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1 MR. LESLIE:

2 Good evening. This is now the
3 time that we will start with comments.
4 We are particularly interested about the
5 potential of the environmental impact
6 should be analyzed and resource areas we
7 should address and what reasonable
8 concealed actions and contribute to the
9 impacts of this and other projects in the
10 area.

11 We have a list of people signed
12 up for comments and if you want to sign
13 up please do so. There is a sign up
14 table outside. Come to the microphone
15 state your name and if you represent the
16 organization state the organization and
17 identify your comments. This is the
18 opportunity for you to submit your
19 comments for the record. This is a
20 discussion session. It is not a question
21 and answer session. For this reason, if
22 someone else is speaking try to be
23 courteous and keep quiet so the reporter
24 can accurately take your comments. If
25 after everyone that's signed has a chance

1 to speak we will see and only for five
2 minutes. So only oral comments will be
3 given. I will call in order to who has
4 signed up. If anyone is in a real time
5 constraint, if have you a babysitter or
6 deadlines please let me know and I will
7 let you speak early. I will introduce
8 who will call one speaker at a time.

9 MS. BUENAFLOR:

10 First speaker Melton Harris, and
11 followed by Robert Hardy and Mitch
12 Ellerby.

13 MR. HARRIS:

14 Last year I had an opportunity
15 to do a business experience in Indiana.
16 Last year several of us visited the site
17 in Indiana, including the Board of
18 Supervisors and several others there from
19 Moss Point. We went up to take a look at
20 the site and talked to the technicians
21 and got members there and we were
22 impressed with the site. It was not a
23 dirty site. We inspected the site and
24 asked them hard questions. I was
25 concerned to find out if this was the

1 type of industry the type of plant that
2 we want to locate in Jackson County, most
3 of all locate in the residential area
4 such as Moss Point. This is in the
5 earning part of Moss Point.

6 The residential area as been
7 eluded to as the old IP side. We believe
8 that time and today this is a go green
9 and green type plant that would have no
10 problem locating that site. It is a
11 green plant.

12 As the members presented to you
13 earlier, they have taken the bottom of
14 the barrel, the coal, and are taking it
15 and sent it through a process. And if
16 you look at the plant the only thing you
17 see is steam going out. It was clean and
18 nothing going in the atmosphere. There
19 was no smell and no evidence of odors and
20 there were no powder and/or dust or
21 contaminants and smell and nothing to
22 cause us to have harsh feelings for that
23 plant.

24 We believe this is a welcome
25 opportunity for our area, our county and

1 our state and for the citizens of this
2 area. I think we know the jobs are
3 needed in our community, county and our
4 state. This is an opportunity that we
5 can not pass up. And you can rest
6 assured that no way we will be saying
7 let's bring anything to our county or
8 state that would be damaging or harm
9 our citizens here.

10 So I hope we keep an eye open
11 and look at this and critique it. I
12 think you will find if you do this and
13 your decision will be as mine is that
14 this is a good opportunity for the area.

15 MR. ROBINSON:

16 My name is Robert Robinson and I
17 have been in this business 32 years and
18 hauling chemicals and in and out of every
19 plant in Mississippi and Alabama. I
20 understand we need jobs in the area, but
21 you never know how many other chemicals
22 is made off that one chemical. Like you
23 come up with sulfuric acid.

24 MR. LESLIE:

25 Excuse me, sir. If you have a

1 comment it would be better to make it
2 after and sign up. As I remind you, we
3 have to be respectful of each speaker and
4 the time. We have an opportunity to
5 speak and we welcome it and please give
6 us your name and you will have an
7 opportunity to comment.

8 MS. BUENAFLORES:

9 The next speaker is Robert Hardy
10 followed by Mitch Ellerby and John A.
11 Adams.

12 MR. HARDY:

13 My name is Robert Hardy and I
14 was born and raised in Jackson County. I
15 live at 1015 Keller Avenue in Pascagoula.
16 I owned a teleconferencing company and we
17 have stations in cities in companies plus
18 Australia and Hawaii and Canada. And for
19 seven years I ran the Bell South Economic
20 Development Program for Mississippi.

21 I am fully in support of
22 economic growth. It is the engine that
23 provides our economy and puts food on the
24 table and sends our kids to college and
25 pays medical expenses and pays our taxes

1 so we can get the services we need from
2 city and county government.

