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Good afternoon. Thank you very much for asking the commission to appear before the subcommittee to testify on S. Amdt. 579 and H.R. 316, which are both named the Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act.

These proposed bills relate to two projects that were licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission some time ago to a private developer. The federal power act requires the commission to require a developer to start construction within 2 years of receipt of a license of a last the commission to extend that once for another 2 years.

The commission did that with the respect with this developer, and at the end of that time, again is required by the federal power act, the commission revoked the license. Between that period and now, which is a period of about 6 or 7 years I think, there's been no interest in developing the site.

The proposed bills would authorize the commission to transfer to reinstate the licenses and to transfer them to the town of Canton, Connecticut after performing an appropriate environmental review and receiving appropriate public comment.

While generally the comments that I give are my own and don't reflect the opinions of the chairman or any commissioner. The chairman has authorized me to say that he does not oppose this bill because of the lack of competition for the sites so that the bill in no way adversely affects this competition and because of provisions requiring environmental reviews so that there's no question that the environmental review done previous licensing would be stale.

With that I'll give back the balance my time and I'd be happy to answer any questions.