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The NRC Public Scoping Meeting met at Jennifer's Garden Banquet & Convention Center, 555 West Gore Road, at 1:30 p.m., Chip Cameron presiding.

PRESENT:

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| J. Tappert | T. Osmonson |
| T.J.Kim | B. Kosiek |
| D. Wheeler | D. Balog |
| P. Nelson | T. Conor |
| J. Almer | R. Schwartz |
| D. Bost | F. Bourdelais |
| F. Polaski | J. Shaw |
| P. O'Connor | F. Schmidt |
| C. Pinder | J. Rilley |

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(1:30 P.M.)

MR. CAMERON: Good afternoon everyone. My name is Chip Cameron. I'm the Special Counsel for Public Liaison at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I'd like to welcome you all to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's meeting this afternoon. We're going to try not to use a lot of acronyms, or at least explain what they are. But one that we will be using is NRC, Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It's my pleasure to serve as your Facilitator for this afternoon's meeting and in that role, I'll try to help all of you to have a productive meeting today.

As all of you know, the Exelon Company has submitted a request to the NRC to renew the operating licenses for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units I and II, down at Dresden. And the focus of today's meeting is the NRC's evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with any NRC decision to renew those licenses.

In terms of our process for the meeting today, we have a format where we're first going to do some NRC presentations for you to give you some background on our license renewal process, and then we'll go on to all of you for any questions that you might have about that process.

1 The second part of the meeting is to give
2 us an opportunity to listen to any of you who want to
3 make some comments to us. Comments, recommendations
4 about the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement
5 review that we do and the license renewal process.
6 And we'll ask you to either come up to the podium to
7 speak, or I can bring you this cordless microphone.
8 The ground rules are simple. If you do have a
9 question when we're in the question answer session,
10 just signal me and I'll bring you this microphone and
11 please tell us your name and affiliation if
12 appropriate.

13 We are making a transcript today. Stuart
14 Karoubas is our stenographer, and we will be capturing
15 what you say on the record and that will help us to
16 consider any comments that you make in our preparation
17 of the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement.
18 I would just ask that only one person speak at a time
19 today so that we can give our full attention to that
20 person and so that Stuart will be able to get a clean
21 transcript for us.

22 And I do want to give everyone an
23 opportunity to talk. We do have several people signed
24 up. I think we're going to have enough time during
25 the meeting to hear from everyone, but if you could
26 just try to be as to the point as possible then that

1 will give everybody else an opportunity to speak. And
2 when we do go to the formal comment part of the
3 meeting, if you could try to limit your remarks to
4 approximately five to seven minutes, that would be
5 helpful.

6 And the last thing I want to do is just
7 give you an overview of the agenda and introduce the
8 people that are going to be talking to you from the
9 NRC today.

10 We're going to ask John Tappert, who is
11 right here, to give you a more formal welcome in a few
12 minutes. And John is the Chief of the Environmental
13 Section in the License Renewal and Environmental
14 Impacts Program at the NRC. And John and his staff
15 are responsible for doing the environmental reviews,
16 preparing Environmental Impact Statements for not only
17 this license renewal application but for any license
18 renewal application or any reactor activity that
19 requires an environmental review.

20 And John has been with the Agency for
21 approximately twelve years. He's also served as an
22 NRC Resident Inspector. These are the inspectors that
23 we have at every nuclear power plant that we license,
24 who's there to make sure that NRC regulations are
25 complied with. Before he came to the NRC, he was in
26 the Naval Submarine Program and he was a submariner.

1 And I think I have that one right today. And he got
2 his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech in
3 aeronautical and oceanographic engineering and he has
4 a master's in environmental engineering from Johns
5 Hopkins University.

6 When John is done with his welcome, we're
7 going to get into the substance of the background
8 presentations and we're going to go to Mr. T.J. Kim,
9 who is right here from the NRC. And T.J. is the
10 Project Manager for the safety evaluation of the
11 license renewal application. And he's also in the
12 License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program at
13 the NRC but not in the Environmental Section. And
14 T.J.'s going to give you an overview of the entire
15 license renewal process, the safety review and the
16 environmental review. And he's been with the NRC for
17 about twenty years. He also has served as a Resident
18 Inspector for the NRC. He has a chemical engineering
19 degree from Drexel and a master's degree in technical
20 management from Johns Hopkins.

21 And then we're going to get to the
22 specifics of the environmental review on the license
23 renewal process. And we have Mr. Duke Wheeler, who's
24 right here, who's going to do that. Duke is in John's
25 Section. He works for John and he's the Project
26 Manager on the environmental review for these

1 particular license renewal applications. He's been
2 with the NRC for twenty years. Before that, he worked
3 with Westinghouse in the Navy Nuclear Power Program.
4 He was a Nuclear Weapons Officer in the United States
5 Army, and he has a nuclear engineering degree from
6 West Point Military Academy.

7 And there's one other person that is here
8 in terms of this environmental review and this is
9 Mr. Bruce McDowell, who's right here. The NRC, as
10 Duke will be telling you, is assisted by experts in
11 various environmental disciplines in terms of doing
12 the evaluation. And Bruce is the Team Leader, Task
13 Leader on the preparation of the Environmental Impact
14 Statement for the Dresden license renewal application.
15 He's with the Lawrence Livermore National Lab in
16 California. He's an Environmental Assurance Manager
17 there, and he's been with the Lab for about fifteen
18 years. Before that, he was into various renewable
19 energy activities. He has a master's in business
20 administration from the University of San Francisco
21 and a master's in resource economics from the
22 University of California at Davis.

23 And I just wanted to give you an idea of
24 the types of expertise that we have involved in this
25 project. And there's also other NRC staff here that
26 we may have an opportunity to introduce tonight. But

1 I would just encourage you to talk to all of them from
2 the region, from our Office of General Counsel,
3 maintain some continuity with them. If you have any
4 questions at all, please call them and Duke will be
5 going more into that. And I would just thank you all
6 for being here this afternoon. And with that, John,
7 would you please do a welcome?

8 MR. TAPPERT: Thank you, Chip and good
9 afternoon and welcome. As Chip said, my name is John
10 Tappert, and I'm the Chief of the Environmental
11 Section in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
12 And on behalf of the NRC, I'd like to thank you for
13 coming out today and participating in our process.

14 There's several things we'd like to
15 accomplish today, and I'd like to briefly go over the
16 purposes of today's meeting. First of all, we'd like
17 to give you a brief overview of the entire license
18 renewal process. Now this includes both the safety
19 review, as well as, an environmental review which is
20 the principle focus of today's meeting.

21 We'll also identify the issues that we
22 will be looking at as we assess the environmental
23 impacts associated with extending the operating
24 license of the Dresden Units II and III for an
25 additional twenty years. We'll also give you
26 information on our schedule and any opportunity that

1 you will have to participate in the process. And then
2 most importantly, at the conclusion of the staff's
3 presentation, we'll be happy to receive any questions
4 or comments that you may have today on that review.