3 What you don't hear is the down
4 side. I will take a couple minutes and
5 put a few things on the table for our
6 good friends from Washington and perhaps
7 for you to consider.

8 Nine members of my family have
9 died of cancer and had cancer, and on
10 October 8th, I buried my wife after a
11 45-month battle with cancer.

12 And about the project, I started
13 attending these meetings and this is a
14 pretty good meeting. Some are slam
15 dunking and shams. If I told you today
16 that Jackson County every month had 65
17 new cases of typhoid fever or polio you
18 would be wanting some answers, and our
19 elected officials would be all over the
20 hospitals that are covered by Jackson.

21 Do you know the Singing River
22 Hospital diagnoses 65 new cases of cancer
23 every month. Did you know that Jackson
24 County is in the top 10 percent of 3,171
25 counties in America with the highest

1 cancer incident and death rate in the
2 United State. We have 135,000 people in
3 this county and these numbers push us off
4 the chart.

5 This is the ugly baby nobody
6 wants to talk about. I will pass this
7 around. This is from Singing River
8 Hospital. Everyone one and-a-half days
9 somebody dies of cancer in Jackson
10 County. Every day I have statistically
11 off the charts.

12 Statically we also have on a per
13 100,000 bases have the highest discharged
14 amount of carcinogenics. These are the
15 chemicals that cause cancer. The highest
16 adrenogenics in America. We are in the
17 top 10 percent. So we have the top 10
18 percent in this town and we also happen
19 to be in the top 10 percent in the
20 highest cancer and death rate. Many are
21 just a coincidence? I've been looking in
22 to this now for almost four years.

23 Mississippi cancer death rate
24 per 100,000 population is the fifth
25 highest in the nation. There are 220

1 deaths per 100,000, and Jackson County is
2 313.

3 On a more realistic way of
4 looking at it is the cancer incident
5 rate. The diagnosis rate. The cancer
6 rate in Jackson County -- you may be
7 laughing, but I am not laughing about
8 this. I am serious as a freaking heart
9 attack because I have a dog in this
10 fight.

11 There is something called a
12 toxic release inventory a TRI report and
13 they did not mention it. And I would
14 invite you to get the staff and reference
15 the report for that factory in Indiana.
16 The toxic release inventory is required
17 for every industry to report every year.
18 It is self reported.

19 Well, let me tell you what we
20 got here. 1992 to 2007 our local
21 industries reported discharging
22 160,329,000 pounds of carcinogens in the
23 air and water. That is 80,165 tons of
24 cancer causing chemicals in the air and
25 quart. You might saying read it and

1 weep. Here is some of the stuff we are
2 breathing in one year: 1.2 million
3 pounds of -- 118 pounds of benzene and
4 25,000 pounds of hydrogen cyanide. That
5 is what they use in the death chamber.

6 I could go on but time does not
7 permit. But I will tell you this.
8 Particulate matter. I am not talking
9 chemicals that cause cancer. The EPA
10 standard is 15 millions of a gram, 15
11 millions of a gram particulate matter in
12 a cubic meter of air. There is small
13 stuff. Third particles are the diameter
14 of human hair.

15 In the last 15 years reported
16 discharging 43 million 500 pounds of
17 particulate matter and the EPA wants you
18 to measure based on the gram. I do have
19 a dog in this fight and it is not for me
20 or my children it is for my
21 grandchildren.

22 I support the industry and I
23 support our elected officials and I pay
24 the taxes even though they went up 40
25 percent this year. And I don't think

1 should have some of our industries are
2 paying a fair share and they get a 40
3 percent rate. That has not a thing to do
4 with cancer. If it looks like a duck and
5 waddles like a duck it is a duck.

6 We are in the top 10 percent of
7 with the highest rates of cancer deaths
8 and incidents and we happen to be in the
9 top 10 percent in the United States of
10 America with the highest reported
11 discharges of carcinogens per capita and
12 by God we deserve better than that.

13 MS. BUENAFLOR:

14 Next is Mitch Ellerby, and John
15 A. Adams, and then Steve Shepherd.

16 MR. ELLERBY:

17 My name is Mitch Ellerby. I
18 reside at 2712 Braywood Drive in Moss
19 Point Mississippi. I am not a native of
20 Mississippi, but my three sons are born
21 and bred here. My wife and I moved here
22 to Mississippi in an economic growth to
23 provide for my family. Moss Point needs
24 this industry.

