLE
6 NEPA PROCESS IS DONE, THAT'S THE END OF THE
7 PROCESS. WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS
8 RIGHT NOW. AND BEFORE WE CAN EVEN BEGIN TO
9 PREPARE THAT DOCUMENT, WE NEED YOUR INPUT. YOUR
10 INPUT IS ESSENTIAL. YOU WILL HEAR THAT QUITE
11 FREQUENTLY AND WITH -- IT'S NOT SAID JUST TO SAY;
12 IT IS TRULY HEART-FELT AND MEANT. WE NEED YOUR
13 INPUT. IN FACT, THE NEPA PROCESS, NEPA ITSELF
14 REFERS TO THE PROCESS OF GETTING YOUR INPUT AS THE
15 SCOPING PROCESS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE AT WHAT'S

16 CALLED A SCOPING MEETING. SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT,
17 AFTER THIS SCOPING MEETING? ONE OF THE FIRST AND
18 MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT THE CORPS WILL MAKE
19 HAS TO BE TO DETERMINATION WHAT THE SCOPE OF THE
20 E.I.S. IS GOING TO BE. THE SCOPE IS A TERM USED
21 IN NEPA TO DEFINE THE RANGE OF ACTIONS, THE RANGE
22 OF ALTERNATIVES, AND THE RANGE OF IMPACTS TO BE
23 CONSIDERED IN THE E.I.S. I'M GOING TO REPEAT THAT
24 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. IT WILL
25 ADDRESS THE RANGE OF ACTIONS, ALTERNATIVES, AND
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1 IMPACTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS E.I.S. FOR THIS
2 PARTICULAR E.I.S., THE CORPS WILL ASSESS AT A
3 MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUEL ALTERNATIVES;
4 WE'LL MEET -- WE'LL DO ONE OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO
5 MEET THE FUTURE PROTECTED POWER DEMANDS INCLUDING
6 POWER PLANT FUEL ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN COAL;
7 THAT WILL BE ASSESSED IN THE E.I.S. WE OF COURSE,
8 WILL EVALUATE SANTEE COOPER'S PERMIT APPLICATION
9 AND WE WILL ASSESS SOMETHING CALLED THE NO ACTION
10 ALTERNATIVE. WHAT DO I MEAN BY THE NO ACTION
11 ALTERNATIVE? THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE IS THE
12 BASELINE TO WHICH WE WILL COMPARE THE EFFECTS OF
13 THE PROJECT AND ANY OTHER OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT
14 WE -- THAT WOULD REASONA--- REASONABLY MEET THE
15 PROJECT'S PURPOSE AND NEED. THE NO ACTION IS THE
16 ALTERNATIVE
17 THAT OUTLINES THE CONDITIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT IF
18 THE PROPOSED PROJECT WERE NOT TO TAKE PLACE. KEEP
19 IN MIND, THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT
20 REFLECT CONDITIONS, AS THEY EXIST TODAY. IT
21 REFLECTS WHAT WILL EXIST IN THE FUTURE IF THIS
22 PROJECT WERE NOT CONSTRUCTED AT ALL. THAT MEANS
23 WE HAVE TO HAVE A LITTLE CRYSTAL BALL AND KIND OF
24 LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND PROJECT WHAT WE BELIEVE
25 THE CONDITIONS WILL BE AT SOME DETERMINED POINT IN
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1 THE FUTURE. CLEARLY, EVERY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE
2 CANNOT BE RIGOROUSLY EXPLORED IN THE E.I.S.
3 THEREFORE, THE CORPS WILL UTILIZE CRITERIA TO
4 IDENTIFY THOSE ALTERNATIVES THAT SHOULD BE
5 RIGOROUSLY EXPLORED. WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON THOSE
6 CRITERIA. ONCE AGAIN, IT IS -- YOUR INPUT IS

7 ESSENTIAL TO THE NEPA PROCESS AS A WHOLE AND FOR
8 ASSISTING US IN COMING UP WITH THIS
9 CRITERIA. WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON WHAT MAY
10 BE THE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT MAY BE,
11 WHAT ALTERNATIVES WE SHOULD EVALUATE, WHAT ARE THE
12 SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THIS PROJECT, WHAT
13 ALTERNATIVES WE SHOULD EVALUATE, AND WHAT ARE THE
14 SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE -- EXCUSE ME.
15 AND WHAT RELEVANT INFORMATION YOU HAVE BASED ON
16 YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE. ALTHOUGH
17 THE NEPA PROCESS AND ALL OF OUR REGULATIONS MAY
18 NOT BE FAMILIAR TO YOU, THE ONE THING THAT YOU
19 SHOULD KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THIS IS MEANT TO BE A
20 PUBLIC PROCESS. AND AS SUCH, YOUR PARTICIPATION
21 IS NOT MERELY WELCOME, IT IS
22 ESSENTIAL. HOPEFULLY, MOST OF YOU FILLED OUT THIS
23 FORM (INDICATING) WHEN YOU CAME IN. AND ON THE
24 BACK OF THIS FORM IT SAYS, PUBLIC OUTREACH SURVEY.
25 IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU FILL THIS OUT. THIS IS
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1 ESSENTIALLY ASKING YOU, HOW YOU WANT US TO
2 COMMUNICATE WITH YOU; HOW DO YOU WANT US TO GET
3 INPUT FROM YOU. IF YOU HAVEN'T FILLED THIS OUT,
4 THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO CAN HAND SOME OF
5 THESE FORMS OUT. SKIP, YOU WANT TO GET UP AND
6 IF -- IS THERE ANYBODY -- DO YOU WANT TO RAISE
7 YOUR HAND AND SEE IF YOU NEED SOME OF THESE FORMS.
8 AND IF YOU COULD, YOU COULD DROP IT IN THE COMMENT
9 BOX ON YOUR WAY OUT, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU
10 FILL THIS OUT. WE WANT TO KNOW, DO YOU WANT US TO
11 COME TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. THIS
12 IS NOT A FORUM THAT WE CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS. THIS
13 IS A VERY FORMAL SCOPING MEETING. BUT WE WANT TO
14 COME OUT INTO YOUR COMMUNITIES. WE WANT TO COME
15 TO YOUR CHURCHES. WE WANT TO COME TO YOUR
16 SCHOOLS. WE WANT TO COME AND BE ABLE TO TRY TO
17 ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS WE GO THROUGH THE
18 PROCESS. OF COURSE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ALL
19 THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS UP FRONT OR WE
20 WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS STUDY. THE WHOLE PURPOSE
21 OF THE STUDY IS TO GET THE ANSWERS TO THOSE
22 QUESTIONS. SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILL OUT
23 THOSE FORMS AND YOU LET US KNOW HOW BEST IT IS

24 THAT WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH YOU. SO RAISE YOUR
25 HANDS HIGH SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE AND YOU CAN
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1 GET ONE OF THOSE FORMS AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU FILL
2 THAT OUT. AND ONCE AGAIN, YOURS -- YOUR INPUT IS
3 ESSENTIAL. WE NEED YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOU
4 BELIEVE WE NEED TO STUDY. THAT'S IT, THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH.

6 LTC JORDAN: DR. DARDEN.

7 DR. DARDEN: THANK YOU, COLONEL

8 JORDAN. A VERY GOOD EVENING TO EVERYONE ON BEHALF
9 OF MYSELF AND EVERYONE WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS
10 PROJECT AS -- AS OUR PROJECT TEAM. I'D LIKE TO
11 SAY I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE WHAT'S A VERY ROBUST
12 TURNOUT. AND WE'RE -- WE'RE HAPPY TO BE GETTING
13 STARTED ON THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT. I WANT TO
14 SPEND JUST THE NEXT FEW MINUTES PROVIDING YOU WITH
15 SOME GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT THAT
16 SANTEE COOPER HAS APPLIED FOR A PERMIT TO BUILD SO
17 THAT -- SO THAT YOU'LL KNOW SOME OF THE -- KIND OF
18 THE TECHNICAL PARTICULARS OF THEIR PROPOSAL. SO A
19 FEW NUMBERS ARE INVOLVED. THE PROPOSED PROJECT BY
20 SANTEE COOPER IS TO CONSTRUCT A COAL-FIRED
21 ELECTRICAL GENERATING STATION WITH ASSOCIATED
22 FACILITIES ON THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER, NEAR
23 KINGSBURG IN FLORENCE COUNTY. THE PROPOSED
24 FACILITY, REFERRED TO AS THE PEE DEE STATION,
25 WOULD INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF WATER INTAKE AND

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1 DISCHARGE FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES IN THE PEE DEE
2 RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF WHAT'S CALLED THE BOSTIC
3 LANDING. AS PROPOSED, THE PEE DEE STATION WOULD
4 REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PULVERIZED
5 COAL-FIRED STEAM TURBINE UNITS. THOSE ARE THE
6 POWER GENERATING UNITS, AND EACH WOULD GENERATE A
7 NET OUTPUT OF 600 MEGAWATTS. THAT WOULD INCLUDE
8 SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS, ASH PONDS, AN ONSITE-RAIL,
9 A RAIL SWITCHYARD, TRANSMISSION LINES TO
10 DISTRIBUTE POWER OFF THE SITE, COOLING TOWERS, AND
11 VARIOUS ON-SITE ACCESS ROADS. IN TOTAL,
12 APPROXIMATELY 93.75 ACRES OF JURISDICTIONAL AND
13 NON-JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS MIGHT BE IMPACTED BY
14 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED FACILITY. THE

15 CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATION MAY REQUIRE THE
16 FILLING AN ESTIMATED -- TO BREAK IT DOWN SOMEWHAT,
17 9.45 ACRES OF JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS, ABOUT 10
18 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL THAT I MENTIONED IN THE
19 BEGINNING, AND 5 ACRES OF FILL IN
20 NON-JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS, 8 ACRES OF MECHANIZED
21 LAND CLEARING IN JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS, 2.3
22 ACRES MECHANIZED LAND CLEARING IN
23 NON-JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS, AND JUST OVER ONE
24 HALF ACRE OF EXCAVATION IN WATERS IN THE U.S. --
25 WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. NECESSARY UPGRADES

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1 TO THE RAIL LINE EXTENSION THAT WOULD SERVE THE
2 FACILITY MAY REQUIRE FILLING OF FOUR-AND-A-HALF
3 ACRES OF JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AND WOULD INVOLVE
4 JUST UNDER 5 ACRES OF MECHANIZED LAND CLEARING.
5 CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE THAT WOULD
6 DISTRIBUTE POWER OFF SITE WOULD INVOLVE CONVERTING
7 AN ESTIMATED 58.68 ACRES OF JURISDICTIONAL
8 WETLANDS FROM FORESTED WETLANDS CONDITION TO SCRUB
9 SHRUB WETLANDS. SO THAT'S CONVERSION OF ONE
10 WETLAND TYPE TO ANOTHER. NOW, THESE FIGURES I'VE
11 MENTIONED ARE BASED ON CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS THAT
12 WERE PROVIDED BY SANTEE COOPER AS PART OF THEIR
13 PERMIT APPLICATION AND THESE OF COURSE WERE
14 INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THE
15 CORPS OF ENGINEERS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 22, 2006.
16 THE DRAWINGS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE
17 CHARLESTON DISTRICT CORP OF ENGINEER'S PUBLIC
18 WEBSITE, AND I GUESS I CAN -- I DON'T IF Y'ALL
19 HAVE PENCILS, BUT THE WEB ADDRESS IS
20 WWW.SAC.USACE.ARMY.MIL. IF YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO
21 GET ALL OF THAT OR COPY IT ALL DOWN, YOU CAN ALSO
22 ACCESS THE CORP'S WEBSITE THROUGH THE -- THE
23 PROJECT WEBSITE. AND THE WEB ADDRESS FOR THE
24 PROJECT WEBSITE IS PRINTED ON HANDOUTS THAT --
25 THAT YOU RECEIVED THIS EVENING. SO I JUST SORT OF

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1 BRIEFLY COVERED A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF -- OF THE
2 WET -- OF THE ESTIMATED WETLAND IMPACT CALCULATION
3 AS THEY APPEARED IN THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND TWO
4 PUBLIC NOTICES THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED SO FAR.
5 CERTAINLY THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT GOES BEYOND THE

6 DIRECT IMPACTS TO WETLANDS ON THE PROPOSED SITE AS
7 MS. HADDEN ALREADY DISCUSSED AND COLONEL
8 JORDAN MENTIONED AS WELL. AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY
9 TO YOU IN CLOSING IS THAT I THINK YOU CAN
10 BEST ASSIST THE CORPS IN DETERMINING THE
11 COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT, IF YOUR
12 YOUR COMMENTS TO US THIS EVENING, OR LATER IN
13 WRITING IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND COMMENTS
14 IN AT A LATER DATE, IF -- IF THOSE COMMENTS HELP
15 US TO UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS -- AND
16 THESE MAY BE SOMEWHAT REPETITIVE FROM WHAT
17 TINA HADDEN MENTIONED, BUT THEY'RE IMPORTANT; WHAT
18 ARE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT
19 IN YOUR MIND; WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF OUR
20 ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT; ARE THERE POTENTIAL
21 ALTERNATIVE ELECTRICAL GENERATING STRATEGIES,
22 LOCATIONS, LAYOUTS, CONSTRUCTION METHODS,
23 AVAILABLE THAT MAY HAVE FEWER IMPACTS TO THE
24 NATURAL AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, AN IMPORTANT
25 QUESTION; IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU FORESEE THE PROPOSED
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1 PROJECT AFFECTING YOU, THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU LIVE
2 IN, AND/OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEE DEE REGION
3 AND/OR SOUTH CAROLINA; ARE THERE METHODS OF
4 COMMUNICATION, WHICH THE CORPS HAS NOT CONSIDERED,
5 THAT MAY KEEP YOU BETTER INFORMED ON THE PERMIT
6 APPLICATION AND ON THE E.I.S. PROCESS OVERALL; AND
7 FINALLY, WHAT CRITERIA SHOULD THE CORPS UTILIZE TO
8 CHOOSE WHICH ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE FULLY ASSESSED
9 IN THE E.I.S.? SO COMMENTS THAT HELP US
10 UNDERSTAND THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MOST HELPFUL TO
11 US, AND IN TURN WILL MAXIMIZE THE EFFECT OF YOUR
12 PARTICIPATION IN THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT
13 PROCESS. THANK YOU FOR THOSE FEW MINUTES AND I'LL
14 TURN IT BACK OVER TO COLONEL JORDAN.

15 LTC JORDAN: OKAY. NOW THE FUN PART
16 BEGINS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON THE FRONT SEATS
17 RIGHT UP FRONT HERE AND THE WAY THIS IS GOING TO
18 WORK LOGISTICALLY IS, I'M GOING TO CALL THREE
19 NAMES UP RIGHT NOW AND THREE FOLKS WILL SIT RIGHT
20 UP HERE. THE FIRST ONE'S GOING TO GET UP AND
21 SPEAK, AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE ONE OF THOSE ARMY
22 DRILLS, THE OTHER TWO PEOPLE SIT UP AND MOVE OVER

23 A SEAT AND I CALL OUT THIRD NAME -- OR A FORTH
24 NAME ACTUALLY, AND THAT PERSON COMES DOWN AND SITS
25 HERE, AND WE KEEP DOING THAT UNTIL (INAUDIBLE).