5 But first, let me apply some general
6 context for license renewal program. The Atomic
7 Energy Act gives the NRC the authority to issue
8 operating licenses to commercial nuclear power plants
9 for a period of forty years. With Dresden Units II
10 and III, those operating licenses will expire in 2009
11 and 2011 respectively. Our regulations also make
12 provisions for extending those operating licenses as
13 part of a license renewal program and Exelon has
14 requested license renewal for both Units.

15 As part of the NRC's review of that
16 application, we will be developing an Environmental
17 Impact Statement. Right now we're in what we call
18 scoping, where we seek to identify those issues which
19 will require the greatest focus during our review, and
20 this meeting today is a critical part of that scoping
21 process. And so with that brief introduction, I'd
22 like to ask T.J. to describe the safety portion of our
23 review.

24 MR. KIM: Thank you, John. As Chip said,
25 my name is T.J. Kim, and I'm the NRC's Safety Review
26 Project Manager for Dresden as well as Quad Cities

1 license renewal application. Before I get into the
2 discussion of license renewal process, I'd like to
3 take a minute and talk about the Nuclear Regulatory
4 Commission, the NRC, in terms of what we do and what
5 our mission is.

6 The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 is the
7 enabling legislation, if you will, that authorizes the
8 NRC to regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials
9 in this country. And in carrying out that statutory
10 authority, the NRC's mission is really threefold.
11 One, to ensure adequate protection of public health
12 and safety. Two, to protect the environment. And
13 three, to provide for common defense and security.
14 NRC accomplishes these objectives through a
15 combination of various regulatory programs and
16 processes such as inspections, enforcement, assessment
17 of licensee performance, evaluating operating reactor
18 experiences, reactors across the country as well as
19 foreign reactors, and of course, we do rulemaking and
20 licensing. Again, these are our major and ongoing
21 regulatory programs and processes that ensure that we
22 carry out our statutory mission.

23 As John mentioned earlier, the Atomic
24 Energy Act provides for forty-year license term for
25 power reactors, but it also allows for license
26 renewal. By the way, the forty-year life term for

1 power reactors is primarily based on economic and
2 antitrust considerations rather than safety
3 limitations or technical limitations. To address the
4 requirements and to provide the processes for license
5 renewal, the Commission has promulgated the license
6 renewal rule which is codified in 10 CFR Part 54,
7 that's Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations. Title 10
8 by the way, is a compilation of all the rules and
9 regulations for the NRC. Next slide please.

10 Okay, the license renewal process as
11 defined in 10 CFR Part 54, is quite similar to the
12 original licensing process for power reactors in that
13 it involves a safety review, an environmental impact
14 review, a conformance plant inspections, and
15 independent review by Advisory Committee and Reactor
16 Safeguards, or the ACRS.

17 One important distinction here, however,
18 is that in promulgating the license renewal rule, the
19 Commission has determined that many aspects of current
20 licensing basis such as emergency planning and plant
21 security can be addressed, adequately addressed,
22 through existing regulatory programs and processes
23 such that they can carry through the license renewal
24 term. Okay, that's a very important concept in
25 discussing license renewal process.

1 Before I move on to the next slide, I just
2 want to make a quick comment about the role of the
3 Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards or the ACRS.
4 The ACRS is basically a group of nationally-recognized
5 technical experts in nuclear safety arena that serves
6 as a consulting body to the Commission. And they
7 review and assess each individual license renewal
8 application, as well as, the staff's Safety Evaluation
9 Report, and form their own independent conclusions and
10 recommendations and report them directly to the
11 Commission. Let's go to the next slide please.

12 Okay, this slide provides a big picture
13 overview of the overall license renewal process. And
14 as you can see from the slide, the process involves
15 two parallel processes, sub-processes if you will.
16 There's a safety review process, which is depicted
17 right here at the top, and then the second process
18 involves environmental review process which is down
19 here.

20 The safety review involves NRC staff's
21 review and assessment of the technical information
22 that's contained in the licensee's license renewal
23 application. And I have a team of about thirty NRC
24 technical experts back at the NRC headquarters who are
25 conducting this review right now. And I should also
26 mention that my team is supported by technical experts

1 at three different national laboratories including
2 Argonne, that's outside of Chicago here, as well as
3 Brookhaven in Long Island, New York, and also Pacific
4 Northwest out in State of Washington. So I have put
5 together quite a team of experts to conduct the safety
6 review.

7 Now the safety review focuses on the
8 effectiveness of proposed aging management programs by
9 the applicant. To ensure that these aging management,
10 proposed aging management, programs are effective in
11 maintaining the plant's safety throughout the license
12 renewal term. Again, assessing, aging management
13 programs, is the one key aspect of the staff's safety
14 review. The staff's safety review also involves
15 assessing the applicant's, what's called time limited
16 aging analysis. The license renewal rule requires
17 each applicant to basically reevaluate all those
18 design analyses that assumes forty-year life term. So
19 the reevaluation obviously involves extending the life
20 of those critical components from forty years to sixty
21 years or qualifying the life of those components.

22 An example of an aging, time limited aging
23 analysis, would be environmental qualification
24 analysis for certain type of electrical cables or
25 components that are expected to survive or function at
26 it's end of qualified life. So each applicant must

1 demonstrate through time limited aging analysis, that
2 such components would indeed survive and function at
3 the end of sixty year qualified life for license
4 renewal.

5 So together with assessing the
6 effectiveness of aging management programs, the
7 adequate time limited aging analyses form two major
8 components of the staff's safety review. The results
9 of the staff's safety review will be documented in
10 what's called Safety Evaluation Report. And as I
11 mentioned earlier, a copy of that will be provided to
12 the ACRS for second look or second opinion, if you
13 will.

14 The safety review process also involves
15 conformatory inspections. In this case, for Dresden
16 and Quad Cities license renewal, NRC staff is planning
17 three such inspections. One inspection will be
18 conducted at Exelon's engineering office. The second
19 inspection will be conducted at the Dresden site. And
20 the third inspection will be conducted at the Quad
21 Cities site. And the results of the inspections will
22 be documented in separate inspection reports, which is
23 depicted right here. By the way, each of these
24 inspections will be carried out by, conducted by a
25 team of seven, very experienced inspectors pulled

1 together from both NRC headquarters as well as Region
2 3 office.

3 Now the other process that I mentioned
4 earlier involves environmental review and that
5 involves scoping activities which this meeting is a
6 part of. It also involves preparing draft supplement
7 to GEIS. GEIS stands for Generic Environmental Impact
8 Statement. And they will be publishing that draft for
9 public comments, that's what's depicted here and then
10 eventually we'll issue a final supplement to GEIS.

11 So the final Agency decision on whether to
12 approve or deny the proposed application for license
13 renewal in Dresden and Quad Cities, will factor in all
14 these things that I just mentioned. Staff safety
15 evaluation report which documents the results of the
16 safety review, final supplement to GEIS which
17 documents results of staff's environmental review,
18 inspection reports and, as well as, the ACRS'
19 independent report.