25 I am of the opinion that

1 everyone in here has an opinion, but when
2 it comes down to the future, and my son
3 is expecting his first child and my first
4 grandbaby, you can't feed and grow a
5 community on I love you. You can't rise
6 to the occasion if you have to do it on I
7 love you. It takes dollars.

8 The social economic growth that
9 is required in this nation and in this
10 city we need industries like that that
11 will provide jobs and opportunity for the
12 future growth of Moss Point.

13 Yes, all these other benefactors
14 come with it, but when a company cries
15 their heart out and explain to you our
16 growth is one of the top leading
17 industries. And I travel all over the US
18 working in Canada as a start up
19 commissioner in New York and Abilene
20 Texas, Lake Charles doing start up
21 commission work, work nobody else did not
22 want to do because I learned it here at
23 home, and provided growth. I had to
24 leave town.

25 If our children keep leaving and

1 you don't have jobs for them no town does
2 not exist. It does not exist off old
3 people it exists off the future. They
4 are the economic ones driving this
5 engine. So we need this company. No one
6 hurt me to come say this. It hurts when
7 I have to leave home to feed my family
8 when I can't enjoy them play football and
9 watch them shop and grow up. Some of us
10 did not have that opportunity. Some have
11 the opportunity to go to local industry
12 and work that and that is wonderful.

13 Now that you have the two
14 billion dollar project coming to Moss
15 Point the Board of Supervisors, Mayor,
16 the Board of Aldermen and the Governor
17 and the state legislature and the former
18 state legislature, and I am a former
19 board commissioner. It is very important
20 that we get all the help we can from
21 individuals.

22 Yes, bring your comments but
23 just remember the future lies in our
24 hands and we sit here and allow this
25 company and push them out that is our

1 fault. But I think we need to open our
2 arms up and open our minds and let's
3 welcome them here so our grandchildren
4 and their grandchildren can stand to have
5 a chance at decent jobs and salaries and
6 a wage so they can buy goods and services
7 and help Moss Point move up the economic
8 ladder. And then everyone knows when
9 they pass by I-10 they don't talk
10 Pascagoula they talk about Moss Point in
11 a positive way.

12 I welcome you and thank you for
13 coming and tell the people in DC we want
14 this plant to come here. Thank you.

15 MS. BUENAFLOR:

16 John A. Adams is next, and
17 followed by Steve Shepard and Herbie
18 Thompson.

19 MR. ADAMS:

20 My name is John Adams, born in
21 Moss Point 43 years of living here and my
22 concern is that back in the paper mill
23 property I talked to some of the
24 supervisors about this and two big
25 problem places, one was a lake that the

1 paper mill closed and put their sewer
2 water in.

3 The other one is a levy a paper
4 mill built that took in a lots of
5 wetlands out there. And the -- there is
6 an overflow of water coming down that
7 river that has no where to go. But it
8 does go somewhere and people that live
9 just west of the paper mill property gets
10 flooded out with five or six feet of
11 water in their homes.

12 What I am asking if this company
13 does not need those reservoirs in anyway
14 one of them both of them or whatever,
15 tear those levees out of there and put
16 those back in the river so those people
17 have to quit rebuilding their houses
18 every time. I thank you.

19 MS. BUENAFLORES:

20 Next is Steve Shepherd, followed
21 by Herbie Thompson and Michael Rawls.

22 MR. SHEPARD:

23 My name is Steve Shephard and I
24 am the Gulf Coast Chair of the Sierra
25 Club. I have to comment on the notion

1 visiting a plant and finding out it is a
2 wonderful facility. That is the problem.

3 When DEQ comes to visit and they
4 announce and they know ahead and it also
5 looks great. It is possible they are
6 great plants, but I think anyone is naive
7 to think they can go visit and say it is
8 great, so it will be great there. You
9 don't know if it is great there until you
10 go visit and you are there everyday.

11 The biggest problem we see and
12 there are several problems listening to
13 this presentation raised more problems.

14 The first problem is the
15 particulate and I did not hear the plans
16 on how this plant or the process of
17 delivery was going to eliminate
18 particulate, and I hope they look into it
19 and if they can manage particulates so we
20 don't have a regular release in the air,
21 which is a problem for every other
22 industry and a significant source of the
23 cancer and cardiovascular problems in
24 outer counties.

25 Then we question whether we can

1 tolerate this plant. We need this plant
2 to be a zero discharge plant, a zero
3 particulate, zero discharge to the area,
4 and zero discharge to the water and
5 landfills.