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1 WE'RE GOING TO ALLOT TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER. AND
2 AT THE ONE MINUTE AND A HALF INTO IT, YOU'RE GOING
3 TO SEE A YELLOW SIGN RIGHT HERE (INDICATING), 30
4 SECONDS LEFT. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE TIME
5 EXPIRED SIGN AT THE TWO MINUTE MARK. (INAUDIBLE)
6 YOU'LL NOTICE THAT, YOU'LL BE SITTING -- OR
7 STANDING UP RIGHT HERE TALKING INTO THE
8 MICROPHONE, IF YOU DON'T NOTICE THAT I'LL REMIND
9 THAT YOU'RE TWO MINUTES HAVE EXPIRED BECAUSE WE DO
10 HAVE ABOUT 45 PEOPLE THAT HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK
11 TONIGHT. SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE A COUPLE OF HOURS
12 AND WE WANT TO GET EVERYBODY'S INPUT. REMEMBER,
13 THIS IS NOT THE ONLY FORMAT THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE
14 US INPUT. THOSE PAMPHLETS OF PAPERS, YOU CAN
15 WRITE DOWN ANYTHING YOU WANT, GIVE IT TO US
16 TONIGHT (INAUDIBLE) WHOLE BUNCH OF DIFFERENT WAYS
17 YOU CAN GIVE YOUR INPUT. THIS IS JUST ONE METHOD
18 THAT YOU MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS HEARD. SO I WOULD ASK
19 THAT YOU COME UP HERE AND SPEAK FOR YOUR TWO
20 MINUTE TIME AND WE'LL -- WE'LL START TO KICK IT
21 OFF. OKAY. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP MAYOR
22 STEVE DUKES FROM JOHNSONVILLE; FOLLOWED BY, AND
23 PLEASE EXCUSE ME IF I BUTCHER NAMES, MY EYES
24 AREN'T SO GOOD AND MY PRONUNCIATION IS NOT ALWAYS
25 GREAT, BUT SERAPHIM BECK, AND ALYSSA ENGLEBREONT,

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1 IF I COULD ASK THE THREE OF YOU TO COME UP.
2 MR. MAYOR.
3 (OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION DURING SYSTEM CHECK.)
4 LTC JORDAN: GO AHEAD, MR. MAYOR.
5 MR. DUKES: OKAY. I'M STEVE DUKES
6 FROM JOHNSONVILLE. I REPRESENT MY CITY COUNCIL
7 AND I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE
8 PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS DECISION SUPPORT IN
9 RESOLUTION FOR THIS POWER PLANT TO BE BUILT IN
10 JOHNSONVILLE. I AM A -- A -- FIRST OF ALL, I AM
11 CONCERNED ABOUT THE COUNTRY; I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
12 THE STATE, AND PROBABLY MOST OF ALL, WHICH I FEEL
13 LIKE WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT IS OUR COMMUNITY.

14 AND WE ARE IN AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN OUR
15 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE LOST JOBS, WE'VE LOST
16 INDUSTRIES. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
17 ENVIRONMENT. I LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT. WE'RE
18 PUSHING MANY PROJECTS RIGHT NOW (INAUDIBLE)
19 LYNCHES RIVER, AND MANY OTHER PROJECTS IN
20 JOHNSONVILLE, TRYING TO CLEAN UP AND PROTECT THE
21 ENVIRONMENT. RIGHT NOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO
22 INCREASE THE -- THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND BRING IN
23 INDUSTRIES IN JOHNSONVILLE. LIKE I SAID, WE
24 ARE -- WE ARE A DISTRESSED COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW. I
25 FEEL LIKE THAT THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT ARE

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1 IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE, AND ONE THING IS THE
2 HEALTHCARE AND BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR
3 FAMILIES, AND THAT'S WHY IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO
4 OUR CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS FOR THAT. WE'VE TALKED
5 TO MANY PEOPLE ABOUT HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS
6 PROJECT, AND WE'VE GOTTEN 99.9 PERCENT POSITIVE
7 RESPONSE FOR THIS. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
8 THIS PROJECT AND WE LOOK FOR ANY COMMENTS OR
9 ANYTHING THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THIS.

10 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

11 I'LL CALL DAN ABEL UP. GO AHEAD MR. BECK.

12 MR. BECK: MY NAME IS SERAPHIM BECK.

13 I'M HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF. I'M A FOURTH YEAR
14 SENIOR AS A POLY-SCI MAJOR AT COASTAL CAROLINA
15 UNIVERSITY. FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO SAY SORRY
16 TO EVERYONE, I AM NOT THE BEST SPEAKER, NOR DO I
17 HAVE A WIDE VOCABULARY. HOWEVER, I WANT TO SAY
18 THAT THIS IS WELL NEEDED. THAT THE PEOPLE HERE
19 NEED THIS. WHAT I ALSO WANT TO RECOMMEND IS, YOU
20 COMING HERE BACK TO COASTAL CAROLINA AND HAVING A
21 Q & A SESSION. ALSO AS FOR IMPACT, I THINK THE
22 PROCESS OF BUILDING THIS PLANT IS A STEP
23 BACKWARDS. WE'RE A PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY. THIS IS
24 GOING BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL WAYS OF -- OF
25 MANAGEMENT. WE MAY BE -- (INAUDIBLE) IT MAY COST

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1 MORE MONEY FOR US TO MAKE A LESS POLLUTED WAY OF
2 MAKING ENERGY. HOWEVER, IN THE LONG RUN I HOPE
3 THAT THE PEOPLES -- THE FUTURE GENERATION IS
4 HELPED. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT SANTEE COOPER SHOULD

5 BE MORALLY OBLIGATED TO MAKE A STATISTIC OF HOW
6 THE POLLUTION OF THIS AREA, REPORT HOW (INAUDIBLE)
7 AND THEN PREDICTING THE POLLUTION AT POWER PLANTS
8 MAKE. I MEAN, THIS IS A BIG IMPACT FOR EVERYONE
9 WHO LIVES HERE. IT MAY NOT JUST AFFECT THIS AREA.
10 IT MAY AFFECT THE WHOLE -- THE WHOLE STATE OF
11 SOUTH CAROLINA. I MEAN, IT DOES PRODUCE MORE
12 JOBS, HOWEVER, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT HEALTH OF A
13 CITIZENS BECOMES VASTLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN
14 ANYTHING ELSE. I MEAN, WE COULD DO MORE RESEARCH
15 ON NEW ALTERNATIVE FUELS. I BELIEVE THE IMPACT OF
16 THAT MAY BE SLOW, HOWEVER WILL BENEFIT US IN THE
17 FUTURE GREATER THAN WHAT THIS COULD BENEFIT US IN
18 THE SHORT TERM. AND BASICALLY THAT'S ALL I HAVE
19 TO SAY. THANK YOU.

20 LTC JORDAN: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL
21 MS. KATY LYKINS. I CAN'T QUITE PRONOUNCE YOUR
22 LAST NAME. GO AHEAD, MS. ENGLEBREONT.

23 MS. ENGLEBREONT: HI, MY NAME IS
24 ALYSSA ENGLEBREONT. I'M A SOPHOMORE SCIENCE MAJOR
25 AND I HAVE TWO POINTS TO MAKE. FIRST IS THAT I

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1 BELIEVE THAT BUILDING THIS POWER PLANT WOULD BE
2 UNDERMINING THE POLITICAL EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING
3 PUT FORTH BY THE STATE. TO QUOTE OUR OWN SENATOR
4 LINDSEY GRAHAM WHO SAID, I HAVE MOVED INTO THE
5 GLOBAL WARMING CAMP. CLIMATE CHANGE IS ONE OF THE
6 BIG CHALLENGES OF OUR GENERATION. CLIMATE CHANGE
7 IS REAL AND CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS ARE PART OF
8 THE PROBLEM. AS A PROPOSED PLANT THAT WOULD EMIT
9 8.6 MILLION TONS OF CO2 PER YEAR, THIS WOULD
10 OBVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARMING, WHICH
11 SENATOR GRAHAM HAS IDENTIFIED IS ONE THIS
12 GENERATION'S GREATEST PROBLEMS. SECONDLY, THE ONLY
13 REASONING THAT HAS BEEN CITED BY SANTEE COOPER FOR
14 THE PRODUCTION OF THIS PLANT IS THE GROWING
15 POPULATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA. WELL, BETWEEN 1990
16 AND 2000 THE POPULATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA GREW
17 15.07 PERCENT, WHERE POPULATIONS OF COLORADO,
18 UTAH, ARIZONA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, IDAHO, AND
19 GEORGIA ALL EXPERIENCED ABOVE 25 PERCENT GROWTH.
20 PLACES LIKE NEVADA AND GEORGIA HAVE BEEN POWERING
21 THEIR STATE WITH GAS FIRED POWER PLANTS, WHICH ARE

22 MUCH MORE ECO FRIENDLY. AND IDAHO WHO IS FOURTH
23 ON THE LIST OF POPULATION GROWTH HAS ZERO
24 COAL-FIRED PLANTS IN THE WHOLE STATE. SO, ALL
25 SAID USING GROWTH AS POP--- GROWTH AND POPULATION
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1 AS A REASON TO BUILD A PLANT IS NOT A LEGITIMATE
2 ENOUGH REASON TO POLLUTE THE AIR, LAND AND WATER.
3 LTC JORDAN: MR. PATRICK HUTCHINS,
4 PLEASE COME UP. AND MR. ABEL.

5 MR. ABEL: THANK YOU. MY NAME'S DAN
6 ABEL. I'M AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MARINE SCIENCE
7 HERE AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY. I'M THE
8 DIRECTOR OF THE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE, AS
9 WELL. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO
10 COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY. IN THIS BRIEF
11 STATEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY VERY STRONG
12 OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PEE DEE ELECTRICAL
13 GENERATING STATION PROJECT, EXPLAIN MY POSITION,
14 AND LIST SOME OF THE ISSUES AND ALTERNATIVES THAT
15 I THINK THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SHOULD
16 ADDRESS. LET ME START WITH A QUOTATION FROM THE
17 U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF CLIMATE SCIENTIST,
18 DR. JAMES HANSEN, DIRECTOR OF NASA GODDARD
19 INSTITUTE FOR SPACE. HOW LONG HAVE WE GOT? WE
20 HAVE TO STABILIZE EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE
21 WITHIN A DECADE, OR TEMPERATURES WILL WARM BY MORE
22 THAN ONE DEGREE. THAT WILL BE WARMER THAN IT HAS
23 BEEN FOR HALF A MILLION YEARS, AND MANY THINGS
24 COULD BECOME UNSTOPPABLE. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME
25 LEFT. AS A RECENTLY-RELEASED REPORT FROM THE

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1 INTERGOVERNMENT -- INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
2 CLIMATE CHANGE MAKES CLEAR, OUR GLOBAL CLIMATE
3 CRISIS IS VERY LIKELY DUE TO THE OBSERVED INCREASE
4 IN ANTHROPOGENIC GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATIONS,
5 DUE TO INCREASES IN CARBON DIOXIDE CONCENTRATION
6 FROM BURNING COAL AND OTHER FOSSIL FUEL. THE
7 SCIENCE IS UNAMBIGUOUS, THE PLANET IS WARMING AND
8 HUMANS ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE. AS DR. HEIDI
9 CULLEN, A CLIMATE EXPERT AND SCIENTIST FROM THE
10 WEATHER CHANNEL SO EXQUISITELY PUTS IT, SMOKING
11 CAUSES CANCER, ELVIS IS DEAD, AND GLOBAL WARMING
12 IS REAL. CONSIDER THESE FACTS; WE HAVE ALREADY

13 BREACHED THE PLANET'S CO2 ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY.
14 GLOBAL TEMPERATURES ARE PROJECTED TO INCREASE
15 THREE TO FIVE DEGREES OR MORE OVER THE NEXT 50
16 YEARS. THE CONSEQUENCES OF GLOBAL CLIMATE
17 DESTABILIZATION MIGHT INCLUDE UNIMAGINABLE HORRORS
18 RANGING FROM CATASTROPHIC FAILURES OF FOOD AND
19 WATER SYSTEMS, TO COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY,
20 TO CREATING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF REFUGEES FROM
21 SEA LEVEL. LOCALLY, DEFENDING AGAINST RISING SEA
22 LEVEL, IF THAT IS EVEN POSSIBLE, WILL BE A HUGE
23 DRAIN ON OUR -- DRAIN ON OUR ECONOMY. OUR GLOBAL
24 CLIMATE CRISIS IS MORE THAN AN ENVIRONMENTAL
25 ISSUE, IT IS AN ISSUE OF CIVILIZATION ITSELF, AND

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1 IT AT LEAST AS LARGE A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF
2 THE U.S. AND ITS CITIZENS AS NUCLEAR TERRORISM.
3 IN THE EVENT THAT SANTEE COOPER CHOOSES TO TAKE,
4 WHAT I CONSIDER IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IRRESPONSIBLE
5 POSITION OF PERSISTING WITH THEIR PLANS, AND LET
6 ME SAY, I THINK NOT A SINGLE COAL-FIRED POWER
7 PLANT SHOULD BE BUILT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE
8 U.S., OR ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

9 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.

10 MR. ABEL: AND I CONCLUDE THE REST OF
11 MY TIME. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I
12 THINK TWO MINUTES IS ENTIRELY TOO SHORT.

13 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. NEXT MARLEY
14 MARANO. GO AHEAD.

15 MS. LYKINS: MY NAME IS KATIE LYKINS.
16 I'M A FRESHMAN HERE AT COASTAL AND I'M FIRMLY
17 OPPOSED TO BUILDING OF THIS COAL-FIRED POWER
18 PLANT. IT WOULD BE PRODUCING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF
19 GASES, WHICH WILL ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL
20 WARMING. THE LAST THING WE NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW
21 IS TO ADD ONE MORE PLANT TO QUICKEN THE PROCESS OF
22 DESTROYING OUR WORLD. NOT ONLY WILL BE HURTING
23 OURSELVES IN THE LONG RUN, BUT THE PLANT WILL
24 BRING SMUT AND SMOG AND POLLUTION HARMFUL TO US
25 NOW. WE AS CITIZENS IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAVE TO

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1 BREATH IN THAT POLLUTION, ON TOP OF ALL THE OTHER
2 THINGS WE ARE BREATHING IN RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE TO
3 CONSIDER THE DAMAGE WE'RE DOING TO OUR

4 ENVIRONMENT. IN 50 YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN THE PLANT
5 FINALLY SHUTS DOWN, WHAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT ARE
6 WE GOING TO HAVE LEFT? THANKS.

7 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. GIBSON
8 ROG; R-O-G OR R-A-G. AND GO AHEAD, MR. HUTCHINS.