20 Let me talk briefly about hearings. Now
21 if there's an intervention filed, a petition filed to
22 intervene in this process and the standing can be
23 demonstrated and if either the Commission itself or
24 the ASLB, which stands for Atomic Safety Licensing
25 Board, grants a hearing, than adjudicatory hearings
26 may also be involved in this process. That's what's

1 depicted right here. Adjudicatory hearing by the way,
2 is a trial type hearing that's presided by a panel of
3 Administrative Law Judges and it involves things like
4 contentions, discovery, cross-examinations just like
5 a court trial.

6 In terms of schedule for the review
7 process, I should mention that this whole review
8 process should be completed by twenty-two months.
9 That's the Commission's direction to the staff. Now
10 if there's hearings involved, then the Commission has
11 allowed the staff to take up to thirty months to
12 incorporate the hearing process.

13 That basically concludes my summary of the
14 overall license renewal process and the safety review,
15 and if anybody has any questions on what I just
16 covered, I'll be happy to answer them.

17 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you T.J. T.J.
18 gave you a lot of material to think about, an overview
19 the entire process. So if there are any questions
20 about how this all works? Any questions at all at
21 this point? Okay. Well, we'll go to the
22 environmental review process right now and we'll go
23 back to you for questions then and see if there's
24 anything that we need to clarify.

25 MR. KIM: Thank you, Chip.

1 MR. CAMERON: So thank you, T.J. and Duke
2 Wheeler? And I'm sorry, I apologize, I misspoke
3 before and I think I said the renewal applications
4 were for Units I and II, they are for Units II and
5 III, so sorry.

6 MR. WHEELER: May I have the next slide
7 please? Good afternoon, I'm Duke Wheeler and I'm the
8 Environmental Project Manager on the NRC staff
9 responsible for coordinating the activities of the NRC
10 staff and our various lab team members at the national
11 laboratories to develop a site specific Environmental
12 Impact Statement for the proposed license renewal for
13 Dresden Units II and III.

14 The National Environmental Policy Act of
15 1969 requires that a systematic approach in evaluating
16 environmental impacts be taken. Consideration is
17 given to the impacts of the proposed action. And
18 consideration is also given to mitigation in those
19 cases where impacts are considered to be significant.
20 We also consider alternatives to the proposed action,
21 alternative fuels. For example, coal, gas, whatever
22 may be appropriate at the time and our consideration
23 of alternatives will include consideration of certain
24 renewables. As an alternative, we will also consider
25 what we call the no-action alternative where a

1 decision is made just to not take any action on the
2 proposed license renewal.

3 The National Environmental Policy Act and
4 our Environmental Impact Statement together is a
5 disclosure tool, and it is specifically structured to
6 involve public participation. The Nuclear Regulatory
7 Commission has determined that a site specific
8 Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for
9 proposed license renewals and we are now in the
10 information gathering phase of the development of this
11 site specific supplement to the generic Environmental
12 Impact Statement. The site specific supplement being
13 Dresden Units II and III. May I have the next slide?

14 The Environmental Impact Statement that's
15 going to be prepared will eventually reach a decision,
16 one way or the other, on whether or not the adverse
17 environmental impacts associated with the proposed
18 action are so great that preserving the option of
19 license renewal for the decisionmakers is
20 unreasonable. And a point that I would like to make
21 is that the NRC will not decide whether or not Dresden
22 Units II and III will actually operate for an
23 additional twenty years. That decision will be made
24 by others such as the licensee themselves and State
25 regulators. We just basically determine whether or
26 not they meet our safety regulations and the

1 applicable environmental regulations, and we basically
2 then give them a license to operate, but that doesn't
3 necessarily mean that they will operate. May I have
4 the next slide?

5 Regarding the process that we're
6 following, if you can remember from a couple of slides
7 ago when T.J. was up there, he talked about the bottom
8 line of his overall slide. This is just an expansion
9 of that line. We received on January 3rd of this
10 year, we received Exelon's application for license
11 renewal. And on March the 14th, I issued a Notice of
12 Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement
13 and conduct scoping. And this formally kicks off a
14 sixty day scoping period. And note by the graphics
15 that this is something that is specifically designed
16 to accommodate public participation. And we're pretty
17 much in the middle of this sixty day scoping period at
18 the present time. When the scoping period is over,
19 then I'm going to issue a scoping summary report that
20 will address all the comments I receive during the
21 scoping period within the framework of our
22 environmental review.

23 A couple of weeks ago, the NRC staff along
24 with our team of experts from the national labs, came
25 out to the site as part of our information gathering
26 activities for a site audit. We were out here on

1 March the 25th. If, after the site audit and a
2 thorough review of Exelon's environmental report and
3 information that we get from the public, if we still
4 require additional information to draft an
5 Environmental Impact Statement, then I will issue a
6 request for additional information to Exelon. And I'm
7 presently scheduled to do that no later than May the
8 30th. After about eight weeks, I will expect to get
9 an answer back from Exelon, and we will then have all
10 the information we need to complete our draft
11 Environmental Impact Statement. I'm looking to
12 publish a draft Environmental Impact Statement for
13 Dresden in December of this year. And you'll note
14 again, there's the graphic representation that there's
15 an opportunity here for public participation. When I
16 issue that draft Environmental Impact Statement, I
17 will start a seventy-five day public comment period.

18 The draft is issued for the express
19 purpose of getting public comments on the draft to
20 make sure that we got it right or are there other
21 things that we should take into account? At the end
22 of that seventy-five day public comment period, then
23 we will issue the final Supplemental Environmental
24 Impact Statement, and I'm presently scheduled to do
25 that in July of next year. May I have the next slide?

1 This slide just identifies some of the
2 sources that we go to as part of our information
3 gathering activities. And do note public comments are
4 very important to our process. And I'll talk a little
5 bit more about that in just a minute. But we also
6 talk with Federal, State and local officials as well
7 as local service agencies. May I have the next slide,
8 Cristina?

9 This slide depicts the environmental
10 interests and disciplines that we focus on as we
11 prepare our Environmental Impact Statement. And our
12 team of experts from the various laboratories make
13 major contributions to each one of these areas. And
14 the laboratories that are going to be involved in the
15 preparation of the Dresden Environmental Impact
16 Statement, you've already heard of Lawrence Livermore
17 National Laboratory out in Livermore, California.
18 You've met Bruce McDowell, who is the Team Leader, but
19 I'll also be receiving input from Pacific Northwest
20 National Laboratory up in Richland, Washington.
21 Argonne National Laboratory just up the road here, is
22 going to be providing us information on cultural
23 resources and terrestrial resources. Also the Los
24 Alamos National Laboratory is a part of our team to
25 develop the Dresden Environmental Impact Statement.

1 The one term that's on that slide that may
2 not be that familiar to you is, you see this turn
3 environmental justice. What that is all about is it
4 focuses on the interest of whether or not
5 environmental impacts disproportionately impact low
6 income or minority segments of the local population.
7 May I have the next slide?