6 So I want to read a quick little
7 -- it took nothing to find what
8 particulate mean. It may help to explain
9 the high cancer rate. I found a paper
10 and I am not sure of the source. But the
11 title is Effects of Exposure to Ultrafine
12 Carbon and Health Subjects. And we are
13 dealing with carbon because coal is a
14 carbon project. I think levels are
15 associated with increased respiratory
16 and mortality and morbidity as well as
17 worsening of asthma.

18 Let's look to the health effects
19 of particulate matter for a number of
20 reasons compared to large particles you
21 have a higher pulmonary exposure rate and
22 pulmonary emphysema and enhanced oxygen
23 demand.

24 I have no reason to believe if
25 particulates are going to be tolerated

1 that they won't be multiplying carbon
2 parting. Fine carbon and ultrafine
3 partials involved in the delivery of this
4 coal from Chevron to this plant from the
5 other refineries to the this plant and
6 also while the plant is in production and
7 we have a major problem.

8 On the other hand if they have a
9 plan for handling it, then perhaps this
10 plant will be all right.

11 Now, waste. Lots of things are
12 called inert. The coal ash deposits
13 sitting next to Mississippi Power at
14 Plant Danel are considering inert. We
15 have seen they are leaking into the
16 Pascagoula water and I have a concern
17 they are not as inert as we think they
18 are.

19 What I would like this company
20 to do if they are coming here this inert
21 should not remain on site for any length
22 of time and it should not be dumped in
23 landfills. Our county can not tolerate
24 anymore landfills. If it is classified
25 as inert so it can be treated as

1 municipal garbage.

2 What I would hope this company
3 does is put an it on train car and not
4 only send it out of the county, but out
5 of the state. And I hope EIS will find
6 this out. We don't need it deposited in
7 our county.

8 Now, I am upset by Mercury. I
9 was not expecting Mercury to be an issue.
10 We have a Mercury problem. The nation
11 has a problem and the county has a
12 problem. The problem, it is evidenced by
13 our fish. Our fish carry Mercury to the
14 point we have warnings about what to eat
15 and how often we eat it. What we need to
16 do is ask the company to get the Mercury
17 to 99.99 percent and maybe that little
18 100 of a percent we can have a low
19 emission of Mercury.

20 I understand it may be
21 impossible, but let's hope this plant can
22 do so close to zero that it is almost not
23 passed.

24 I understand pregnant woman
25 can't eat bass in our county. I think

1 you can still eat brim, but in saltwater
2 you have to be careful of mackerel.
3 Mercury is a very serious problem.

4 MR. LESLIE:

5 Sir, it has been five minutes.
6 If you could wrap it up.

7 MR. SHEPHARD:

8 We have a major problem with
9 water use. As far as we can tell I hope
10 it does not happen and we will take it to
11 court if it happens the strategic reserve
12 project they are planning to take 50
13 million gallons out of the river up the
14 river, the Chevron is 25 million a day
15 and 25 gallons a minute. I usually
16 knowledge in terms of per day millions,
17 but this sounds ominous. I am afraid
18 what is it going to happen is they are
19 not going to pull it out of Escatawpa and
20 be calling on the county to supply the
21 water where Chevron gets their water and
22 the increasing water patrol and the
23 reserve and going to and we cannot stop
24 that and they will suck that river dry.
25 And you talked about it threatening an

1 endangered species. I did not think of
2 it.

3 We have a significant use of
4 water you know we are talking major
5 problems here. You are definitely when
6 you look at the EIS look at the water
7 using and look at it in combination with
8 the demands placed on our river and also
9 the drought we are experiencing. I think
10 this is great getting opinions here
11 tonight. It has been a rare thing.

12 So those are the issues offhand,
13 and perhaps I will write more in the
14 future. Thank you for the time. I hope
15 the EIS looks careful at these issues.
16 Thank you.

17 MS. BUENAFLORES:

18 Herbie Thompson followed by
19 Michael Rawls and Maxine Conway.

20 MR. THOMPSON:

21 My name is Herbie Thompson and
22 I am a resident of Moss Point and 12
23 years at International Paper and familiar
24 with the water and some people that are
25 really, really sick now that do not have

1 healthcare and are really, really sick.
2 And we are not even on the effects of
3 International Paper, but we jump in this
4 we need to look into it.