9 MR. HUTCHINS: I'M PATRICK HUTCHINS.
10 I AM A MARINE SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY DOUBLE MAJOR
11 HERE (INAUDIBLE). JUST A FEW FACTS REALLY QUICK.
12 E.P.A. STATES THAT COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS ARE THE
13 SINGLE LARGEST SOURCE OF MERCURY POLLUTION IN THE
14 UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. NATIONAL
15 WILDLIFE FEDERATION A SINGLE 100-MEGAWATT
16 COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT EMITS APPROXIMATELY 25
17 POUNDS OF MERCURY PER YEAR. THAT MEANS THAT THIS
18 POWER PLANT THAT'S BEING PROPOSED WILL PRODUCE 300
19 PER YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE
20 FEDERATION, ALSO AS LITTLE AS .002 POUNDS OF
21 MERCURY PER YEAR CAN CONTAMINATE A 25 ACRE LAND TO
22 THE POINT WHERE THE FISH ARE UNSAFE TO EAT. THIS
23 MEANS THAT THIS POWER PLANT WOULD ESSENTIALLY
24 CONTAMINATE 3,715,000 ACRES OF WATER PER
25 (INAUDIBLE). AND UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THAT MERCURY
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1 CAN TRAVEL 600 MILES AWAY. WE'RE ONLY 50 MILES
2 FROM THIS SITE. SO IN RESEARCHING THIS, WE SAY
3 THAT IT'S NECESSARY FOR OUR ECONOMY. I THINK IT'S
4 A DISASTER. (INAUDIABLE, CLAPPING). OUR ECONOMY
5 HERE AND OUR TOURIST DEPENDS ON THE HEALTH OF OUR
6 WATER. AND THIS -- THIS IS A DISASTER. AND IN MY
7 OPINION, WE NEED TO START LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM
8 SOLUTIONS AND QUIT WITH THE (INAUDIBLE). THANK
9 YOU.

10 LTC JORDAN: I'D LIKE TO CALL TWO
11 PEOPLE DOWN SINCE APPARENTLY WE ONLY HAVE ONE
12 PERSON THAT CAME DOWN. MS. CAROL -- LOOKS LIKE --

13 MS. WINANS: WINANS.

14 LTC JORDAN: WINANS. AND MS. ROSE
15 DIXON. GO AHEAD.

16 MS. MARANO: I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SO,
17 BUT HERE WE GO. CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES ARE IN
18 CONGRESS AND AT THE SENATE RIGHT NOW THAT -- TO
19 MAKE CARBON EMISSIONS HAVE REGULATIONS. THERE'S
20 NO PLAN IN THE BUILDING OF THIS TO KEEP EMISSIONS

21 DOWN, SO WE COULD ESSENTIALLY BUILD THIS AND
22 BEFORE IT GETS DONE IT WOULD BE OUTDATED AND NOT
23 ABLE TO BE WORKING. AND SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND --
24 I'M -- HOW WE BALANCE THE COST OF MAKING IT
25 EFFICIENT. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE (INAUDIBLE). AND
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1 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS WANT TO PAY AS MUCH FOR
2 COAL AS WE ALREADY ARE PAYING FOR GAS. AND YOU
3 TALK ABOUT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. I'D LIKE TO SAY
4 THE AMERICAN WAY, WE LIKE TO LEAD AND BE THE BEST
5 SO LET'S LEAD IN BEING EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE,
6 INSTEAD OF DESTROYING.

7 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. ROG.

8 MS. ROY: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS
9 GILLIAN ROY AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE
10 GEORGETOWN COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. I
11 MOSTLY REPRESENT THE PAWLEY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY.
12 AND THE WACCAMAW RIVER FLOWS JUST BEYOND MY BACK
13 YARD. AS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO TELL
14 THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WHAT WE WANT TO BE
15 COVERED IN THE REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
16 STATEMENT. THE LEAGUE STRONGLY URGES THE CORPS TO
17 MAKE A RIGOROUS AND THOROUGH STUDY OF EVERY
18 POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO BUILDING THIS PLANT AND TO
19 COMPARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THOSE
20 OPTIONS. WE ARE MISTRUSTFUL OF ANY PROMISES OR
21 GUARANTEES THAT THIS PLANT WILL MEET AND EXCEED
22 STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION
23 OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. IN FACT,
24 WE'RE MISTRUSTFUL THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE
25 MERELY COMPREHENSIVE AND STRINGENT ENOUGH. THE

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1 MANY HARMFUL EFFECTS OF A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT
2 HAVE BEEN CLEARLY DOCUMENTED, EVEN WHEN UTILIZING
3 THE BEST ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL POLICY. COAL-FIRED
4 POWER PLANTS ARE DIRTY, PERIOD. WHILE LEADERS
5 FROM 150 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD
6 GATHERED JUST THIS PAST SUNDAY TO ADDRESS THE
7 URGENT ISSUE OF GLOBAL WARMING, HERE WE ARE IN
8 SOUTH CAROLINA DEBATING THE URGENCY OF YET OF A
9 NEW COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. SCIENTIST THIS YEAR
10 ISSUED A GRIM WARNING SAYING THAT CLIMATE CHANGES
11 ARE ALREADY ON THE MARCH AND IS BOUND TO WORSEN

12 THIS CENTURY TIGHTENING THE RISK OF HUNGER,
13 DROUGHT, AND VIOLENT STORMS. HOW MANY MORE
14 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THESE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES
15 DO WE NEED TO HAVE BEFORE WE CALL FOR A MORATORIUM
16 ON COAL? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THAT CALL?
17 IS A NEW COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT REALLY THE BEST WE
18 CAN DO TO SERVE AN ALREADY WASTEFUL AND POLLUTED
19 SOUTH CAROLINA? THE LEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME
20 STRONG AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP FROM OUR UTILITIES, A
21 REAL SHIFT FROM COAL DEPENDENCY TO RENEWABLE
22 ENERGY SOURCES AND A PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE
23 CONSERVATION EDUCATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

24 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. MIKE
25 KING, IF YOU WOULD COME DOWN TO THE FRONT ROW.

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1 AND MS. CAROL -- I CAN'T PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME.

2 MS. WINANS: CAROL WINANS.

3 LTC JORDAN: WINANS. GO AHEAD.

4 MS. WINANS: THANK YOU. I LIVE IN THE

5 CITY OF GEORGETOWN. I AM HERE TO ASK THAT YOU
6 TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS BEFORE ALLOWING SANTEE
7 COOPER TO BUILD ANOTHER COAL-FIRED PLANT NEAR OUR
8 TOWN. PLEASE STUDY THE EFFECT THIS COAL-FIRED
9 PLANT WILL HAVE ON WATER QUALITY AND AIR QUALITY
10 IN OUR TOWN AND ALL NEARBY COMMUNITIES. PLEASE
11 CONDUCT A STUDY THAT CAN RESEARCH HOW MANY
12 RETIREES ACTUALLY WILL MOVE TO OUR TOWN AND THE
13 REST OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST ONCE THEY LEARN
14 ABOUT POLLUTION IN OUR WATERS AND AIR AS SANTEE
15 COOPER CLAIMS THEY MUST BUILD THIS COAL-FIRED
16 PLANT TO ACCOMMODATE THIS POPULATION GROWTH COMING
17 HERE. PLEASE SURVEY THE MANY HUNDREDS OF
18 SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THAT DETAIL THE DANGERS OF
19 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ON COASTAL COMMUNITIES. AS
20 EFFECTS LIKE INTENSIFYING HURRICANE SEASONS AND
21 RISING SEA LEVELS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT
22 ISSUES TO OUR TOWN AND ALL OTHER COASTAL TOWNS IN
23 THE WORLD. THERE IS A HUGE CONSENSUS AMONG THIS
24 PLANET'S SCIENTIST THAT GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE IS A
25 REALITY. AND THAT COAL-FIRED PLANTS, SUCH AS THIS

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1 ONE PROPOSED, ARE A DIRECT CAUSE OF THIS CHANGE.

2 PLEASE REQUEST THE MINUTES OF ALL SANTEE COOPER'S

3 ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS AFTER THEY LEARN THERE
4 WILL BE A BAN PLACED ON BUILDING THESE DIRTY
5 COAL-FIRED PLANTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PLEASE
6 PURSUE ALL AVENUES TO LEARN THE FACTS IN THIS
7 MATTER. AS MANY PEOPLE IN MY TOWN ARE CERTAIN
8 THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT BY SANTEE COOPER TO GET IN
9 UNDER THE WIRE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT BANS BUILDING
10 COAL-FIRED PLANTS LIKE THE ONE PROPOSED.

11 LTC JORDAN: MISS -- MS. WINANS, THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TWO MINUTES ARE UP.

13 MS. WINANS: THANK YOU.

14 LTC JORDAN: MISTER -- MR. STEVE DIXON
15 COME DOWN AND MS. ROSE DIXON.

16 MS. DIXON: HI. I'M ROSE DIXON. I
17 LIVE IN PAWLEY'S ISLAND. (INAUDIBLE) I'D LIKE FOR
18 YOU TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSED PLANT'S
19 IMPACT ON OUR AIR QUALITY, OUR WATER QUALITY, THE
20 SEA LIFE AND RIVER AND WATER AREAS THAT IT WILL
21 AFFECT THE SEAFOOD THAT WILL END UP ON PEOPLE'S
22 DINNER PLATES IN OUR FAMOUS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS IN
23 MURRELLS INLET. HOW WILL WE (INAUDIBLE) WATER
24 AND WHAT WE EAT FROM THESE WATERS WILL IMPACT OUR
25 HEALTH. PERHAPS WE SHOULD INCLUDE IN THIS STUDY,

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1 THE INCREASED COST OF HEALTH CARE COST THAT MAY
2 OCCUR DUE TO THE EATING ALL OF THESE DISEASED
3 FISHES AND CONTAMINATED FISHES FROM THESE WATERS,
4 THE ASH THAT ARE BEING ABSORBED INTO OUR PLANT AND
5 SEAFOOD, INTO OUR SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 TIME.

7 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MS. PAM CRUCH
8 OR CHURCH.

9 MR. KING: MY NAME IS MIKE KING. I'M
10 FROM PAMPLICO, SOUTH CAROLINA. I LIVE UPSTREAM
11 FROM THE PROPOSED PLANT VERY NEAR THE RIVER. I
12 LOVE THE PEE DEE RIVER. I BOATED ON THE RIVER FOR
13 50 YEARS AND MY WIFE'S LECTURED ME 49. THE RIVER
14 IS UNDER ATTACK. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW, THE
15 RIVER HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY LOW. YOU ALWAYS TELL
16 US THAT IT'S A WARMING TREND SO THAT WE ALL KNOW
17 ABOUT IT. THE RIVER HAS NO WATER IN IT, TO SPEAK
18 OF, AND HASN'T HAD FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND IT
19 WILL NOT IN THE FUTURE, THEY TELL US. I WAS DOWN

20 ON THE RIVER LAST WEEK. THE RIVER BEING 150 YARDS
21 WIDE THERE ABOUT -- HAD 10 INCHES OF WATER IN IT
22 ALL THE WAY ACROSS EXCEPT ONE SMALL CHANNEL. I
23 MENTIONED THE RIVER BEING UNDER ATTACK, FROM
24 BULLITT FALLS DOWN INTO NORTH CAROLINA DOWN TO
25 WHERE WE ARE NOW, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ENTITIES
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1 THAT TAKE WATER FROM THE RIVER. THE PAPER COMPANY
2 IN MARLBORO COUNTY. THE CITY OF FLORENCE TAKES
3 MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER FROM THE RIVER. THIS
4 PLANT, ACCORDING TO D.H.E.C. WILL TAKE TWO AND A
5 HALF PERCENT OF RIVER WATER WITH TWO TURBINES,
6 THEY WANT FOUR TURBINES, DOES THAT MEANS FIVE
7 PERCENT. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE RIVER CAN'T
8 STAND IT IN -- IN WATER INTAKE. MOREOVER, HOW A
9 CITY (INAUDIBLE) IN THESE COMMUNITIES AROUND
10 JOHNSONVILLE AND PAMPLICO CAN HAVE THEIR CHILDREN
11 AND GRANDCHILDREN BATHE IN THE STAC--- (INAUDIBLE)
12 CONTAINING MERCURY IS BEYOND ME. (INAUDIBLE,
13 CLAPPING). THANK YOU.

14 LTC JORDAN: CALLING MR. STEVE DIXON,
15 IF YOU'RE NOT HERE, PLEASE ALSO GRACE GIFFORD AND
16 DONNA CATTON JOHNSON, PLEASE COME DOWN.

17 MS. CREECH: MY NAME IS PAM CREECH AND
18 I LIVE IN HORRY COUNTY. I'M ON THE BOARD OF
19 WILDLIFE ACTION, HORRY COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN
20 VOTERS, WINYAH SIERRA CLUB, WE THE PEOPLE AND
21 HORRY COUNTY PRIDE. ALL OF OUR GROUPS HAVE A LOT
22 OF THINGS IN COMMON AND WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENCES,
23 AS WELL AS A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY WE ACHIEVE OUR
24 GOAL. WE ALL RESPECT ONE ANOTHER AND TRY TO WORK
25 TOGETHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT WHAT WE ALL DO
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1 STAND FOR IS SAFETY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS
2 COUNTY AND THE STATE. AFTER MANY WEEKS AND MONTHS
3 OF RESEARCH IN NUMEROUS AREAS, FINANCIAL, AS WELL
4 AS ENVIRONMENTAL, I BELIEVE THAT FOR THE MOST PART
5 ALL OF US WANT THE SAME THINGS. COMMERCIAL
6 DEVELOPMENT AND RESIDENTS WANT TO KEEP THE SAME
7 LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT EXISTING RESIDENTS HAVE
8 TODAY AND FOR FUTURE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
9 OUR RESIDENTS WANT AND NEED JOBS. EVERYONE HAS TO
10 HAVE CLEAN AIR AND WATER TO LIVE, EXIST AND HAVE A

11 GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WOULD MAKE THESE JOBS
12 WORTHWHILE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?
13 DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE TO PROVIDE JOBS AND
14 ELECTRICITY SAFELY WHILE WE GROW? DON'T WE ALL
15 BENEFIT FROM PRESERVING CLEAN AIR AND WATER WHILE
16 WE GROW? NO ONE HERE IS ANTI-GROWTH OR ANTI-JOB,
17 NOR DO WE WANT OUR ECONOMY TO STAGNATE. WE ARE
18 FOR THESE THINGS, BUT WE CAN AND SHOULD ACCOMPLISH
19 THEM SAFELY. DOZENS OF COAL PLANTS HAVE ALREADY
20 BEEN STOPPED IN OTHER STATES, NOT BY
21 ENVIRONMENTALIST, BUT BY MANY STATE PUBLIC SERVICE
22 COMMISSIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE LAWS JUDGES, AND
23 UTILITY COMMISSIONS BY CITING THAT THE EFFICIENCY
24 AND CLEAN ENERGY ARE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND THAT
25 THIS IS NOT A LEAST-COST RESOURCE NOR AN

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1 INNOVATIVE ENERGY PROJECT. THERE ARE MANY JOBS TO
2 BE HAD WORKING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND
3 OUR STATE SHOULD BE PURSUING THIS MORE DILIGENTLY.
4 THERE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTION JOBS ON GREEN
5 BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS FOR ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH
6 AND HANDS ON TESTING AND THEN MORE JOBS PUTTING
7 THESE METHODS INTO AFFECT. WE SHOULD BE
8 MANUFACTURING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS AND
9 APPLIANCES AS WELL AS SOLAR PANELS AND MANY OTHER
10 PRODUCTS THAT ARE HERE. ONE THING --

11 LTC JORDAN: I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO CUT
12 YOU OFF THERE. MR. STEVE DIXON, PLEASE. AND,
13 PLEASE REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN'T DO IT IN TWO
14 MINUTES, WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE WEB, WE'LL BE
15 HAPPY TO RECEIVE ALL YOUR COMMENTS. MR. DIXON.