8 This slide just recaps a couple of the key
9 dates that I've already mentioned. The scoping
10 period, that we're in the middle of right now, will
11 end on May the 12th. Again, the draft Environmental
12 Impact Statement for comment in December and when I
13 mentioned that seventy-five day public comment period,
14 I anticipate coming out here sometime during that
15 seventy-five day comment period, probably in January,
16 to have another meeting similar to this to provide one
17 avenue of communicating with me on what your comments
18 are on that draft. And there again in July, I'll be
19 issuing the final. May I have the next slide?

20 This slide just pins me down as your point
21 of contact with the NRC for any interest that you may
22 have regarding the Dresden Unit II and III
23 Environmental Impact Statement. It also lets you know
24 that certain key documents related to our review, are
25 made available to you publicly in this area and
26 specifically the public libraries in Morris. And

1 early in the process when I was out in this area, I
2 drove over to Coal City and took a look at the library
3 there, and the staff was more than happy to make space
4 on their shelf, their reference section, for key
5 documents related to our review of the Dresden Unit II
6 and III application.

7 Also note the documents can be reviewed at
8 the NRC's web site identified as, it's a little hard
9 to read, www.nrc.gov. If any of you aren't that
10 comfortable working on the internet, challenged shall
11 we say with the keyboard, not a problem, a lot of
12 people are. But you've got my phone number, give me
13 a call and you and I will sit there and we'll just go
14 through it keystroke-by-keystroke nice and slowly
15 until you get through the web, everything that's there
16 that's responsive to your interest. May I have the
17 next slide?

18 One of the things that's important is that
19 all your comments come to me in some written form.
20 There may be verbal comments given to us at this
21 meeting but as Chip mentioned, the meeting is being
22 transcribed. A formal transcript will be produced
23 from the tapes of this meeting and when I receive
24 those, I'll review the transcripts, I will put them in
25 the NRC's public record. In addition to that form of
26 written comment, you may also send by mail to the

1 Chief of our Rules and Directives Branch, that will
2 guarantee that it gets into our public record at the
3 address shown on the slide. And although it may not
4 be all that practical from this far away from our
5 offices in Rockville, Maryland, it's still an avenue
6 that's open for us to receive comments. Somebody may
7 come into our offices in Rockville, Maryland in
8 person, schedule a time with me and we'll sit down and
9 go over your comments. I will make a written record
10 of them if you don't have a document to bring me and
11 I will put that in the public record.

12 Then the last thing I did, is as soon as
13 we got the application back in January, I established
14 an e-mail address with the NRC for the express purpose
15 of receiving public comments, your comments, questions
16 and so forth on the development of the Dresden Units
17 II and III Environmental Impact Statement. So just
18 send an e-mail to DresdenEIS@nrc.gov, it works. When
19 I set it up, I went home to my own computer just to
20 give it the pragmatic check, and everything worked
21 just fine. If for some reason, and I'm the one and a
22 couple of other of my colleagues, we're the ones that
23 answer that mail. If you end up getting a message
24 back that says undeliverable or some such thing as
25 that, once again, get on the phone with me and we'll
26 get through it until your interests are accommodated.

1 That pretty much concludes my prepared
2 remarks on our process. And if there are no
3 questions, I'll turn it back over to Chip.

4 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thanks Duke for that
5 presentation, and let's see if there are any questions
6 for you or perhaps for T.J. Anything that anybody has
7 a question on about the process at this point? Okay,
8 great. And as we mentioned, we will be around after
9 the meeting to answer any questions and perhaps during
10 the meeting itself. We're going to go a little bit
11 out of order. We're ready to begin our formal comment
12 part of the meeting, and we're going to give someone
13 an opportunity to make a comment who has something
14 that he needs to do that's important. And this is
15 Mitch Bailey, right Mitch?

16 MR. BAILEY: I'm a resident of Coal City,
17 lived there my whole life, about ten minutes from the
18 Dresden plant. I think the renewal license process
19 would be good. Our economy needs the Dresden Station.
20 Their safety record has been good. Improvements made
21 at the plant have also been good. They're a very
22 vital part of our community. They've been good
23 neighbors. They employ good employees, they make good
24 neighbors, they provide good jobs. The tax dollars
25 provided from the plant, we have a very nice school

1 system, fire district, library district, we're very
2 fortunate.

3 I was a member of the fire department and
4 toured the plant a couple of different times and the
5 improvements have been very good. I think their
6 safety record speaks for itself. The security level
7 at the plant is very good, especially now with what
8 we've been going through, but I'm in favor of it. I
9 think we need to renew the license and that's my
10 opinion so. Thank you.

11 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you very much,
12 Mitch. Before we go to the Exelon Company to provide
13 us with just their vision, why they're submitting this
14 license renewal, why they've submitted the license
15 renewal application, we do have two members of the
16 Grundy County Board here with us this afternoon. And
17 I'm going to ask Paul Nelson, who's the Chair of the
18 Board, to talk to us and then we'll go to, I believe
19 it's John Almer. Paul, do you want to come up and use
20 the podium? You can use this if you want. All right,
21 all right, seems simple.

22 MR. NELSON: My name is Paul Nelson,
23 currently Chairman of the Grundy County Board. And
24 for the past sixteen years, I've been working with the
25 county's emergency response agencies as a county board
26 member. As a Chairman, I'm in favor of the Dresden

1 expansion, their license renewal. Just looking at it
2 from our emergency response capabilities, over the
3 past sixteen years, I'm not aware of one issue that we
4 haven't satisfactorily resolved and there's no reason
5 to believe that, you know, we won't continue for the
6 next twenty years.

7 And even if we factor in what might be a
8 huge unknown cost for the risks associated with
9 Homeland Security, and when I factor that in to the
10 county's budget process, I still see that, you know,
11 Dresden's a good enough neighbor that the risk is
12 worth it. I won't even address any of the economic
13 issues but from an emergency preparedness standpoint,
14 you know, we're satisfied and we'd like to continue.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you very much Mr.
17 Nelson. Mr. Almer?

18 MR. ALMER: Good afternoon, my name is John
19 Almer. I'm a member of the Grundy County Board. I'm
20 also a member of the EMA Committee of the board. I've
21 been associated in a former life with Commonwealth
22 Edison Company for approximately twenty-eight and a
23 half years. I am retired from ComEd. Spent almost
24 twenty-one years of that at Dresden so I guess I speak
25 with some past authority on the Unit or Units at
26 Dresden and the plant. My time with Edison and my

1 time since I left Edison, I have always found that
2 Commonwealth, I'm sorry Exelon, and Dresden have
3 always been good neighbors. And as a member of the
4 Grundy County Board, I am certainly in favor, and
5 personally in favor, of this extension for Dresden.

6 MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much, John.
7 And EMA is Emergency, John?

8 MR. ALMER: EMA is Emergency Management
9 Agency Committee. EMA does a lot of things, not the
10 least of which is working with Dresden, FEMA, and all
11 the government agencies on the exercises and drills
12 that are run at Dresden, Braidwood, and LaSalle County
13 Stations.

14 MR. CAMERON: Okay, great. Thank you very
15 much, John. Next I'd like Mr. Danny Bost to address
16 us and Danny is the Plant Manager down at Dresden, and
17 he's going to tell us a little bit about the license
18 renewal application.