5 Y'all are saying bring
6 electricity and bring water. Bring fresh
7 water and we will drink fresh water. And
8 I would like to say it is going to have a
9 consumption of that size here in such a
10 small county I think the whole county
11 should be instead of a few people let's
12 make it around the whole town.

13 We are bringing in a million
14 dollar company and we are way back in the
15 18th Century down in Moss Point. We
16 still got the same jail. In fact, we get
17 docks instead of having a whole city.

18 But if you do come, come and try do help
19 us flourish. We are a minority town and
20 minorities are stepped on a lot. Free in
21 the State of Mississippi we hope that
22 this is not one of the reasons that y'all
23 are here because it is easy to pull the
24 wool over our face. International Paper
25 did and nobody got blamed.

1 I would like to ask one thing of
2 the Department of Energy and also the
3 people that want to comment. If it
4 damages the people of the town guarantee
5 somebody will be responsible, you know,
6 because y'all come in 10 years and four
7 or five years there and come in 10 or 15
8 years and 20 years and out and the people
9 are still here and I think it should be
10 about the people. And money is not
11 everything and maybe that is what we need
12 to look at.

13 We do have a fine downtown if
14 you look at it, it is small but we can
15 rebuild it. It can be one of the
16 highlights of Mississippi and I hope the
17 company comes as a highlight and I
18 appreciate that.

19 MS. BUENAFLORES:

20 Next is Michael Rawls, followed
21 by Maxine Conway, then John McKay.

22 Is Michael Rawls still here?

23 Okay.

24 Next is Maxine Conway. Is
25 Maxine Conway here?

1 Next is John McKay.

2 MR. MCKAY:

3 Good evening. Appreciate
4 everybody coming out. I am a member of
5 the Jackson County Board of Supervisors
6 and I tendered the trip to Indiana to
7 visit the plant and I was very impressed
8 with the condition of the plant and
9 cleanliness and the noise elevation of
10 the plant. I think it would blend in
11 great with our community here. It is a
12 great economic engine for Jackson County.

13 I would like to address a couple
14 issues that have been brought up. One,
15 myself and when Melton went up because we
16 -- this is our home and we don't want to
17 bring anything in our community that
18 effects me or you or anyone else and I
19 have grandkids, so we went with the
20 outlook number one and we believe this
21 place to be safe.

22 No. 2, assurances they were
23 going to higher locals and local
24 contractors and buy their supplies here
25 as often as they could. Those are the

1 answers before we as the board and I
2 speaking for me and Melton spoke for
3 himself and all the others support this.

4 We were not going to get behind
5 it as a Board of Supervisors unless they
6 commit and sure it was safe for Jackson
7 County. I am convinced it was safe for
8 Jackson County.

9 I do take exception to what he
10 says, in that Moss Point is a minority
11 town, it is basically, but it has not
12 been stepped on and I will give you
13 several examples.

14 Number one, we recruited a lot
15 of business for economic development to
16 Moss Point. Northrop Grumman they got
17 that and brought jobs and residents and
18 helped the taxpayers and the corporations
19 not in Moss Point that have been brought
20 into the Moss Point area. We have
21 recruited a lot of businesses that help
22 the economic validity of the Moss Point
23 School District and the City of Moss
24 Point. This project is going in in Moss
25 Point and I continue to believe it is

1 wonderful.

2 With reference to when the paper
3 mill left it sucked the life out of Moss
4 Point and I think you all agree with
5 that. Tax basis failed and Moss Point
6 does not have a lot of economic base. If
7 we recruit business we should be seeing
8 benefit in streets and health services.

9 This City pays several million
10 dollars per year to the City of Moss
11 Point to the Jackson County Board of
12 Supervisors and the State of Mississippi
13 will all receive a large economic impact.

14 One thing most people don't
15 realize is you are going to get a tax
16 break. I guarantee they will if they
17 meet requirements. We have a set policy
18 that you have to meet before you get a
19 tax break in Jackson County. If they
20 meet those and they probably will and
21 they still end up paying 85 percent of
22 every tax dollar that would have been.
23 Would you rather have 85 percent of
24 something that moved into Jackson County
25 or 100 percent of nothing. Here it is

1 and give the tax rate and encourage them
2 to come here.

3 I will tell you a lot of
4 investment that went into Chevron would
5 not happen if we did not encourage tax
6 breaks and do something with investments
7 they have brought in to Jackson County.