16 MR. DIXON: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
17 STEVE DIXON. I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF HERE. I
18 JUST WANT YOU TO GO WHERE THERE'S A 650 MEGAWATT
19 COAL PLANT AND GO OUTSIDE AND STAND THERE FOR A
20 LITTLE WHILE AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THE DIRECTLY
21 WHAT KIND OF AN IMPACT THAT HAS. AND THESE ARE
22 NOT SMALL PLANTS. 650-MEGAWATT PLANT IS A
23 TREMENDOUS PLANT AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO OF
24 THEM. IT WILL BE UNBELIEVABLE. IT WILL RAIN DOWN
25 SOOT AND COAL ON YOU FOR MILES AWAY FROM THAT

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1 PLANT. NO MATTER WHAT (INAUDIBLE). I'M SORRY

2 THAT THE MAYOR OF JOHNSONVILLE ISN'T HERE. IF HE
3 EVER HAS THAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND STAND OUTSIDE
4 OF ONE OF THE PLANTS HE WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND REAL
5 QUICKLY. I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T PUT NATURAL
6 GAS, IF THEY NEED THAT POWER AND I DON'T SEE WHY
7 THEY NEED THAT MUCH POWER, 1300 MEGAWATTS OF POWER
8 FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. IT SEEMS TO ME
9 LIKE THEY ARE LOOKING TO SELL THIS POWER TO
10 SOMEBODY ELSE AND NOT REALLY NEED IT FOR THE STATE
11 OF SOUTH CAROLINA. BUT I JUST -- WHY WOULDN'T
12 THEY BUILD A NATURAL POWER PLANT WHERE THERE'S NO
13 IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT? WHY DO THEY GO THROUGH
14 THIS PROCESS WITH COAL, WHICH IS DETRIMENTAL TO
15 EVERYTHING THAT (INAUDIBLE). SO I -- I WOULD JUST
16 WANT YOU TO VENTURE OUT AND STAND OUTSIDE ONE OF
17 THESE COAL PLANTS SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE,
18 AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHY THEY ARE NOT USING
19 ALTERNATIVE METHODS FROM NATURAL GAS, WHICH
20 DOESN'T HAVE THE EFFECTS THAT COAL DOES. THANK
21 YOU.

22 LTC JORDAN: MS. NANCY CAVE COME DOWN
23 FOR ME, PLEASE. GO AHEAD MS. GIFFORD.

24 MS. GIFFORD: THANK YOU SO MUCH,
25 COLONEL JORDAN FOR COMING TO Horry COUNTY, THE
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1 GATEWAY CITY, AND TO THE STAFF, THE ARMY CORPS
2 STAFF. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, IF THEY'RE HERE
3 TONIGHT, THE TWO AREA SANTEE COOPER BOARD MEMBERS.
4 IS DR. MOLNAR HERE FROM MYRTLE BEACH OR DAVID
5 SPRINGS FROM MURRELLS INLET? THESE ARE OUR TWO
6 SANTEE COOPER BOARD MEMBERS --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: AND THEY'RE NOT
8 HERE.

9 MS. GIFFORD: AND THIS IS THE CLOSEST
10 I THINK YOUR SCOPING IS GOING TO GET TO OUR AREA,
11 SO I REGRET THAT THEY'RE NOT HERE. BUT I DO HAVE
12 SOME VERY POSITIVE THINGS TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY
13 GROUP. I CONVINCED MY HUSBAND TO INSTALL A SOLAR
14 HOT WATER SYSTEM AND HERE'S THE PICTURE OF THE
15 GUYS LOADING IT ON THERE. THEY HAD JOBS, I KNOW,
16 BECAUSE WE PAID THEM. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE
17 REALLY GREAT INSTEAD OF A COAL PLANT TO BRING THAT
18 REAL LINE INTO THAT WETLANDS IN A WAY THAT IT

19 WOULDNT IMPACT VERY MUCH, PUT A GIANT WAREHOUSE
20 THERE, BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF PANELS AND
21 (INAUDIBLE, CLAPPING) HARDWARE DOWN THERE
22 (INAUDIBLE, CLAPPING) -- TO -- TO BE TRAINED TO --
23 TO INSTALL THIS STUFF AND -- AND BRING IT TO ALL
24 COMMUNITIES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. WE DO HAVE
25 SOME CRITERIA THAT WE WANT TO LOOK AT AND ONE IS;

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1 ARE WE DOING HARM UP OR DOWN RIVER? AND ONE OF
2 THE THINGS THAT I HAVE RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF IS
3 MOUNTAIN TOP REMOVAL MINING, AND THIS IS -- IT'S
4 GETTING HARDER TO GET THE COAL, BUT THIS IS FROM
5 PAULINE CANTERBURY OF WEST VIRGINIA, MOUNTAIN TOP
6 REMOVAL IS LIKE AN OCTOPUS; THE MANY DESTRUCTIONS
7 AND HEALTH HAZARDS DEVOURING THE COAL COUNTIES IN
8 SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA; IT IS SQUEEZING LIFE
9 SLOWLY FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND THE CITIZENS WHILE
10 POLLUTING THE AIR WITH BLASTING ROCK DUST AND COAL
11 DUST. THANK YOU.

12 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO
13 CALL TO THE FRONT ROW, LOOKS LIKE CARL PRESS. I'M
14 SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT. PLEASE GO AHEAD,
15 MISS.

16 MS. JOHNSON: I'M DONNA CATTON
17 JOHNSON. I'M A TEACHER IN THE AREA. MY MOM AND
18 DAD -- I'M -- I'M A MILITARY BRAT COLONEL. MY
19 MO--- MY DAD RETIRED HERE FROM THE AIR FORCE IN
20 '69. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO STAY INSTEAD OF
21 TIMMONS CITY (PH), NEW JERSEY WHERE HE LIVED AT
22 THE END OF A HORRIBLE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE FULL OF
23 INDUSTRIAL CRAP, EXCUSE MY LANGUAGE. I CAN
24 ALREADY NOT BREATHE. I QUIT SMOKING CIGARETTES 27
25 YEARS AGO, BUT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME WITH

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1 RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. I DON'T NEED ANY MORE
2 RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. AND I'M VERY FRIGHTENED BY
3 WHAT I'M HEARING ABOUT THIS STUFF. AND THERE'S AN
4 ASPHALT PLANT SUPPOSED TO GO IN A MILE FROM MY
5 HOUSE. MY HUSBAND AND I BOUGHT THAT PLACE ABOUT
6 21 YEARS AGO, WE OWE ABOUT 4,000 DOLLARS AND
7 PRETTY SOON MY PROPERTY VALUE IS GOING TO GO DOWN.
8 I'M DISGUSTED AND SICKENED AND CANNOT BELIEVE MY
9 PUBLIC OFFICIALS ANYWHERE WOULD ALLOW THIS STUFF

10 TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

11 LTC JORDAN: I'M GOING TO CALL
12 MR. GARY CAMPBELL DOWN TO THE FRONT ROW.
13 MS. CAVE.

14 MS. CAVE: I'M NANCY CAVE WITH THE
15 COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE AND I'M HERE THIS
16 EVENING ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS TO ASK THE U.S.
17 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE
18 STUDY ON THE IMPACTS ON HUMAN HEALTH OF THE
19 PROPOSED 1,320 MEGAWATT SANTEE COAL PLANT. I WILL
20 FOCUS MY COMMENTS ON THE EFFECT OF PLANT EMISSIONS
21 ON CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ASTHMA AND HEART AND
22 LUNG RELATED DISEASES. SANTEE COOPER'S OWN
23 NUMBERS SHOW THIS PROPOSED PLANT WILL GENERATE
24 7,500 TONS OF SOOT FORMING SO₂ AND 900 TONS OF
25 LUNG DAMAGING PARTICULATE MATTER EVERY YEAR.

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1 RECENT STUDIES BY RESEARCHERS AFFILIATED WITH THE
2 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR SCIENTIST
4 AT THE U.S. E.P.A. TO PREDICT HOW MANY PREMATURE
5 DEATHS, HEART ATTACKS, AND OTHER IMPACTS ARE
6 CAUSED BY POWER PLANT POLLUTION. E.P.A.'S OWN
7 CONSULTANTS ESTIMATE THAT FINE PARTICULATE
8 POLLUTION FROM COAL PLANTS SHORTENS THE LIFE OF
9 564 SOUTH CAROLINIANS PER YEAR, CAUSING 775 HEART
10 ATTACKS, 66 LUNG CANCER DEATHS, AND OVER 12,000
11 ASTHMA ATTACKS. THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PROFILE
12 OF EXPOSURE TO COAL-FIRED PLANTS RELEASED BY THE
13 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION IN 2001 SHOWS THAT 3.5
14 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN A 30-MILE RADIUS OF A
15 COAL PLANT. WITH THESE STATISTICS AND OTHERS, IT
16 IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CORPS CONDUCT A
17 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE
18 EMISSIONS FROM THIS COAL PLANT, AND A CUMULATIVE
19 EFFECT OF THIS PLANT WITH THE STATES 13 OTHER COAL
20 PLANTS WITH AN ESTIMATED 500 TRUCKS THAT WILL
21 ARRIVE AND DEPART AT THIS PLANT, AND THE 100 CAR
22 TRAIN THAT WILL DELIVER COAL TO THE PLANT DAILY.
23 THANK YOU.

24 LTC JORDAN: I'LL CALL MS. PAULETTE
25 GUYER OR GOYER. GO AHEAD.

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1 MR. MANLY: FIRST OF ALL MY NAME IS
2 CURTIS MANLY.

3 LTC JORDAN: THAT'S OKAY.

4 MR. MANLY: I'M A FRESHMAN MARINE
5 SCIENCE MAJOR AT COASTAL CAROLINA. AS -- I LIVE
6 ALSO, CLOSE TO THE COAL PLANT. BUT AFTER READING
7 SANTEE COOPER'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT
8 (INAUDIBLE) SLOGAN, OUR COMPANY'S MISSION IS TO
9 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH
10 CAROLINA; ONE OF THE CHIEF WAYS TO DO THAT IS BY
11 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, I WAS CONFUSED. THEY
12 DID NOT KNOW WHAT RELEASING 8.6 BILLION TONS OF
13 CARBON DIOXIDE INTO THE AT--- ATMOSPHERE, WHICH
14 CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL WARMING, AND MOST LIKELY
15 CAUSE MASSIVE FLOODING ON THE COAST OF SOUTH
16 CAROLINA, OR RELEASING THOUSANDS OF TONS OF SULFUR
17 DIOXIDE AND OTHER POLLUTANTS CAUSING ACID RAIN
18 WILL BE BENEFITING THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
19 (INAUDIBLE, CLAPPING). I'M SURE THAT THE PEOPLE
20 OF SOUTH CAROLINA DO NOT WANT THEIR HOUSES UNDER
21 WATER DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING, OR BREATHING SULFUR
22 DIOXIDE OR BREATHING OTHER POLLUTANTS THAT ARE
23 GOING TO BE FROM THIS PEE DEE COAL PLANT. I WOULD
24 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

25 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. ART VON
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1 LEHE, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT ROW. AND
2 MS. CAMPBELL -- PAULETTE.

3 MS. GUYER: I'VE LIVED IN CONWAY ALL
4 MY LIFE, AND FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS PROBABLY VERY
5 NEAR A COAL-FIRED POWER GENERATOR PLANT. AND I
6 CAN VOUCH FOR THE LITTLE DUST THAT WHEN YOU GO OUT
7 THAT IS ON YOUR CAR AND YOU CAN SEE IT LAYING
8 AROUND EVERYWHERE. I THINK THAT IT IS VERY HIGH
9 TIME THAT SOUTH CAROLINA STAND UP, FOR ONCE, AND
10 BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF SOMETHING GOOD AND
11 (INAUDIBLE, CLAPPING) WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH
12 CLIMATE CHANGE. I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S DOUBT
13 ABOUT THAT (INAUDIBLE) BUT SOME PEOPLE MAY STILL
14 SAY. WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES AND I
15 CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THIS PLANT THAT IS BEING
16 PROPOSED COULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL WE CAN FIND A
17 BETTER WAY TO POWER THIS PLANT. THANK YOU.

18 LTC JORDAN: MISTER -- MR. CAMPBELL.
19 AND IF I COULD CALL DOWN ART VON LEHE WHO DID NOT
20 COME DOWN THE FIRST TIME. SETH CUMMING. OKAY,
21 ART. SETH CUMMING AND THEN COLIN HAZEN, PLEASE.
22 MR. VON LEHE.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: WELL, MY NAME'S GARY
24 CAMPBELL. I LIVE IN HEMMINGWAY. AND I KNOW WHAT
25 THAT LADY WAS TALKING ABOUT LIVING IN NEW JERSEY.

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1 I LIVED UP THERE FOR 20 YEARS AND I WORKED
2 CONSTRUCTION. I WORKED FOR MANY POWER PLANTS AND
3 PAPER MILLS AND CHEMICAL PLANTS, AND I KNOW THAT
4 THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO ELIMINATE PROBABLY 85 TO 90
5 PERCENT OF THE POLLUTION COMING OUT OF THE STACKS,
6 BUT WHERE'S THE OTHER 10 PERCENT GO, IT JUST DON'T
7 GO AWAY. AND I'VE BEEN DOWN NEAR THE PLANT HERE
8 IN WINYAH AND YOU CAN PASS -- THEY HAVE SOME NICE
9 HOUSES THERE WHEN THEY WERE FIRST BUILT, THEY WERE
10 BRAND-NEW, YOU LOOK AT THEM NOW, IT COMES FROM
11 SOMEWHERE. I MEAN, THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS,
12 AS MANY COAL POWER PLANTS THAT I'VE WORKED ON,
13 I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE LIVE UP TO THE STANDARDS THAT
14 THE GOVERNMENT SETS UP, NEVER.