19 MR. BOST: Good afternoon. I do want to
20 thank you all for being here today. I'm Danny Bost.
21 I'm the Plant Manager at Dresden. I've been out there
22 for a little over a year now, and I am extremely
23 pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of
24 Dresden's license renewal process.

25 Dresden and our sister station Quad
26 Cities, which is located a little over a hundred miles

1 to the west of here, were the first nuclear plants in
2 the Midwest to seek license renewal. And license
3 renewal is a very important issue for us not only to
4 the people at Dresden Station but also to the people
5 in the communities that surround us. We believe
6 Dresden is a key element of the local economy. We
7 employ more than seven hundred permanent employees
8 most of whom live in the surrounding communities of
9 Morris, Coal City, Channahon, and Minooka.

10 Since the plant began operation in 1971,
11 we have provided a tax base for our neighboring
12 communities. We continue to support these communities
13 through additional means by contributions to local
14 charities, sponsorship of community events and also
15 volunteer efforts. Dresden Station also benefits the
16 environment. We provide safe generation of clean,
17 emission free electricity. Nuclear energy in itself,
18 is environmentally friendly. We have no hazardous
19 emissions and no depletion of natural resources.

20 One environmental benefit you may not know
21 about is that Dresden helps to prevent flooding of the
22 Kankakee River in the winter. We've got siphon lines
23 that connect our cooling lake directly over to the
24 river, and we bust up ice in the winter when the ice
25 starts to block the river.

1 We are also home to a healthy deer
2 population and other wildlife as many of you who have
3 visited our Station know. And we are all extremely
4 careful when driving to and from work. License
5 renewal is an investment in our future. The Dresden
6 Units have undergone continual operational and
7 maintenance upgrades and improvements, and they're
8 more productive today than they have ever been. I
9 hope that you realize the positive impact that Dresden
10 has as a power generator and as a business in our
11 local communities.

12 Lastly, I want to thank the NRC for making
13 this process public, providing all the details and
14 information to the public on how this process works
15 and then giving the people in our local communities
16 the opportunity to be a part of this process and for
17 them to show up today and to voice their opinion on
18 Dresden's license renewal. Thank you.

19 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you very much,
20 Danny. Now we're going to hear from Mr. Fred Polaski,
21 who is the Corporate Manager for Exelon for license
22 renewal. Fred?

23 MR. POLASKI: Thank you, Chip. As Chip
24 said, my name is Fred Polaski. I am Exelon's
25 Corporate Manager for license renewal work that we're
26 doing within Exelon. I'm responsible for this license

1 renewal project for Dresden and Quad Cities, which is
2 a combined project, and also for the license renewal
3 project for our Peach Bottom Station in Pennsylvania
4 which we're due to receive renewal license on May
5 12th.

6 A little bit about myself, I've been
7 working in the nuclear generation business for over
8 thirty years. I've worked at Peach Bottom Station for
9 twenty years and held a Senior reactor operator
10 license there for thirteen years. And for the last
11 seven, I've been working in the area of license
12 renewal. I've spent about three years working with
13 industry groups on developing a process working with
14 the NRC and the last four years since then working on
15 the Peach Bottom project and now also the project for
16 Dresden and Quad Cities.

17 Mr. Bost provided you information on why
18 we believe renewing the license for Dresden is good,
19 and I'd like to talk a little bit about the work that
20 Exelon did in preparing this application and some of
21 the large amount of engineering effort that went into
22 preparing the applications.

23 In the year 2000, ComEd, one of the two
24 predecessors to Exelon which was formed by the merger
25 of ComEd and PECO Energy, ComEd decided to pursue
26 license renewal for both the Dresden and Quad Cities

1 Nuclear Power Stations. The preparation of the
2 license renewal application began in August of 2000,
3 and the application was submitted to the Nuclear
4 Regulatory Commission January 3rd of this year.

5 When you came in, if you saw out on the
6 tables where the NRC had all their information, there
7 were some big, thick books out there. The safety
8 application down under Part 54, and the environmental
9 reports, there's two of them, one for Quad Cities, one
10 for Dresden, each of those is about that thick. A lot
11 of information in there. But I'll tell you those are
12 just a summary of a lot of information that went into
13 the appropriation of that. And the back-up
14 information on that is probably at least one hundred
15 times that amount of information in volume. Exelon
16 invested over forty man years of engineering time in
17 preparing that application. A very extensive,
18 thorough, complete review that resulted in the
19 application.

20 Speaking a little bit about the safety
21 review, the Part 54 application, I understand that's
22 not the primary reason for the meeting today but it,
23 in our efforts, I think it's the largest part of the
24 review. The Exelon team performed a review of the
25 safety equipment in the plant, and that's what focuses
26 on the safety equipment in the plant. And the purpose

1 of that review was to determine whether the
2 technicians and the operators at the plant have
3 performed the necessary maintenance that needs to be
4 performed to make sure that equipment will operate in
5 emergency situations and emergency conditions.

6 When Dresden was built back in the late
7 1960's and early seventies, all the equipment was new.
8 It was built to design specifications. It was tested
9 to make sure it would perform properly. However, the
10 equipment in a nuclear power plant, just like anything
11 else, ages with time and operation. Doesn't mean it
12 won't work when it's needed to, but it does mean that
13 the people at the plant need to do the proper
14 maintenance on that equipment to keep it in good
15 condition. So the focus of our review was to look at
16 work that's done in the plant routinely to make sure
17 that the equipment's being maintained properly.

18 We also reviewed the engineering analyses
19 that were done as part of the plant design and the
20 plant safety analysis that included the fact that the
21 plant was analyzed for forty years lifetime. And we
22 performed new analyses to show that the plant would be
23 able to operate safely for sixty years. And our
24 review concluded that the equipment is being
25 maintained properly. The aging equipment is being
26 managed through the proper maintenance practices and

1 that the plant is in good shape to operate for another
2 twenty years.

3 Now I realize that I've had discussions
4 with a lot of people who aren't, you know, working in
5 the nuclear business, what does that mean? Because I
6 know that people ride past the nuclear power plant and
7 it's this big concrete building with fences around it.
8 You really don't know what's there. So let me use an
9 analogy of an automobile. I think most people can
10 understand what automobiles are because everybody
11 drives one.

12 When you buy an automobile, you buy a new
13 one, it's coming off the factory line. It's been
14 tested, it's been checked out and it runs fine. And
15 it will perform for you if you just take it out and
16 drive it. However, it won't last you real long if you
17 don't do some routine things with it. You need to
18 maintain it. You need to change the oil periodically.
19 You need to do engine tune-ups. You keep it washed so
20 the salt doesn't corrode the body away but that
21 automobile starts to wear out the first day that you
22 drive it off the showroom. Brakes start to wear out,
23 so you have to replace brakes or else they won't work
24 when you need them to work. And you do some major
25 repairs. You keep the car long enough you may have to
26 put a new transmission in it. The same kind of things

1 are done in a nuclear power plant, they're done at
2 Dresden routinely. There's a lot of time and effort
3 and money put into maintaining those power plants to
4 keep them. And that was what our focus of our review
5 was and our conclusion was that they will perform
6 safely.