8 Same with Northrop Grumman
9 several people from Northrop Grumman are
10 here. If we don't compete locally these
11 businesses go somewhere else and that is
12 a plan fact.

13 So, in closing, in my opinion I
14 will tell you and I work and I guess a
15 representative of this I have had more
16 contact with petroleum coal than
17 everybody in this room. I worked at the
18 Chevron plant. I brought coal home in my
19 nose and I am cancer free and thank God.
20 I might have it tomorrow. You don't
21 know. It is not as bad as everybody
22 says. Particulate going here and there
23 it is, it is not going to happen.

24 Like I said, I worked in a coal
25 plant for 20 years and I am healthy.

1 Thank God. And I believe you will be too
2 after the plant comes in and it will be a
3 great benefit. This is going to help
4 Jackson County. Thank you.

5 MS. BUENAFLOR:

6 Our last speaker is Robert
7 Robinson.

8 MR. ROBINSON:

9 Robert Robinson. I am not
10 denying the company coming here and
11 providing jobs and this is a benefit for
12 young people coming up.

13 Now, what I was trying to get
14 the people to see is a lot of people
15 don't know nothing about chemicals.
16 Chemical like sulfuric acid is a chemical
17 that would eat you, give you cancer and
18 eat into you for next 10 years and you
19 never know you got it. It is like
20 ammonia nitrate. Same thing. The plant
21 the way they are talking about the acid
22 plant can easily cross into Moss Point
23 when it explodes you won't see energy but
24 a yellow streak in the area. And I am
25 not criticizing or anything these people

1 are trying to make business better, but
2 what I would like hear them to do is
3 ensure me my home will be taken care of
4 and from the ammonia nitrate from that
5 plant. It is going somewhere. And like
6 I say, you are breath this stuff
7 everyday. I been in and out of plants
8 all my life, that is all I did. I been
9 in 32 years nothing but plants. I work
10 with environmental. You can't just run
11 over and put water on everything. You
12 have to have the stuff to deal with it.
13 And like I say, it is coming here a
14 chemical is real and we have to know how
15 to work with it.

16 Now, if we get them to work with
17 us protecting us I don't see nothing
18 wrong with it. That is all I have to
19 say. Thank you.

20 MR. LESLIE:

21 I would like to thank you for
22 all your comments and there is an
23 opportunity for anyone else who would
24 like to speak that has not signed up
25 please come up.

1 MR. WILLIAMS:

2 My name is Ron Williams and I
3 live in Moss Point. I am an
4 environmental contractor and I teach
5 environmental safety and I am certified
6 to do that and I want to comment on a
7 couple points and I want and ask a favor.

8 First, I would like to say I
9 lost my brother a couple months ago to
10 cancer. I think anybody in this room
11 can't saying this causes cancer. Get in
12 the street and do away with whatever that
13 is no one can do that. Okay. So, I
14 don't know I don't want to the community
15 to be scared by things of that nature,
16 cancer problems don't have a cure. And I
17 know things that are causing cancer and
18 no one can tell us that.

19 What I would like to say from
20 also another environmental contractor the
21 question came up about responses and how
22 to protect our home and neighbors and
23 things like that.

24 There are things called air
25 emissions law and require the emissions

1 to be above that level and the industry
2 has to pay a fine. There are incentives to
3 maintain the environmental friendly
4 process. It is not like these industries
5 are running amuck and doing whatever they
6 want. The consequences for failure are
7 substantial.

8 We all remember what happened to
9 the 600 or 700 jobs that are gone. So
10 the environmental issues pretty much
11 dealt with the economic there with no
12 benefit to Moss Point whatsoever. We
13 lost jobs and the sign is still out
14 there. But now here is what I would ask
15 you to do. Obviously this technology is
16 in place. It is being used in other
17 locations so the learning curve to
18 establish safety perimeters has been put
19 in place so I ask from the financial
20 environment as a taxpayer that we fast
21 track the process and reduce the approval
22 cost and for the tax payer and get the
23 plant up as soon as possible. Okay.

24 MR. LESLIE:

25 Is there anybody else? Okay. I

1 would like to thank you all for coming
2 out. And we welcome your comments. I
3 remind you there is an opportunity to
4 submit comments by e-mail or by mail or
5 to write them down and hand them to us
6 over this evening. We welcome your input
7 and are glad you were able to come.

8 (Public hearing adjourned at 8:35 p.m.)

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