15 LTC JORDAN: NOW, MR. VON LEHE.

16 MR. VON LEHE: HI, MY NAME IS ART VON
17 LEHE. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE COASTAL
18 CONSERVATION LEAGUE AND FOUR AND A HALF THOUSAND
19 OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO WILL BE EFFECTED BY THIS
20 PLANT. THE SCOPE OF THIS E.I.S. MUST INCLUDE
21 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED PLANT. NOW, I'VE
22 HEARD ABOUT ALTERNATIVES. I'VE HEARD ABOUT
23 ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND I'VE HEARD ABOUT ALTERNATIVE
24 (INAUDIBLE) GENERATION SOURCES. BUT THERE'S NONE
25 OF THEM THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED IF THIS IS TO BE A

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1 SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. AND THAT
2 IS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION AS THE
3 FIRST ALTERNATIVE TO CONSIDER HERE. THE SCOPE OF
4 THE E.I.S. MUST INCLUDE THESE THINGS AND IT'S
5 IMPORTANT THAT THIS ALTERNATIVE THAT THE
6 EFFICIENCY IS NOT CONFUSED WITH THE FINDING AND NO
7 ACTION. IN FACT, THIS IS THE INSTEAD AN ACTION
8 THAT SANTEE COOPER CAN TAKE TO PREVENT ALL OF

9 THESE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT WE ALL HEAR ABOUT
10 AND ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT. EFFICIENCY AND
11 CONSERVATION IS THE CHEAPEST, FASTEST, CLEANEST
12 AND SAFEST WAY TO GENERATE POWER. THIS
13 ALTERNATIVE IS THE BEST OPTION FOR THREE
14 (INAUDIBLE). THE FIRST IS THAT IT'S BEST FOR THE
15 ENVIRONMENT; WE'VE DISCUSSED ALL THAT. IT'S BEST
16 FOR SOCIETY. IT'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
17 CONSERVATION WILL CREATE MANY, MANY MORE JOBS THAN
18 THIS PROPOSED PLANT EVER WOULD. IT IS THE BEST
19 ECONOMIC OPTION, AS EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION
20 WOULD COST LESS PER MEGAWATT TO ADDRESS THE ENERGY
21 DEMAND HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA. NOW, THAT'S
22 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVEN'T FULLY ADDRESSED AS SOUTH
23 CAROLINIANS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE WORST -- ONE OF
24 THE WORST RECORDS IN THE NATION. WE'RE NUMBER 46,
25 WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. THERE'S TONS OF

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1 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. SO IF WE WERE ABLE TO GO IN
2 AND HAVE A ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN EFFICIENCY EACH
3 YEAR, ACCORDING TO SANTEE COOPER'S OWN NUMBERS,
4 THEN THAT WOULD NEGATE THE NEED FOR THIS
5 600-MEGAWATT PLANT. AND WE CAN DO THAT EASILY
6 BECAUSE IT WAS DONE IN CALIFORNIA IN ONE YEAR A
7 TEN PERCENT REDUCTION. SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
8 IS ACHIEVABLE AND IT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE
9 E.I.S. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AND NOT AS FINDING AS NO
10 ACTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11 LTC JORDAN: LET ME CALL DOWN
12 MISTER --

13 MR. HAGAN: COLIN HAGAN.

14 LTC JORDAN: COME ON UP COLIN HAGAN.
15 AND IF THERE'S A SETH CUNNING COME DOWN, AND
16 MR. BYRON BAZEN, CHRISTINE CANENTER.

17 MR. HAGAN: HI, MY NAME IS COLIN HAGAN
18 AND I REPRESENT THE SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN
19 ENERGY. WE APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
20 THE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SANTEE
21 COOPER PROPOSAL TO HIGHLIGHT PROVEN ALTERNATIVES.
22 IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
23 STATEMENT CONSIDERS ALL OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS
24 THAT A DIRTY PULVERIZED COAL PLANT WILL HAVE ON
25 SOUTH CAROLINA'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. IN

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1 ADDITION, I ENCOURAGE THE ARMY CORPS TO GIVE FULL
2 CONSIDERATION FOR CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ALTERNATIVE
3 TO SANTEE COOPER'S PROPOSAL. SANTEE COOPER'S
4 PLANT WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON WATER, AIR
5 QUALITY IN THIS STATE, AND THEREFORE ON PUBLIC
6 HEALTH AND OUR ECONOMY. SPECIFICALLY, THIS
7 FACILITY WILL RESULT IN A NUMBER OF (INAUDIBLE)
8 INCLUDING ABNORMAL AMOUNTS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE AND
9 HYDROGEN OXIDE AND 400 POUNDS OF MERCURY ANNUALLY.
10 IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE E.I.S. CONSIDER THE LEVELS
11 OF (INAUDIBLE) THAT THIS FACILITY WILL EMIT AND
12 THESE EMISSIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO POOR AIR
13 QUALITY. PERHAPS THE GREATEST OF IMPORTANCE
14 HOWEVER, ARE THE NEARLY NINE MILLION TONS OF CO2
15 THAT WILL ANNUALLY RESULT FROM THIS FACILITY.
16 OVER IT'S LIFETIME, AN EXPECTED 50 OR MORE YEARS,
17 THIS FACILITY WILL EMIT FOUR AND A HALF BILLION
18 TONS OF GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION. THE MAIN
19 CONCERN FOR THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN
20 CONDUCTION THIS E.I.S. SHOULD BE THE EFFECTS THAT
21 GLOBAL WARMING WILL HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN
22 SOUTH CAROLINA. THE EFFECTS WE CAN EXPECT FROM
23 THE CO2, IS RISING TEMPERATURES, FEWER
24 (INAUDIBLE), THE RISING SEA LEVELS, STRONGER
25 HURRICANES, AND INCREASED PRECIPITATION, COUPLED

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1 WITH SPORADIC, BUT CRIPPLING DROUGHTS. THESE
2 EFFECTS WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR FLORA, WILDLIFE
3 HABITAT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NATURAL
4 ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING HUMANS. THESE AND OTHER
5 IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING DESERVE FULL EXPLANATION
6 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND I URGE
7 YOU TO INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR ASSESSMENT.
8 FURTHERMORE, LASTLY, THE CAUSAL LINK OF CO2 AND
9 GLOBAL WARMING IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED FACT. IN
10 FACT, THE PEE DEE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
11 RECOGNIZES THIS RELATIONSHIP. I URGE YOU TO
12 INCLUDE THE IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING IN YOUR
13 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

14 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. IS THERE A
15 MR. SETH CUNNING? GOING ONCE, TWICE. MR. BYRON
16 BAZEN, AND MS. CHRISTINE CANENTER.

17 MS. MILLEY: I'M PATRICIA MILLEY. DID
18 YOU CALL ME AND I MISSED MY NAME?
19 LTC JORDAN: I DON'T BELIEVE SO. LET
20 ME JUST KEEP GOING. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE GET
21 EVERYBODY THAT'S ON THE LIST HERE THEN. MR. BYRON
22 BAZEN. OKAY, GO AHEAD, SIR.

23 MR. BAZEN: MY NAME IS BYRON BAZEN.
24 RIGHT NOW I LIVE AT THE BANKS WHERE ONE OF THE ASH
25 PONDS ARE GOING. I GREW UP LIVING DOWN THERE,
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1 EATING FISH, DRINKING RIVER WATER. THERE WAS A --
2 (INAUDIBLE) SIGN SAID CLEAN BURNING COAL. HOW
3 MANY OF Y'ALL KNOW OF CLEAN BURNING COAL? THERE
4 AIN'T NONE. MY SON AIN'T THREE YEARS OLD. TEN,
5 TWENTY YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
6 TO HIM? I MEAN, IT'S GOING TO KILL HIM. I DON'T
7 KNOW ABOUT Y'ALL, BUT WILL GET YOU IF THEY PUT IT
8 THERE. COAL DIGGERS, THEY SHOULD FIND ANOTHER WAY
9 BESIDES COAL. THERE'S LIKE -- AS THE LADY SAID
10 EARLIER, SOLAR, THERE'S OTHER WAYS. I JUST DON'T
11 KNOW HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, BUT THERE'S GOT
12 TO BE A WAY. THANK YOU.

13 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU, SIR. I'M
14 GOING TO KEEP GOING DOWN THE LIST HERE, PLEASE
15 BEAR WITH ME. CHRISTINE CANENTER, KELLY MUENCH
16 AND JOHN BRUBAKER, ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE HERE? I'VE
17 GOT A COUPLE COMING DOWN. I'M GOING TO KEEP
18 READING OFF ONE MORE JUST TO -- TO BUILD UP MY
19 BENCH HERE. TERRY -- MISTER OR MISS TERRY COOK
20 AND MS. CANENTER.

21 MS. MUENCH: GOOD EVENING MY NAME IS
22 MS. KELLY MUENCH AND I'M A FIRST YEAR STUDENT HERE
23 AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY. I AM A MARINE
24 SCIENCE MAJOR. AND EARLIER THIS WEEK I WAS
25 INFORMED BY PROFESSOR DAN ABEL THAT THEIR SANTEE
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1 COOPER POWER PLANT IS PROPOSING TO BUILD A MAJOR
2 COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT NEAR THE GREAT PEE DEE
3 RIVER NEAR KINGSBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA. WELL, MY
4 IMMEDIATE REACTION WHEN I HEARD THIS WAS, ANOTHER
5 POWER PLANT; WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS.
6 BUT LAST WEEK IN CLASS WE WERE WATCHING
7 INCONVENIENT TRUTH, WHICH FEATURES AL GORE. AND

8 THIS BASIC DOCUMENTARY, A FILM, WAS SUGGESTING AND
9 SHOWING ALL THE EFFECTS THAT GLOBAL WARMING IS
10 HAVING ON OUR PLANET, AS WE SIT HERE TONIGHT, IT
11 IS GETTING WORSE. AND BUILDING COAL POWER PLANTS,
12 FUEL BURNING COAL POWER PLANTS, IT WILL JUST GET
13 WORSE. WE ARE ADDING TO THE GLOBAL WARMING
14 PROBLEM. AND EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON MY CLASS, MY
15 LAB CLASS, WENT DOWN TO HUNTINGTON BEACH TO DO
16 SOME LAB WORK. AND I WAS LOOKING AROUND AS WE
17 STOOD ON THE DOCKS AND I'M LOOKING AT ALL THIS
18 BEAUTIFUL WETLANDS AND ALL THE BEAUTIFUL MARINE
19 LIFE AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, WILL THIS BE HERE IN
20 A FEW YEARS; WILL THIS BE HERE AS I STUDY MARINE
21 SCIENCE? IT IS GETTING -- WITH THE POWER PLANTS
22 WILL IT GET WORSE? IT WILL. THERE IS NO DOUBT.
23 AND WITH THIS POWER PLANT THING, WILL I HAVE
24 ANYTHING TO STUDY; WILL ANY OF US HAVE ANYTHING TO
25 LOOK FORWARD TO? SO, PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN,

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1 ANY ALTERNATIVES THAT WILL NOT HARM OUR
2 ENVIRONMENT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. LAST CALL FOR
4 CHRISTINE CANENTER. MR. BRUBAKER. AND CAN I GET
5 KAITLIN MAYO DOWN, PLEASE?

6 MR. BRUBAKER: I'M JOHN BRUBAKER AND I
7 REPRESENT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.
8 THE SITE THAT SANTEE COOPER HAS CHOSEN FOR THIS
9 PLANT IS A TREASURE OF RARE BEAUTY AND ECOLOGICAL
10 SIGNIFICANCE. SEVERAL SPECIES OF RARE PLANTS ARE
11 FOUND IN THE AREA. THE PROPOSED GENERATING PLANT
12 WILL DESTROY THIS UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE AND RARE
13 SPECIES THAT FIND REFUGE THERE. EVEN THOUGH IT'S
14 OFF SITE ON THE ADJACENT RIVER CROSSING, WILL
15 PERISH AS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ADJACENT
16 HYDROLOGY -- THE ADJACENT (INAUDIBLE) THE
17 HYDROLOGY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE AREA'S ENERGY
18 NEEDS ARE, BUT I DO KNOW THAT COAL -- COAL-FIRE
19 PLANTS ARE THE MOST POLLUTING ALTERNATIVE TO
20 GENERATING LESS ELECTRICITY. TOXIC BYPRODUCTS
21 STORED ON SITE ARE A THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH AND
22 WELFARE. THOSE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TP POLLUTE AIR
23 AND WATER. THE CITIZENS OF THEY REGION ARE
24 ENTITLED TO BETTER. THE BEST WAY TO SERVE OUR

25 CITIZENS IS TO BUILD CLEANER AND SAFEST PLANT IN
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1 THE BEST LOCATION. THIS IS NOT IT. CLOSE THE
2 DOOR ON THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

3 LTC JORDAN: I CALL MS. SARAH MANZI TO
4 THE FRONT ROW AND MS. TERRY COOK.

5 MS. COOK: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS
6 TERRY COOK. I'M A MOM AND A GRANDMA AND AN AVID
7 OUTDOORS WOMAN AND A REGISTERED VOTER. I MAKE MY
8 LIVING IN FOREST OF SOUTH CAROLINA. ALL OF MY
9 RECREATION TIME AND DOLLARS ARE SPENT OUTDOORS. I
10 AM A HOMEOWNER WHOSE LAND IS CONNECTED TO THIS
11 PROPOSED SITE. I'M POINTING TO SANTEE COOPER'S
12 BLUEPRINTS FROM MY BACK YARD, A LANDFILL AND AN
13 ASH POND, IT WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND MY BACK YARD.
14 THIS PROPOSED POWER PLANT WILL AFFECT EVERY ASPECT
15 OF MY LIFE AND IT WILL AFFECT EVERYONE'S IN SOUTH
16 CAROLINA. SINCE I LEARNED OF THIS PROPOSED POWER
17 PLANT COMING TO THIS AREA I'VE DONE A GOOD BIT OF
18 RESEARCH. THE MORE I'VE LEARNED, THE MORE I HAVE
19 BEEN HORRIFIED AND DISGUSTED. I'VE GOT A LOT LIST
20 OF NUMBERS THAT EVERYBODY HAS BEEN READING OFF.
21 NOT ONLY HAVE I LEARNED WHAT IT DOES TO THE
22 ENVIRONMENT AND TO OUR HEALTH I'VE LEARNED THAT
23 THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS. THERE IS A NATURAL GAS
24 PIPELINE RIGHT BESIDE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO
25 BUILD THIS FACILITY THAT COULD BE USED. AND

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1 THAT'S NOT DOWN THE ROAD, THAT'S HERE TODAY. IT'S
2 TIME FOR ALL OF US TO BECOME BETTER (INAUDIBLE) OF
3 THE LAND AND THE ENVIRONMENT. NOT ONLY STOP THE
4 BUILDING OF MORE COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS, BUT TO
5 STOP AND CLEAN UP THE ONES THAT ARE ALREADY THERE.
6 THANK YOU.