7 On the environmental side, we took a look
8 at all the aspects of the impact of the plant on the
9 environment. And when we talk about environment,
10 we're talking not just about the river but we're
11 talking about the impact on the local community,
12 roads, taxes, the people that live around here, and
13 the impact if that plant is licensed and operates for
14 an additional twenty years. So we took and concluded
15 a review of all the items that were identified by the
16 NRC, as to what they need to look at, what we need to
17 look at, and our conclusion was that the impact on the
18 environment is small.

19 And I know when I first got involved in
20 license renewal at work, I asked what does small mean?
21 And basically it's a regulatory term, but what it
22 comes down to for me is when you look at the results
23 of our analysis, that the impact to the environment of
24 Dresden continuing to operate, won't be any different
25 after the plant turns forty years with an additional
26 twenty years than it is today. And to think about it,

1 almost everything we do, whether it's driving a car,
2 building this building, has some impact on the
3 environment. Generating electricity has an impact on
4 the environment. And we also had to take a look in
5 our review at what would happen if the license for
6 Dresden is not renewed and that generation, at 1800
7 megawatts, was replaced with other types of
8 electricity generation, and concluded that any other
9 means would have more of an impact on the environment
10 than continuing to operate Dresden for another twenty
11 years.

12 In conclusion, Exelon has concluded, and
13 I believe this personally, that Dresden is a safely
14 operated plant. It can operate safely for sixty
15 years. And that Dresden will provide 1800 megawatts
16 of clean, reliable, environmentally friendly, economic
17 electricity. It's going to benefit this community,
18 the State of Illinois and our country. Thank you.

19 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you, Fred. Is
20 Mr. Tom Osmonson?

21 MR. OSMONSON: My name is Tom Osmonson.
22 I'm a resident of Coal City. I'm just here on behalf
23 of supporting Dresden in its license renewal. I had
24 the opportunity in the last twenty-three years to work
25 for ComEd and now Exelon and I'll tell you the
26 fundamentals and standards that we set at Exelon

1 Nuclear are of the utmost. And I believe that the
2 safe, reliable electricity we produce will be here for
3 the other twenty years that we're requesting. So on
4 behalf of my family, I support and the support that
5 we're getting from Dresden and our community is great.

6 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you very much,
7 Tom. We have some members of the International
8 Brotherhood of Boilermakers with us who are going to
9 speak and we're going to go first to Mr. Benjamin
10 Kosiek.

11 MR. KOSIEK: Thank you. My name is Ben
12 Kosiek and I'm a representative from the International
13 Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders,
14 Blacksmiths and Forgers. We have approximately, well,
15 let me back up just a minute. I'd like to thank for
16 the opportunity to speak here on behalf of this
17 licensing extension of which I'm in favor. Our
18 jurisdiction covers both the Braidwood and the Dresden
19 facility as far as employment jurisdiction. Our local
20 is rather a small local compared to some of the larger
21 locals in the building and construction trade
22 industry. We have approximately five hundred members
23 in our local that live and work within the Chicagoland
24 area. Of that number, we have approximately one
25 hundred and fifty who live in close proximity to the
26 Dresden power plant. And those towns include Morris.

1 They include Channahon, they include Coal City, they
2 include Elwood, you know, we could go right down the
3 line and name all of those towns off.

4 Adding thirty years in the business
5 myself, I've worked at all but one of Exelon's nuclear
6 facilities, and I want to just express my knowledge
7 that, you know, safety and public safety is probably
8 the number one thing that is looked at as far as
9 maintenance work goes and outage work goes in the
10 facilities that we have there. You know we
11 continually are looking at public safety, and it's
12 always held in the highest regard. I don't think that
13 standard could be said for any other power generation
14 industry that's out there.

15 The boilermakers have been involved in
16 working at Dresden since its construction, and in the
17 last four years alone, there's been over thirteen
18 hundred job opportunities offered at the Dresden
19 Station itself. Okay, I really think that we need to
20 allow this extension; otherwise by not allowing it,
21 we're going to place an undo hardship on the
22 community. And that community in respect, is my
23 members and those people that live and work here at
24 this station on a regular basis. You know, and I
25 would like to say that on behalf of my membership,
26 we'd like to support the extension of the license at

1 Dresden for an additional twenty years. And we'll go
2 on record and give them another twenty after that too.

3 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thanks Mr. Kosiek. And
4 for those of you who do have notes, if it's easier for
5 you to put them on a podium, you know, feel free to go
6 up there. Let's go to David Balog.

7 MR. BALOG: Hi, my name's Dave Balog. I'm
8 a boilermaker, Lodge 1 member. I just want to say as
9 an outside contractor for Exelon and not have been in
10 the industry very long, recently getting within the
11 last three years safety and the procedures, and
12 adherence to safety and their environmental processes
13 at Dresden is of the utmost importance. When you go
14 into the plant, you realize that. Like the gentleman
15 before said, driving past you just see a big concrete
16 building and you really don't understand what goes on
17 inside.

18 Having been inside some of the internals
19 of the plant and its workings, you really get an
20 understanding of how environmentally conscious they
21 are and how they do actually adhere to every safety
22 procedure that is on the books. And I just wanted to
23 address my support for the license. Thank you.

24 MR. CAMERON: Thanks Dave. And Mr. Tom
25 Connor?

1 MR. CONNOR: Yeah, I'm a Local 1
2 boilermaker and I'm a resident of Morris, have been my
3 whole life. And I think that the license should be
4 supported and they should renew it, I've worked both
5 sides. I've worked security for five years and I'm
6 working inside the plants. And I support it and it's
7 well maintained and secure, safe for the communities.

8 MR. CAMERON: Thanks Tom. And Cecil
9 Pinder?

10 MR. PINDER: Thank you for this opportunity
11 to address yourselves, and let's just say that I'm in
12 favor of this extension on the license due to the fact
13 that without the nuclear plant here, there would be
14 several job opportunities lost, as Ben had said
15 earlier, and also the tax base that the plant puts
16 into the community here. The schools are excellent,
17 the fire and police are all excellent here. I don't
18 live in this area anymore. I used to live in Morris.
19 I live in New Lenox now, but I know in the local area
20 that at least twice a year both the nuclear plants
21 give us a lot of work being a member of Boiler makers
22 Local 1.

23 And also not only for our State and local
24 community here but for people who travel all over the
25 country doing these outages. There's a whole base of
26 people from around the country that come here and do

1 the outage here. They go to Quad Cities, they come
2 back for Braidwood. So basically this extension would
3 affect not only Illinois but several other states as
4 well. And I'd just like to say once more that I'm in
5 favor of this extension.

6 MR. CAMERON: Thanks Cecil. And Mr.
7 Schwartz, Mr. Robert Schwartz? Do you want to go up
8 to the podium? All right.

9 MR. SCHWARTZ: Thank you. I talk from my
10 heart, but I still need notes. I'm Robert Schwartz.
11 I live at 304 North Brookshore Drive in Shorewood.
12 And as the crow flies, it's only eight miles from the
13 Dresden Nuclear Station downwind from the prevailing
14 winds. Our lives are supported in NRC granting an
15 extension to the operating license for Dresden Nuclear
16 Station.

17 As a District Trustee for the Troy Fire
18 Protection District, I've been serving as Assistant
19 Chief and a firefighter for over thirty years. And
20 I've been involved in several emergency drills, and I
21 know the emergency plan is very thorough and they
22 drill regularly. In fact, they just had one a couple
23 of weeks ago. I too am a member of the Boilermakers
24 Union Local 1 Chicago, and I'm fortunate enough to be
25 a business agent that represents members who work at
26 Dresden and Braidwood.

1 I worked in the plant and I've been at the
2 plant representing members during maintenance
3 shutdowns and I spoke on numerous occasions. In
4 fact, daily to our members who are there to maintain
5 those plants. I feel compelled to inform you, the NRC
6 and the public, that the plant was built and is
7 currently maintained to the most strict standards by
8 the most highly skilled and trained craftsmen
9 available. No short cuts are taken. And therefore,
10 I feel safe to live this close to the plants with my
11 family. I request that the NRC grant the Dresden
12 Nuclear Station the extension to their license. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you Mr. Schwartz.
15 Mr. O'Connor?

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Good afternoon. My name is
17 Patrick O'Connor and I'm a resident of the State of
18 Illinois. I'm here today to represent the joint
19 venture of Newberg-Perini/Stone and Webster. We're
20 the maintenance modification contractor for Exelon and
21 we provide maintenance services at all ten of their
22 facilities. That would include those in Illinois, New
23 Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We advocate the license
24 extension at Dresden Station and we encourage others
25 to do the same.

1 Let me give you some facts. Last year our
2 firm worked more than four hundred and fifty thousand
3 person hours at Dresden Station doing maintenance
4 work. That's the equivalent of two hundred and
5 twenty-five employees working forty hours a week all
6 year round. Now we did most of our work in the narrow
7 band of time to support the refueling outages. But if
8 you look at that in terms of its impact on the local
9 economy, you can see that it's significant.

10 Our employees earn more than twenty-five
11 million dollars working at Dresden Station last year.
12 Most of that money was returned to the local economies
13 of Will and Grundy County. Apart from the hundreds of
14 our employees, who come from this area, we also rely
15 on may out of town travelers who come in to augment
16 our workforce. Those folks stay in the local motels
17 and hotels, they patronize your restaurants, they buy
18 gas in our gas stations and they pray in your
19 churches.

20 We draw our employees locally and as I
21 said from throughout the United States. We work
22 together with the IBEW, who is representing the local
23 workforce for Exelon, to maintain their stations. The
24 people that we hire, the pipefitters, upgrade the
25 piping systems. We have electricians who install new
26 circuitry to make sure that the plant equipment can be

1 monitored properly. We have boilermakers who repair
2 the pressure vessels, make sure that they're working
3 optimally. They take apart the reactor and they put
4 it back together to work with the fuel handlers at the
5 station.

6 This is more than I would normally say
7 about the boilermakers but since they did such a good
8 job here, I'm giving them an extra plug. All of our
9 employees, whether Exelon or contractors, work
10 together to ensure that all the work that's needed is
11 performed properly and to the highest degree of
12 safety.

13 Last year we did an outage in October. We
14 brought in people from twenty-two, pardon me twenty-
15 six different states, most of the people were local
16 but it gives you an idea about the impact that the
17 work that we do here has across the nation. It's not
18 all just in the Will and Grundy area. Our workforce
19 is comprised exclusively of Union building trades
20 persons. We hire pipe fitters, boilermakers,
21 electricians, iron workers, carpenters, laborers,
22 Teamsters, operators, on and on.

23 Working with Exelon's own workforce, we
24 make sure that Exelon's plant at Dresden Station is
25 able to deliver electricity safely and reliably not
26 just now but for generations to come.

1 What Bob didn't mention this morning, Bob
2 and Bennie, when they were talking about the folks
3 that they brought with them here today, they brought
4 apprentices from their Local. And the three gentlemen
5 that spoke earlier, represent the future of this
6 business not just those of us that are not so many
7 years left.

8 Dresden Station is safe, orderly and
9 operated by a team of nuclear professionals. The
10 safety of the community, employees and plant systems
11 is at the forefront of every activity performed at
12 that site. The men and women of Dresden Station live
13 in your community and work hard to maintain the
14 highest standards of radiological safety, equipment
15 reliability and operational excellence. Their efforts
16 have ensured that your lights will stay on now and for
17 generations to come.

18 The joint venture of Newberg-Perini/Stone
19 and Webster encourages your support for this license
20 extension. We pledge to continue our best efforts to
21 work with your community to make Dresden Station the
22 best nuclear station in the world. Thank you very
23 much.

24 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you Mr. O'Connor.
25 Is Mr. Bourdelais, Fred Bourdelais? And do you want
26 to just use this or go to the podium?

1 MR. BOURDELAIS: Good afternoon. Thank you
2 for allowing me to be here. I'd like to talk to you
3 about, in two facets really, as a private citizen and
4 in my professional capacity as the Grundy County
5 Administrator. In my private capacity, I've had a
6 chance to witness the construction of the Byron
7 Nuclear Station, and toured it many times while it was
8 being constructed. I've been to the Cook Nuclear
9 facility in Michigan and have been to Dresden facility
10 and my family lives in Coal City and I chose to live
11 there because I believe that the Dresden Station is
12 quite safe. I'm not troubled by having my children
13 and my grandchild come down and visit us.

14 In my professional capacity, I serve on
15 the Homeland Security Committee for the county, as
16 well as, participating in the EME. I can assure you
17 that as Homeland Security, we have discussed all of
18 the issues relating to terrorism with the nuclear
19 facilities, with GE, and with the other facilities
20 located in the county and we've become assured that we
21 don't have any problems and don't anticipate any
22 problems in the county.

23 As part of my EMA duties, I serve in the
24 EOC during the drills and will be called upon if
25 there's an emergency, and I'm convinced that Dresden
26 is prepared for any eventuality that could happen. In

1 fact as we go through the drills, IEMA and the Feds
2 try to give us all sorts of twists to make sure that
3 we are prepared for almost any eventuality including
4 earthquakes and tidal waves and all that good stuff.
5 And I'm convinced that the Dresden Nuclear Station
6 could cope with almost any disaster.

7 Besides providing great fishing and
8 helping us with the icing on the river, I think
9 they're a good neighbor. I think that they provide a
10 tremendous economic impact for the county of Grundy.
11 I strongly support the license renewal.

12 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you Mr.
13 Bourdelais and Jennifer did you want to say anything
14 at all or ask any questions? I think that, is there
15 anybody else who wants to speak? That's all who
16 signed up but if anybody else wants to speak and Duke
17 we'll get to you. So if you do have questions or
18 whatever, please feel free.