7 LTC JORDAN: I CALL CATHERINE SANTORO
8 DOWN AND MS. MAYO.

9 MS. MAYO: HI, I'M KAITLIN MAYO. I'M
10 A FRESHMAN AT COASTAL CAROLINA. I DO NOT BELIEVE
11 THAT SOUTH CAROLINA NEEDS ANOTHER COAL-FIRED POWER
12 PLANT. THE POWER PLANT SANTEE COOPER PLANS TO
13 BUILD COULD PRODUCE NINE MILLION TONS OF CARBON
14 DIOXIDE AND SMOG FORMING POLLUTANTS EVERY YEAR
15 ADDING TO GREEN HOUSE GASSES THAT PRODUCE GLOBAL

16 WARMING. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT SOURCES OF
17 ENERGY, OTHER THAN COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS, ARE
18 JUST TOO EXPENSIVE TO USE. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 CHALLENGE THIS STATEMENT. FOR INSTANCE, THE
20 INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS (INAUDIBLE) MORE
21 EXPENSIVE THAN BUILDING A POWER PLANT, BUT I HAVE
22 NEWS FOR YOU, WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR SUNLIGHT.
23 AFTER THE UP FRONT COST OF THE SOLAR PANELS, THERE
24 WOULD BE ALMOST NOTHING MORE WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY
25 FOR TO KEEP THE PANELS WORKING. HOW MUCH DO YOU
0056

1 THINK THOSE MILLIONS OF TONS OF COAL THAT SANTEE
2 COOPER POWER REQUIRES AND WHAT IT COST? ANOTHER
3 FEASIBLE OPTION IS (INAUDIBLE). STUDIES SHOW THAT
4 SOUTH CAROLINA'S OFFSHORE WIND POTENTIAL COULD
5 ACTUALLY EXCEED THE CURRENT ENERGY DEMANDS OF THE
6 STATE. WE ARE NOW AT A TIME WHERE WE HAVE THE
7 CHOICE TO EITHER KEEP BURNING PROCESSES FUELS
8 EMITTING CARBON DIOXIDE, MERCURY AND OTHER
9 POLLUTANTS THAT COULD AFFECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND
10 OUR OWN HEALTH, OR WE COULD DECIDE TO MAKE A
11 CHANGE FOR A CLEANER SOURCE OF ENERGY. I STRONGLY
12 BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATE
13 WAYS OF OBTAINING ENERGY AND TO TAKE A STAND TO
14 FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE DAMAGE WE ARE (INAUDIBLE,
15 CLAPPING).

16 LTC JORDAN: I CALL MISTER OR MISS
17 CHRIS MANLEY AND MS. MANZI.

18 MS. MANZI: HI, MY NAME IS SARAH MANZI
19 AND I'M A FRESHMAN MARINE SCIENCE MAJOR AT HERE AT
20 COASTAL. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO BUILDING THIS
21 COAL-FIRED PLANT. THIS PLANT WILL POLLUTE THE AIR
22 AND WATER, TO INCLUDE THE (INAUDIBLE). IN
23 ADDITION, THE PROPOSED PLANT WILL PRODUCE AN
24 ESTIMATED NINE MILLION TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE INTO
25 THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE EVERY YEAR. CARBON DIOXIDE
0057

1 EMISSIONS FROM PLANTS LIKE THIS ARE ONE OF THE
2 MAIN CAUSES OF GLOBAL WARMING. THERE ARE MANY
3 ALTERNATIVES TO BUILDING THIS PLANT, SUCH AS THE
4 USE OF WIND POWER. WIND POWER IS AN ESPECIALLY
5 GOOD OPTION HERE BECAUSE, AS THE WOMAN BEFORE ME
6 SAID, SOUTH CAROLINA HAS IS OF THE GREATEST OFF

7 SHORE WINDS PRODUCERS IN THE UNITED STATES.
8 BEFORE BUILDING THIS PLANT I ENCOURAGE SANTEE
9 COOPER TO CONSIDER ALL OTHER ENERGY (INAUDIBLE).

10 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. IF I CAN
11 CALL, AGAIN, CHRIS MANLEY AND BEN MOORE AND
12 CHRISTINE ELLIS DOWN, PLEASE. MS. SANTORO.

13 MS. SANTORO: HI, I'M CATHERINE
14 SANTORO. I'M A FRESHMAN MARINE SCIENCE MAJOR AT
15 COASTAL. I OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF THE COAL-FIRED
16 POWER PLANT. THE EFFECTS OF COAL-FIRED POWER
17 PLANT EMISSIONS ARE WELL KNOWN, FROM CARBON
18 DIOXIDE (INAUDIBLE) TO GLOBAL WARMING TO SULFUR
19 DIOXIDE AND NITROGEN OXIDES THAT ARE CAUSING SMOG
20 AND ACID RAIN. MERCURY IS ALSO A MAJOR COMPONENT
21 THAT COMES FROM PLANTS AFFECTING WILDLIFE AND
22 THREATENS HUMAN LIFE. THIS GENERATING STATION
23 WILL IMPACT WATER AND AIR QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE
24 COASTAL AREA AND MANY ACRES OF WETLANDS. I
25 BELIEVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO,
0058

1 SUCH AS HYDRO-ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEMS AND WIND
2 POWER, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE SO MUCH TECHNOLOGY
3 AND RESOURCES. DURING THIS TIME WHEN GLOBAL
4 WARMING IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE SANTEE COOPER'S
5 PROPOSED GENERATING SYSTEM IS NOT REALLY
6 NECESSARY.

7 LTC JORDAN: IS THERE A CHRIS MANLEY
8 THAT COME DOWN? CHRIS MANLEY, ONCE, TWICE.
9 MR. BEN MOORE. AND IF I CAN CALL MS. SUSAN TIBER
10 DOWN, PLEASE, MA'AM.

11 MR. MOORE: DOES SANTEE COOPER NEED
12 TWO COAL PLANTS, ONE IN 2012 AND ANOTHER IN 2016?
13 COULD THERE BE CHEAPER AND CLEANER ALTERNATIVES?
14 I'D LIKE TO DISPUTE THE NEED FOR THESE PLANTS AND
15 PROPOSE ONE VITAL ALTERNATIVE. SANTEE COOPER JUST
16 FINISHED ONE 600-MEGAWATT COAL PLANT THIS YEAR IN
17 BERKLEY COUNTY AND WILL PUT IN ANOTHER
18 600-MEGAWATT COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT ONLINE IN
19 2009. THESE RESOURCES IN ADDITION TO SANTEE
20 COOPER'S OWN NUMBERS AS DISCLOSED IN THE
21 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, SHOW THAT 600 MEGAWATTS
22 ARE NOT NEEDED IN 2012 AND MAY NOT EVEN BE NEEDED
23 IN 2015, ASSUMING SANTEE COOPER DOES NOT CONTINUE

24 TO PURCHASE POWER. THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED AS AN
25 ALTERNATIVE IN THIS E.I.S., POWER PURCHASING --

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1 POWER PURCHASES. AT NO POINT OVER SANTEE COOPER'S
2 TWELVE-YEAR FORECASTING PERIOD WILL TWO
3 600-MEGAWATT PLANTS BE NECESSARY. SANTEE COOPER'S
4 STATEMENT OF NEED SHOULD BE RIGOROUSLY EVALUATED.
5 IF SANTEE COOPER WILL COMMIT TO SAVING ONE PERCENT
6 OF THE ENERGY IT GENERATES ANNUALLY UNTIL 2019 IT
7 COULD CONSERVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO MEET PROJECTED
8 DEMAND. FOR EXAMPLE, BY 2015 ONE PERCENT DEMAND
9 REDUCTION COULD SAVE APPROXIMATELY 600 MEGAWATTS
10 NEGATING THE NEED FOR A PLANT. BY 2019 THIS
11 ALTERNATIVE COULD SAVE OVER 1,000 MEGAWATTS AND
12 THESE SAVINGS ARE GOING TO COST WELL BELOW THE
13 COST OF A COAL PLANT. IN FACT, MOST EFFICIENCY
14 PROGRAMS LOWER UTILITY BILLS, AND BY THE WAY, THEY
15 ARE POLLUTION FREE. IF ONE PERCENT -- IS ONE
16 PERCENT A YEAR REASONABLE? YES, THE STATE OF
17 VERMONT HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED TO REACH THIS GOAL;
18 DUKE ENERGY HAS ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO EXCEED THIS
19 LEVEL OF SAVINGS; PROGRESS ENERGY HAS COMMITTED TO
20 SAVE 1,000 MEGAWATTS; CALIFORNIA CUT DEMAND BY TEN
21 PERCENT IN ONE YEAR. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS A
22 VIABLE ALTERNATIVE THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IF THIS
23 E.I.S. IS TO BE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION --
24 EXAMINATION OF SANTEE COOPER'S PROPOSED PROJECT.
25 THANK YOU.

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1 LTC JORDAN: IF I COULD CALL
2 MS. MICHELLE KOCH DOWN, PLEASE, AND MS. ELLIS.
3 MS. ELLIS: HELLO, MY NAME IS
4 CHRISTINE ELLIS. AND AS THE WACCAMAW RIVER
5 KEEPER, MY CONCERNS FOCUS ON OUR RIVERS AND OUR
6 WETLANDS IN THIS AREA. AND I'M PARTICULARLY
7 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT TO WATER QUALITY
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROPOSED POWER PLANT. COMING
9 FROM THE PLANT WILL BE MERCURY FOR ONE CONTAMINATE
10 AND OTHER CONTAMINATES AS WELL WILL SPEW FROM THE
11 STACK AND BE LEASHED FROM THE ASH PILES. WE ARE
12 IMPACTING AN ALREADY IMPAIRED RIVER BODY. ALL THE
13 RIVERS IN OUR AREA ARE MERCURY CONTAMINATED AND
14 FISH ADVISORIES ARE ISSUED YEARLY. SECONDLY MY

15 CONCERN IS ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON THE WETLANDS. THE
16 WETLANDS IN OUR AREA IN TIME OF NO NET LOSS, THE
17 NUMBER THAT I'VE HEARD IS EIGHT PERCENT LOSS OF
18 WETLANDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. WETLANDS, BOTH
19 JURISDICTIONAL AND NON-JURISDICTIONAL SHOULD BE
20 PROTECTED TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE. AND THAT IS
21 BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TO US
22 THAT ARE FREE OF CHARGES. LIKE WATER FILTRATION,
23 LIKE FLOODING CAPACITY, LIKE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.
24 SO WHAT I WOULD ASK THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
25 ENGINEERS IS WHEN YOU CONDUCT YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL

0061

1 IMPACT STATEMENT TO FULLY EVALUATE THE TRUE
2 ECONOMIC COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POWER PLANT,
3 BOTH THE TANGIBLE COST AND THE INTANGIBLE COST
4 ASSOCIATED NOT ONLY WITH HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS, BUT
5 ALSO WITH IMPACTS IN OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR
6 WATER QUALITY IMPACTS, AND WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED
7 TO REPLACE THAT WATER QUALITY FOR OUR DRINKING
8 WATER. AND LASTLY, BUT NOT LEAST, THE
9 RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS
10 AREA PROVIDES THAT BRINGS PEOPLE AND ECONOMICALLY
11 BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

12 MS. LIBES: I THINK MY NAME MAY HAVE
13 BEEN CALLED.

14 LTC JORDAN: YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

15 MS. LIBES: SUSAN LIBES.

16 LTC JORDAN: YOU'RE UP NEXT. AND IF
17 MICHELLE KOCH COULD COME DOWN, PLEASE. COME ON UP
18 TO THE PODIUM, MA'AM. AND IF I COULD CALL A
19 MS. MARGARET MORALES. MS. LIBES. GO AHEAD,
20 PLEASE.

21 MS. LIBES: THANKS. CHRISTINE REALLY
22 COVERED A GREAT DEAL OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO TALK
23 ABOUT. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE WACCAMAW WATERSHED
24 ACADEMY HERE AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY. SO
25 LET ME JUST ADD A LITTLE BIT MORE ONTO THE SCOPING

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1 LIST. I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
2 MERCURY ISSUE BEING FOCUSED HERE ON THE WACCAMAW
3 WATERSHED. WE HAVE FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES
4 THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE THE EARLY '90'S WHEN
5 MERCURY MONITORING STARTED. THE -- THE STATE OF

6 NORTH CAROLINA OF COURSE SHARES WATERSHED WITH US
7 AND SO THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THESE ISSUES AS
8 WELL. ON THEIR REPORT THE WACCAMAW RIVER HAD DONE
9 A (INAUDIBLE) A DIRECT (INAUDIBLE) IN 1999 AND
10 MADE A FINDING THAT CURRENT AND FUTURE THAT THE
11 (INAUDIBLE) IN THE WACCAMAW WATERSHED SHOULD NOT
12 BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE THE TOTAL MERCURY ALREADY
13 PRESENT IN THE SYSTEM. SO THERE WAS A RECOGNITION
14 THAT WE NEEDED TO CRANK DOWN REAL HARD ON MERCURY
15 EMISSIONS BECAUSE WE JUST HAVE THE BAD LUCK THAT
16 BEING IN A SYSTEM THAT IS ALREADY LOADED UP. SO I
17 ASK THAT THE SCOPING PROCESS TAKING PLACE TAKE
18 INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW FROM THE
19 NORTH CAROLINA FOLKS ABOUT TAKING A WATERSHED
20 LEVEL UP AT THE MERCURY. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ARE
21 ALWAYS A TOP THING TO EVALUATE IN E.I.S.'S AND I
22 THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS
23 WE HAVE IN THE SENSE OF PROVIDING A GOOD ROLE
24 MODEL TO APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS THAT WE WOULD
25 EXPECT OTHERS TO HAVE, EVEN IF THEY ARE THE MAJOR
0063

1 SOURCE OF MERCURY DEPOSITS HERE THROUGH
2 INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT. WE CAN'T ASK THEM TO
3 DO MORE THAN WE ARE WILLING TO DO FOR OURSELVES.
4 THANK YOU.

5 LTC JORDAN: IF I COULD CALL A -- MAKE
6 SURE, MARGARET MORALES AND MS. JENNIFER DICKENS
7 AND BOB WISLINSKI, PLEASE COME DOWN FRONT. AND
8 MISS --

9 MS. MORALES: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I
10 DON'T AGREE WITH SANTEE COOPER'S PLANS TO BUILD A
11 COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT ON THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER.
12 AND WE SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN IN OUR
13 POWER TO HELP PREVENT GLOBAL WARMING FROM
14 HAPPENING. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS PLANT WILL EMIT
15 CARBON DIOXIDE INTO THE AIR AND CARBON DIOXIDE IS
16 THE LEADING GAS AFFECTING GLOBAL WARMING. THIS
17 PLANT COULD ALSO RESULT IN ACID RAIN AND POSSIBLY
18 POISON OUR WILDLIFE. I LOVE THIS AREA AND IT'S
19 BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS, SO WHY WOULD WE WANT TO
20 JEOPARDIZE OUR FUTURE AND OUR OWN ENVIRONMENT. I
21 KNOW WE ALL NEED ELECTRICITY TO LIVE, BUT IF IT IS
22 TRULY NECESSARY TO BUILD THIS PLANT THEN WE NEED

23 TO TRY A CLEANER ALTERNATIVES LIKE SOLAR AND WATER
24 POWER. WE ARE CONSTANTLY ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY AND
25 THIS COULD BE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER ADVANCE.

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1 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE
2 MYRTLE BEACH'S COAST UNDER WATER IN 50 YEARS.
3 THANK YOU.