19 MS. SHAW: Well, I guess I'd like to speak
20 as the one descending voice in this group. I'd like
21 to register my concern about the renewal, I'd like to
22 voice my concern about the renewal of the nuclear
23 plant's license. As a resident born in Morris and one
24 that has lived my whole life within a ten mile radius
25 of the plant, I feel that I've been witness to what I
26 believe is environmental injustice. I believe that

1 part of the reason that this community has so many
2 plants, nuclear plants, chemical plants, coal plants,
3 is because of the economic class of the community.

4 And so I see this as a type of
5 environmental injustice. I have concern about the
6 school systems. I know there's no emergency response
7 program that's set up as far as the students and the
8 community. What actions would be taken were there an
9 emergency at the plant? I think that's something that
10 should be addressed. I think the state of public
11 health and in regards to our water system, I know that
12 there's a large occurrence of cancer and MS and Down's
13 Syndrome in this community and I wonder if there's
14 some linkage between the environmental impact of these
15 plants and the health of the people.

16 I have a friend with cancer, and she went
17 to Northwestern Hospital and they told her don't ever
18 drink the water in Morris. For me that's a great
19 cause of concern and I wonder if there's some linkage
20 between the two so.

21 MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much,
22 Jennifer. And I do want to make sure that we clarify,
23 and I think Mr. Bourdelais was going to try to do that
24 for us in terms of what the existing procedures are
25 for emergency evacuation of the students. And you are

1 County Administrator, you're eminently involved in
2 that so maybe you could just say a few words on that.

3 MR. BOURDELAIS: Yes Jennifer, there is a
4 plan to evacuate the students. We have an early
5 warning system and we have the School Superintendent,
6 the Regional Superintendent, at the facility so that
7 if there's any danger to any student, we have
8 immediate plans to evacuate them, notify the student's
9 parents where to go to pick up their students as
10 they're being evacuated. We even have a plan in place
11 to evacuate those people who are medically handicapped
12 and would need special evacuation procedures. So we
13 do take care of that as part of our emergency clinic.

14 MS. SHAW: Is that something that recently
15 came into play?

16 MR. BOURDELAIS: No, that's been in place
17 for a long time.

18 MR. CAMERON: And Jennifer we need to, I'm
19 sorry this is awkward, but we need to get you on the
20 transcript too so when don't you ask your question.

21 MS. SHAW: Well, I just, I worked in the
22 Grundy County State's Attorney Office, and I knew a
23 teacher who was the husband of one of the employees
24 and she sent her husband to school one day with an
25 assignment, find out what the plan is for the kids.
26 And he came home with that there was no plan, so. Is

1 this something that all the teachers are aware of? I
2 worked as a teacher in the Morris community. I was
3 not aware of it, I was more of like in a part-time
4 position so is this something that all teachers are
5 aware of?

6 MR. CAMERON: That's a good question in
7 terms of how much publicity gets to the individual
8 teacher about this. But do you have anything more to
9 say about that?

10 MR. BOURDELAIS: Normally we don't notify
11 the individual teachers because we don't want them
12 panicked. We do, however, notify the principal. We
13 also have a plan in place to keep the parents from
14 going to the schools because the last thing we want to
15 do is be trying to evacuate students in school buses
16 and have cars in the way of that evacuation. Our
17 first and primary concern is the safety of the
18 students.

19 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you. And maybe
20 after the meeting we can have some more conversation
21 and get some more information out on that. Duke
22 Wheeler wanted to give us some more information.
23 Please tell us who you are?

24 MR. SCHMIDT: Sure, my name is Frank
25 Schmidt. I'm from the Grundy County Sheriff's
26 Department. I work for the Grundy County Sheriff's

1 Department, have for thirty years. Just to echo Mr.
2 Bourdelais' comments, I'm part of the Homeland
3 Security team also. The Sheriff's Department is
4 trained; we have an evacuation plan in place. We can
5 evacuate the entire community without a problem.
6 We've done drills for, I've been there thirty years,
7 longer than Dresden has, and absolutely no problem.

8 But most of that, I'd like to say I'm over
9 fifty years old. I live within a mile of Dresden,
10 have all my life and my family's there, my son is
11 there and I have no qualms about Dresden, a great
12 neighbor and I totally support the extension. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thank you and it's Mr.
15 Schmidt, all right. Yes sir?

16 MR. RILEY: My name is John Riley and I'm
17 just speaking as a resident of Coal City and I live
18 1.2 miles from Dresden, have for twenty-nine years.
19 Went to school in Coal City, was a recipient of a good
20 education, quality schools, clean schools, healthy
21 school. Safe, good fire district, good police
22 district, good library and now I'm sending my kids to
23 that school and I hope they can receive the same
24 benefits that I did. Mostly I'm thankful to the tax
25 dollars that were created at that point, ComEd and
26 today Exelon.

1 So I speak on behalf of me, my wife and my
2 four kids, my two kids, excuse me, I'm getting crazy.
3 But I also live next to my parents who wanted to be
4 here but couldn't, who live 1.2 miles from Dresden,
5 they're my neighbor. And we have, I have a sister,
6 they have a child with a form of Down Syndrome and
7 they live there, have no blame for Dresden. Actually,
8 did some school benefits because of the tax dollars
9 that are generated from Dresden, Exelon. So on behalf
10 of them, me, living 1.2 miles away from Dresden, I
11 completely and wholeheartedly hope they get their
12 extension.

13 MR. CAMERON: Okay, thanks Mr. Riley. And
14 that's the Mr. Riley with two kids. Two not four all
15 right. Duke?

16 MR. WHEELER: Just one comment on my
17 procedure for documenting what happens here. As has
18 been explained, everything that you've said is going
19 into the transcript that I'm going to put in the
20 public record but if any of you've brought any
21 documents along of a reasonably small number of pages,
22 you can hand those documents to me and I will attach
23 those documents to the transcript and they will also
24 become a part of our public record of this meeting.
25 I don't believe I pointed that out when I was speaking
26 before.

1 I just wanted to let you know that if you
2 were to hand something to me that you want to go into
3 the record, I'm certainly available to do that. I
4 would ask that you give it to me. Don't take it
5 straight over to the transcriber. This ensures that
6 I'm in the loop for controlling this document and that
7 if for some reason you have a problem with it, you can
8 come to me and it's not something where something fell
9 through with the transcriber. That's it, thank you.

10 MR. CAMERON: Thanks Duke. We're going to
11 be here tonight at seven and we'll have an open house
12 at six. We'd welcome anybody who wants to come back
13 again tonight and I think that that probably does it
14 for this afternoon unless anybody else has anything to
15 say. I'm going to ask John Tappert to close the
16 afternoon session out for us. All right, John?

17 MR. TAPPERT: I just want to thank everyone
18 again for coming out here. Public comment is an
19 important part of our scoping process and we're
20 appreciative of people taking time out of their day to
21 come here. Our comment period does go for another
22 month so if you have any additional comments which you
23 would like to share with us, Duke gave you his e-mail
24 address and 800 number, so please contact us if you
25 have any further comments and thanks again.

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(Whereupon the above matter was concluded
at 2:45 p.m.)