4 LTC JORDAN: COULD YOU STATE YOUR
5 NAME?

6 MS. MORALES: I'M MARGARET MORALES.

7 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU, MS. MORALES.
8 AND MICHELLE KOCH, KOCH, GOING ONCE, TWICE. MS.
9 JENNIFER DICKENS.

10 MS. DICKENS: HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER
11 DICKENS AND I'M BOTH A STUDENT OF COASTAL CAROLINA
12 UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS A PROUD CITIZEN OF CONWAY,
13 SOUTH CAROLINA. I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY
14 OPINION AGAINST THE PLANT. SANTEE COOPER HAS
15 BASED THE NEW PLANS FOR A PLANT IN A GROWING
16 ECONOMY IN MYRTLE BEACH, BUT HAS NOT YET TRULY
17 PROVEN THAT IT IS NECESSARY. IT HAS ALSO NOT YET
18 PROVEN THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF
19 FUTURE CUSTOMERS THAT THIS NEW FIRE COAL BURNING
20 PLANT IS THE WAY TO GO. THERE IS NEW COAL
21 GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGY OUT THAT ALLOWS FOR THE
22 CAPTURE OF CARBON DIOXIDE ELIMINATES UP TO 99
23 PERCENT OF THE MERCURY THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT
24 AND MORE THAN 99 PERCENT OF SULFUR DIOXIDE
25 EMISSIONS, USING LESS WATER IN THE PROCESS AND

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1 DISCHARGING LESS WASTE WATER. I BELIEVE THAT
2 SANTEE COOPER KNOWS OF THIS PROCESS AS WELL, BUT
3 DOES NOT WISH TO SPEND THE EXTRA TEN PERCENT IT
4 MAY COST TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY. WE
5 SPEND A LITTLE MORE EACH DAY FOR NEW HEALTH FOODS,
6 PUMPED UP VITAMIN WATER, AND GYM MEMBERSHIPS, BUT
7 WE WON'T SPEND A LITTLE MORE FOR CLEAN AIR AND
8 CLEAN WATER? WITH GLOBAL WARMING ON THE RISE WE
9 CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT AND
10 AS A CITIZEN IN THE AREA, MOSTLY AFFECTED BY THIS
11 NEW POWER PLANT, I CANNOT LIVE WITH SATISFACTION
12 OF A NEW PLANT GO UNHEARD. WE ARE TAUGHT AS
13 CHILDREN THAT JUST BECAUSE WE WANT SOMETHING DOES

14 NOT MEAN THAT WE NEED IT, AND JUST BECAUSE IT IS
15 AN EASY THING TO DO DOES NOT MEAN IT IS THE RIGHT
16 THING TO DO.

17 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. IF I CAN GET
18 REVEREND MICHAEL MCCLAIN TO COME DOWN TO THE FRONT
19 ROW, PLEASE. AND MR. MIKE WOOTEN.

20 MR. WISLINSKI: I'M BOB WISLINSKI.
21 I'M JUST GRATEFUL I'M GOING BEFORE REVEREND
22 MCCLAIN. I'M BOB WISLINSKI WITH THE CAROLINA
23 CLIMATE NETWORK. THE CORPS SHOULD BE COMMENDED
24 FOR ENCOURAGING THIS STUDY. YOUR WORK HERE AS YOU
25 DEFINE IT WILL BE THE ONLY OUTSIDE VITA OF

0066

1 INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY SANTEE COOPER FAR AS THE
2 STATED NEED FOR THIS COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT,
3 ALTERNATIVES THAT (INAUDIBLE) AND THE EFFECTS OF
4 THIS PLANT UPON NATIONAL SYSTEMS AND PEOPLE.
5 BECAUSE SANTEE COOPER IS STATE OWNED, IT IS
6 OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF NORMAL STATE UTILITY
7 REGULATION LIKE THOSE OTHER PRIVATE UTILITIES MUST
8 UNDERGO. WE THINK THIS PUTS AN ADDITIONAL
9 RESPONSIBILITY ON THE CORPS TO ENSURE THAT THE
10 SCOPE OF YOUR EFFORTS HERE SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH
11 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATED
12 TO NEED, OTHER CHOICES AND BEST PRACTICES
13 (INAUDIBLE). NO OTHER OUTSIDE AUTHORITY HAS DONE
14 SO YET NOR WILL. WHEN BUILT OUT THIS PLANT WILL
15 EMIT 8 MILLION TONS OF CARBON ANNUALLY. IT WILL
16 INCREASE THE STATE'S COAL EMISSIONS BY 22 PERCENT,
17 AT A TIME WHEN OUR GOVERNMENT AND WORLD IS LOOKING
18 TO DESPERATELY DECREASE EMISSIONS. SANTEE COOPER
19 HAS STATED THEY HAVE NO OPTION BUT A COAL PLANT TO
20 MEET THIS -- THIS DEMAND. ANY ENGINEER,
21 SCIENTIST, OR UTILITY EXECUTIVE WILL KNOW THIS
22 ISN'T -- ISN'T SO. ACROSS THIS NATION, OTHER
23 UTILITIES ARE MOVING TOWARDS CONSERVATION.
24 PROGRESS ENERGY HAS DECLARED A MORATORIUM ON NEW
25 PLANT CONSTRUCTION. DUKE IS MOVING AT

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1 CONSERVATION. WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS AND SANTEE
2 COOPER IS NOT? THAT'S BECAUSE SANTEE COOPER KNOWS
3 THEY HAVE AN EASIER PATH FOR COAL PERMITTING
4 BECAUSE OF THEIR LEGAL STATUS AND THAT THIS COURSE

5 IS CHEAPER. THIS LARGER SITUATION SCREAMS FOR A
6 THOROUGH VETTING SANTEE COOPER'S JUSTIFICATION FOR
7 THIS PLANT. REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES INSTEAD OF THE
8 PROPOSAL BEFORE US AND A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
9 OF A LONG-TERM HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11 LTC JORDAN: REVEREND MCCLAIN AND IF I
12 CAN GET MR. ANDREW STUMP TO COME TO THE FRONT ROW.

13 REVEREND MCCLAIN: GOOD EVENING. I AM
14 THE REVEREND MICHAEL MCCAIN AND I SERVE AS THE
15 SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR THE
16 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WITH THE ECO-JUSTICE
17 DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTING 35 DENOMINATIONS, 1,000
18 CONGREGATIONS AND 45 MILLION MEMBERS THROUGHOUT
19 THE UNITED STATES. I'VE LISTENED TO ALL THE
20 SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION. I'M NOT A SCIENTIST. I'M
21 NOT AN ECOLOGIST. I'M SIMPLY A CHILD OF GOD
22 SERVING SOME 35 YEARS PASTORING. THE CHRISTIAN
23 TRADITION AND BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF DOMINION IS VERY
24 FAR FROM THE CONCEPT OF DOMINATION, AND THE
25 DIFFERENCE IS CRUCIAL. WE THE CHURCH AND IT'S

0068

1 FOLLOWERS ARE CHARGED WITH STEWARDSHIP BECAUSE THE
2 VERY GOD THAT GAVE MEN DOMINION HAS NEVER GIVEN
3 MAN DENOMINATION. FROM THE BIBLICAL VIEWPOINT OF
4 NATURE IS ONLY SAFE FROM POLLUTION AND BROUGHT
5 INTO A SECURE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WHEN IT IS
6 UNITED WITH PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR IT. ALL AROUND
7 OUR WORLD THE EFFORTS TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF
8 THE LAND THAT THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH COMES FROM
9 THOSE WHO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOMINION AND
10 DOMINATION. THE CHURCH HAS A DUTY TO TEACH AND TO
11 CARE FOR THE EARTH AND IT IS ROOTED IN A
12 FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD, CREATION,
13 AND MANKIND. WE FIND IN JOHN 3:16 THAT GOD SO
14 LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN
15 SON. WE SEE FURTHER IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS THAT
16 AFTER GOD CREATED THE EARTH, HE SAW THAT IT WAS
17 GOOD. WE FURTHER SEE THAT IN THE 24TH PSALM THESE
18 WORDS; THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULLNESS
19 THEREOF; THE WORLD AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN FOR
20 HE HAD FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS AND ESTABLISHED IT
21 UPON THE FLOODS. I HAVE COME TO KNOW IN THESE

22 SWEET WORDS THAT GOD IS THE OWNER. WE NEED TO BE
23 MINDFUL THAT WHATEVER WE DO TO GOD'S CREATION THAT
24 IS WRONG WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

25 LTC JORDAN: REVEREND MCCLAIN, THANK
0069

1 YOU.

2 REVEREND MCCLAIN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3 LTC JORDAN: I CALL MR. BOBBY MARTIN
4 DOWN TO THE FRONT ROW. MR. WOOTEN.

5 MR. WOOTEN: COLONEL JORDAN,
6 MS. HADDEN, MR. HUGHES, DR. DARDEN, WELCOME TO
7 Horry COUNTY. MY NAME IS MIKE WOOTEN AND I'M
8 SPEAKING TONIGHT WITH A LOT OF HATS. I'M A FORMER
9 EMPLOYEE OF SANTEE COOPER. I BEGAN MY CARRIER
10 THERE. I'M A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
11 DIRECTORS OF SANTEE COOPER. I SPENT FOUR YEARS ON
12 THAT. I AM A USER OF ELECTRICITY. I LIVE
13 MURRELLS INLET, BUT I HAVE A FARM ABOUT FOUR AND
14 A HALF MILES FROM THE PROPOSED PLANT. I STARTED
15 WORKING AT SANTEE COOPER IN 1977. ABOUT 1980 THE
16 PLANS WERE FIRST LAID FOR THE PEE DEE SITE. WE
17 CALLED IT THE KINGSBURG SITE AT THAT TIME. THE
18 MISSION OF SANTEE COOPER IS TO BE THE STATE'S
19 LEADING RESOURCE FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE
20 FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THAT'S QUITE A
21 MISSION, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT
22 ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTION IS WITHOUT QUESTION
23 THE NATION'S MOST CRITICAL INDUSTRY. WITHOUT
24 ELECTRICITY YOU CAN'T DO A WHOLE LOT. ELECTRICITY
25 IS UNIQUE. YOU CAN'T SEE IT. YOU CAN'T STORE IT.

0070

1 IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL AND IT'S A REAL-TIME
2 PROBLEM. IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT IT. JUST ASK
3 THE FOLKS IN CALIFORNIA ABOUT ROLLING BLACKOUTS
4 AND COST 10 TO 12 TIMES WHAT WE PAY HERE FOR
5 ELECTRICITY. SANTEE COOPER TAKES ITS MISSION AND
6 IT'S RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS
7 VERY SERIOUSLY. FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS SANTEE COOPER
8 HAS PRODUCED LOW COST RELIABLE ELECTRICITY AND HAS
9 HELPED OUR STATE GROW IN MANY AREAS. WILL ROGERS
10 ONCE SAID, THAT EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK,
11 YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET RUN OVER IF YOU JUST SIT
12 THERE. SANTEE COOPER HAS NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF

13 JUST SITTING THERE. OVER THE YEARS THERE HAVE
14 BEEN AN INDUSTRY OF LEADERS WHEN IT COMES TO COST,
15 RELIABILITY, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP,
16 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
17 PLANT IN THE PEE DEE REGION IS AN ESSENTIAL
18 ELEMENT TO THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF SOUTH
19 CAROLINA AND I BELIEVE SANTEE COOPER WILL DO
20 EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO MEET OR EXCEED THE
21 STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE
22 TRUST THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED. THANK
23 YOU.

24 LTC JORDAN: OKAY. AGAIN, MR. BOBBY
25 MARTIN, MS. PATRICIA MILLEY AND MISTER OR MISSES

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1 H. PAT WORRELL. SIR.

2 MR. STUMP: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
3 ANDREW STUMP. I'M A MARINE SCIENCE MAJOR.
4 CURRENTLY, I AM ENROLLED HERE AT COASTAL CAROLINA
5 UNIVERSITY. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I
6 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE OF THIS POWER PLANT PROPOSED
7 BY SANTEE COOPER NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT WAS
8 STATED EARLIER ABOUT IT'S DEVELOPMENT 60 YEARS
9 FROM NOW TO MAKE COMMITMENT THAT TECHNOLOGY THAT
10 COULD BE ABSOLUTELY OBSOLETE BY THE TIME THAT IT
11 GETS FINISHED. BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE 93 ACRES
12 OF WETLANDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE UTTERLY DESTROYED
13 BY ITS PRODUCTION. NOT TO MENTION THE 70 ACRES
14 THAT ARE GOING TO BE (INAUDIBLE) OR BE FORCED TO
15 (INAUDIBLE). I ONCE HEARD A QUOTE BY DAVID MOORE
16 PRESENTED TO ME BY ONE OF MY PROFESSORS HERE AT
17 COASTAL THAT SAID, IF TODAY WAS A TYPICAL DAY ON
18 PLANET EARTH, WE WILL LOSE 116 SQUARE MILES OF
19 RAIN FOREST, OR ABOUT AN ACRE A SECOND; WE WILL
20 LOSE ANOTHER 72 SQUARE MILES TO ENCROACHING
21 DESERTS AS A RESULT OF HUMAN RISK MANAGEMENT AND
22 OVERPOPULATION; WE WILL LOSE 40 TO 100 SPECIES AND
23 NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER IT'S 40 OR 100. IT ALSO WENT
24 ON TO SAY THAT, AND TODAY WE WILL ADD 2,700 TONS
25 OF CHLOROFLOURO CARBONS TO THE ATMOSPHERE AND 15

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1 MILLION TONS OF CARBON; TONIGHT THE EARTH WILL BE
2 A LITTLE BIT HOTTER, IT'S WATERS A LITTLE MORE
3 ACIDIC AND THE FACTORS OF LIFE A LITTLE BIT MORE

4 (INAUDIBLE). THIS QUOTE WAS ACCURATE BACK IN
5 1994. YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE NOW.
6 THE PLANT WILL CONTRIBUTE 9 MILLION TONS OF CO2,
7 ONE OF THE MAJOR GREEN HOUSE GASSES INTO THE
8 EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. I BEG SANTEE COOPER, THE
9 U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND SOUTH CAROLINA'S
10 COMMUNITY TO PROVE MR. DAVID MOORE WRONG. LET'S
11 CHANGE WHAT PEOPLE (INAUDIBLE) TYPICAL DAYS, LET'S
12 MAKE A TYPICAL DAY A DAY THAT THE COMMUNITY
13 DECIDES TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

14 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15 MR. BOBBY MARTIN, OR MISS -- I'M SORRY.

16 MS. PATRICIA MILLING, MISTER OR MISS H. PAT
17 WORRELL. SIR.

18 MR. WORRELL: MY NAME IS PAT WORRELL.

19 I'M A PRACTICING DENTIST IN MARION, SOUTH
20 CAROLINA. I AM VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
21 SAFETY OF THIS PROPOSED PLANT. I FEEL LIKE THERE
22 ARE SAFER MORE ECONOMICAL AND MORE EFFICIENT WAYS
23 THAT POWER CAN BE PRODUCED IN THIS AREA. WITHOUT
24 QUESTION, THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING NEED FOR
25 POWER IN THIS AREA AND IN THE UNITED STATES. MY

0073

1 SAFETY CONCERN IS NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, EVEN THOUGH
2 I HAVE STAGE FOUR CANCER -- YOU HEARD ME
3 CORRECTLY -- BUT FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE LIVING IN
4 THE AREA AND BE SUBJECT TO THE CARCINOGENS THAT
5 MAY BE PRODUCED FROM THIS FACILITY. I WOULD LIKE
6 TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE CORPS SEEK OUT THE
7 SAFEST, HEALTHIEST, MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY EFFICIENT
8 MANNER TO PRODUCE POWER IN THIS AREA. I THINK AT
9 THIS TIME, THERE IS SOME RESEARCH THAT I'VE DONE
10 AND I WILL BE WILLING TO SHARE THIS LATER, AT
11 WHATEVER TIME, THAT WE NEED TO VERY SERIOUSLY
12 CONSIDER STATE OF THE ART NUCLEAR ENERGY. IT
13 COULD BE -- CREATE MORE JOBS TO BE SAFER AND IN
14 THE LONG-TERM PROVIDE POWER AT THE LEAST COST PER
15 ENERGY UNIT. THANK YOU.

16 LTC JORDAN: GETTING DOWN TO THE END

17 HERE. WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GOT EVERYBODY.

18 MS. MARSHA FORMAN. AND IF I CAN CALL FORWARD

19 MR. BLAN OR MISTER OR MISSES BLAN HOLMAN AND IT

20 LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT A MR. BOB CRIMIAN.

21 MS. FORMAN: RIGHT HERE?
22 LTC JORDAN: YES, MA'AM. I'D LIKE TO
23 FILL UP THE FRONT SEATS, IF I CAN. GO AHEAD
24 PLEASE.

25 MS. FORMAN: THANK YOU FOR THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I HAD NO
2 IDEA I WAS GOING TO BE HERE TONIGHT. I FOUND OUT
3 FROM BOB HERE THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING. AND I WORK
4 HERE AT THE COLLEGE. AND MY FIRST -- MY FIRST
5 INSTINCT WAS OUTRAGE, AND DISAPPOINTMENT, AND
6 FEAR, AND DISBELIEF. I GUESS, THAT'S THE BEST
7 WORD, DISBELIEF. THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST SPOKE
8 THAT WORKED AT SANTEE COOPER SAID THIS PLANT WAS
9 CONCEIVED IN 1980. THAT'S 27 YEARS AGO. YOU --
10 TO ME, IT'S MIND BOGGLING THAT ANY -- THAT A
11 COMPANY IN -- WITH -- WITH -- WITH WHAT THE WORLD
12 IS SAYING, WHAT ALL THE SCIENTIST ARE SAYING,
13 WHAT -- WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD IS SAYING, COULD
14 POSSIBLY EVEN CONSIDER A COAL BURNING PLANT OR ANY
15 OF THESE NEGATIVE FORMS OF ENERGY THAT ARE NOW
16 PROVEN TO BE HARMFUL TO PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
17 AND THE PLANET. I MEAN, I -- I AM JUST -- I'M
18 ASHAMED, AND I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HERE WE ARE IN
19 THE UNITED STATES, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A LEADER
20 IN THE WORLD. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
21 TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE,
22 YOU KNOW, A LEADER. AND HERE WE ARE BEHIND IN --
23 IN -- IN ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ENERGY AND WE CAN'T
24 -- I MEAN, IT'S JUST -- IT'S INSANE TO -- WE CAN'T
25 IGNORE WHAT THE WORLD IS TELLING US. AND I DIDN'T

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1 HAVE TIME TO PREPARE, SO THIS IS JUST COMING OUT
2 OF AN EMOTIONAL THING AND IT CONDESCENDS, I GUESS
3 THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO PUT IT. I'M SO GLAD THAT
4 PEOPLE CAME OUT TONIGHT AND ARE SPEAKING OUT. I
5 DON'T THINK -- NOT ONLY SHOULD SANTEE COOPER BE
6 ALLOWED TO BUILD THIS PLANT, BUT I -- I BE--- THE
7 WORD COULD NOT -- I BEG YOU TO DENY THE PERMIT.
8 THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED -- NOBODY SHOULD BE
9 ALLOWED TO BUILD THESE PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES
10 ANY MORE.

11 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. BLAN

12 HOLMAN AND ON DECK IS MR. BOB CRIMIAN AND MISTER
13 OR MISSES ZARENA SITA AND THE LAST, BUT NOT LEAST,
14 MR. HARRISON DURANT.

15 MR. HOLMAN: THANK YOU, COLONEL
16 JORDAN, MS. HADDEN, AND DR. DARDEN. I COMMEND YOU
17 ON HAVING US HERE TONIGHT. I'M BLAN HOLMAN WITH
18 THE SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER. AND I
19 THINK THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS WE'VE HEARD
20 TONIGHT ARE CLEAR. CITIZENS IN THIS AREA ARE
21 DEPENDING VERY HEAVILY ON THE CORPS TO EXERCISE
22 INDEPENDENT AND SEARCHING ANALYSIS OF THIS PLANT.
23 THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE FOR THIS AREA AND THE
24 CORPS IS ALONE IN HAVING AN INDEPENDENT ABILITY TO
25 (INAUDIBLE) THE PERMIT THAT SANTEE COOPER DOESN'T
0076

1 UNDERGO UTILITIES EMISSION REVIEWS UNLIKE EVERY
2 OTHER UTILITY IN THE STATE. SO THE CORPS IS IN A
3 SPECIAL POSITION. NOW, I WANT TO URGE THE CORPS
4 TO LOOK AT SANTEE COOPER'S STATEMENT OF NEED. YOU
5 CANNOT TAKE THE STATEMENT OF NEED AT FACE VALUE.
6 1,320 MEGAWATTS OF POWER BY 2019 OR WHATEVER THE
7 FIGURE IS, AND THE REASON YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AT
8 FACE VALUE IS, ONE LEGALLY, WHICH I'M SURE THEY
9 WILL DISAGREE WITH US ABOUT THAT AND WE WILL HAVE
10 OUR DAY TO TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT ALSO A MATTER OF
11 COMMON SENSE. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU -- YOU ALSO
12 SAID YOU WOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE FUELS. AND
13 ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS THAT MR. VON LEHE
14 TALKED ABOUT AND BEN MOORE TALKED ABOUT IS
15 EFFICIENCY. AND IF THAT IS ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVE
16 FUELS, WHAT EFFICIENCY ACTUALLY STARTS TO DO IS
17 CHANGE THE PICTURE ON THE STATEMENT OF NEED.
18 BECAUSE IF YOU CAN GENERATE POWER FROM EFFICIENCY
19 YOU DON'T NEED A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. AND IF
20 YOU CAN GENERATE THIS POWER FROM EFFICIENCY SOONER
21 THEN YOU MIGHT NOT NEED A PLANT OF ANY SORT UNTIL
22 LATER. AND SO I WOULD JUST URGE THE CORPS NOT TO
23 CLOSE OFF THE NOTION THAT THIS NEED IS A DONE
24 DEAL. THE NEED IS INTERRELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF
25 THIS PROJECT AND ALL OF THEM NEED TO BE EXAMINED

0077

1 TODAY. THANK YOU.

2 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MR. CRIMIAN.

3 MR. CRIMIAN: I'M BOB CRIMIAN. I'M A
4 FRESHMAN HERE AT COASTAL CAROLINA. I BELIEVE
5 YOU'VE HEARD ALL THE STATISTIC OF WHY THIS PLANT
6 IS HARMFUL. I'M GOING TO COME BY WAY OF MORAL
7 STANDARDS. I'M ONLY A FRESHMAN, I HAVE
8 (INAUDIBLE), BUT I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
9 RIGHT AND WRONG. THIS PLANT IS WRONG. WE KNOW
10 THAT CARBON DIOXIDE IS CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING TO
11 GET WORSE. (INAUDIBLE) CARBON DIOXIDE, SO I GUESS
12 I CAN JUST SAY IS HAVE A HEART, USE WHAT YOU KNOW
13 FROM RIGHT FROM WRONG. THANK YOU.

14 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU. MS. ZARENA
15 SITA. MR. HARRISON DURANT.

16 MS. SITA: HI, MY NAME IS ZARENA SITA
17 AND I AM A FRESHMAN HERE AT COASTAL CAROLINA. I
18 AM A MARINE SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY DOUBLE MAJOR
19 AND I AM HERE TO REFUTE THE BUILDING OF A
20 COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT IN THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER
21 THAT FLOWS THROUGH NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA AND
22 VIRGINIA. I BELIEVE THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE PLANT
23 WILL BE FELT AT BOTH HOME AND ABROAD. A GOOD
24 INDICATOR OF THIS WOULD BE THE SITUATION TAKING
25 PLACE IN CHINA RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK. WHEN YOU

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1 THINK OF CHINA YOU WOULDN'T THINK OF A TASK FORCE
2 THAT WOULD INCLUDE TOXIC CHEMICALS, SOOT, AND
3 CLIMATE CHANGING GASSES THAT ARE BEING EXPORTED
4 ALL ACROSS THE WORLD RIGHT NOW. IN APRIL OF THIS
5 YEAR AMERICAN SATELLITES HAVE FOUND SPECKS OF
6 SULFUR COMPOUNDS, CARBON AND OTHER BYPRODUCTS OF
7 COAL COMBUSTION COATING (INAUDIBLE). THESE
8 BYPRODUCTS HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO WORK THEIR WAY INTO
9 HUMAN LUNGS, CAUSING RESPIRATORY DAMAGE, HEART
10 DISEASE, AND EVEN CANCER. ON CONTRAST THERE'S A
11 TEMPORARY BENEFIT, (INAUDIBLE) SIDE EFFECTS THAT
12 COINCIDENTALLY HELPS ALL (INAUDIBLE) COUNTRY. IT
13 MAY HOWEVER TEMPORARY SLOW THE PROCESS OF GLOBAL
14 WARMING. THE AIRBORNE PARTICLES REFLECT THE SUN'S
15 HEAT RAYS -- HOT RAYS BACK INTO SPACE, BUT IS
16 STRESSED (INAUDIBLE) IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND ONLY
17 PUSHES THE PROCESS TO A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.
18 THE CARBON DIOXIDE (INAUDIBLE) BY THESE COAL
19 PLANTS WILL LAST FOR DECADES WITH A CUMULATIVE

20 WARNING EFFECTS THAT WITH TIME WILL OVERWHELM THE
21 (INAUDIBLE) GLOBAL WARMING. KEEPING ALL THIS IN
22 MIND I WANT TO ASK, IF YOU'D BE CONTENT IF THE
23 SAME THING HAPPENED HERE SO THAT YOUR CHILDREN,
24 YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, AND EVEN THEIR CHILDREN
25 WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT ANY OF THE
0079

1 NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE NOW.
2 LTC JORDAN: MR. HARRISON DURANT.
3 MR. DURANT: MY NAME IS HARRISON
4 DURANT. I'M A SOPHOMORE HERE AT COASTAL. I'M
5 JUST GOING TO HIT ON PRETTY MUCH EXACTLY WHAT THIS
6 LADY IN THE RED SAID AND BOB. I MEAN, I COULDN'T
7 AGREE WITH THEM MORE. OBVIOUSLY, WELL, I DIDN'T
8 KNOW PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING
9 UNTIL ABOUT TWO, THREE WEEKS AGO. WE WATCHED SOME
10 MOVIE IN CLASS AND I FORGOT WHAT THE NAME OF IT
11 WAS. INCONVENIENT TRUTH, I THINK IT WAS. YEAH.
12 AND THAT MOVIE SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF ME TOO. I'M
13 SERIOUS, IT WILL SHOW YOU LIKE -- I DIDN'T KNOW
14 ANYTHING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING. I USED TO SEE
15 THESE BIG SIGNS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD THAT SAID,
16 FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING OR SIT BACK AND RELAX, AND
17 EVERY TIME I'D PASS ONE I SAID, I WANT TO SIT BACK
18 AND RELAX. BUT I MEAN, AFTER WATCHING THAT MOVIE
19 IT WILL SHOW YOU THE PRETTY DARN OBVIOUS EVIDENCE.
20 IT'LL SHOWS LIKE WHERE GLACIERS WERE IN THE
21 GLACIER PARK AND THEY'RE ALL MELTED AWAY AND GONE
22 NOW. AND IT SHOWS THAT LIKE IN -- I BELIEVE IT'S
23 ANTARCTICA, IT SPLITS IT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE.
24 ALL OF THIS BAD STUFF IS HAPPENING AND WE'RE
25 TALKING ABOUT -- I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, GLOBAL WARMING
0080

1 IS BAD. WE RELEASE ALL OF THIS NASTY STUFF IN THE
2 ATMOSPHERE AND IT BOGS IT UP DOES ALL THAT NASTY
3 STUFF TO IT. AND NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING
4 SOMETHING THAT WILL JUST MAKE MORE GLOBAL WARMING
5 HAPPEN. AND I JUST THOUGHT THAT WAS KIND OF
6 STUPID. I MEAN, WHY ARE WE EVEN CONSIDERING IT?
7 THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY.

8 LTC JORDAN: I WANT TO ASK IF THERE'S
9 ANYBODY ELSE THAT WAS REGISTERED TO SPEAK THAT WHO
10 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK OR LIKE TO REGISTER NOW?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: COLONEL JORDAN, I'D
12 LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT. WE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
13 OFTEN CASTIGATE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY
14 IN SOUTH CAROLINA. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT YOU FOLKS
15 HAVE CHANGED THAT TONIGHT, FOR ME ANYWAY.

16 LTC JORDAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 THANK YOU FOLKS. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO WRAP UP
18 THIS EVENING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLKS AT
19 COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOR LETTING US USE
20 THIS AUDITORIUM. I'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU
21 WHO HAVE STUCK WITH IT FOR THE PAST FEW HOURS AND
22 SAT HERE AND LISTENED, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO
23 HAVE GOTTEN UP AND SPOKEN, REST ASSURED THAT WE
24 WILL INCORPORATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR COMMENTS
25 INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THIS
0081

1 IS NOT THE LAST TIME THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE
2 TO PROVIDE INPUT TO US. WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER
3 PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY NIGHT UP IN FLORENCE AND
4 THERE'S INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE THAT'S
5 AVAILABLE THAT YOU CAN FIND OUT HOW TO GET THERE.
6 AND AGAIN, THERE IS ONE WEBSITE,
7 WWW.PEEDEEPOWEREIS, ALL ONE WORD, DOT COM, AND
8 THERE'S A WAY TO CONTACT US THERE. I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INPUT TONIGHT AND IT
10 IS GOING TO HELP US IN MAKING OUR EVENTUAL
11 DECISION. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS THE VERY
12 BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD
13 FOR A GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THANK
14 YOU.

15 (WHEREUPON THE TAKING OF THE
16 FOREGOING PROCEEDING WAS
17 CONCLUDED.)
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