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1	SPEAKER LIST
2	Chris Millard, FERC
3	Andy Bernick, FERC
4	Emily Carter, FERC
5	Ted Koroshetz, FERC
6	Michael Scarzello, FERC
7	Francis T. Blesso, Paterson Resident
8	Joe Elmo, Paterson Resident
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- 2 MR. MILLARD: Okay, Im going to go ahead and get
- 3 the meeting started at 7:14. I apologize for the delay,
- 4 weve had some issues this evening. But nonetheless, Id like
- 5 to welcome everybody. My name is Chris Millard, Im with the
- 6 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission down in Washington,
- 7 D.C. and Im a fisheries biologist there and I also happen to
- 8 be the project coordinator for the Great Falls Hydroelectric
- 9 Project.
- I also have with me a few colleagues from FERC as
- 11 well. I think some of you folks may have already met them,
- 12 but Ill introduce them, nonetheless. First is Andy Bernick.
- 13 Andys a wildlife biologist with the Commission, and hes
- 14 going to be working on the terrestrial resources issues
- 15 associated with the relicensing of the project, as well as
- 16 threatened and endangered species.
- 17 Theres also Emily Carter. Emilys an
- 18 environmental biologist and shes got a whole host of things
- 19 that shes going to be working on, including cultural
- 20 resources, recreational resources, land use and aesthetics.
- 21 So, shes got a tall order ahead of her, to say the least.
- 22 And then finally, we have Ted Koroshetz. Teds
- 23 with the Office of the General Counsel. Hes our attorney,
- 24 of course, and Teds the fellow that we go to for all our
- 25 legal and regulatory issues.

- So, we have a good team. Its a comprehensive
- 2 team. This is how we usually address these relicensing
- 3 issues. We gather a bunch of folks from different resource
- 4 areas and try to tackle it from all angles. I also want to
- 5 welcome the folks from Great Falls Hydro and from the City
- 6 of Paterson, both agencies. And with that I guess Ill go
- 7 ahead and get started with the rest of the presentation.
- 8 So, first off, for this public hearing we have,
- 9 of course, some protocols, Ill just go over briefly, since I
- 10 think most of you folks are kind of familiar with it. We do
- 11 have a registration table, hopefully everyone has taken an
- 12 opportunity to sign-in and give their contact information.
- 13 We have copies of the scoping document. If you havent
- 14 already had a chance to take a look at it, you can grab a
- 15 copy and go along as we move through the presentation.
- 16 And then as we go through the presentation we ask
- 17 for comments and questions and statements and so on. We ask
- 18 that obviously everybody keep it related to the project
- 19 itself, not to stray off into maybe other topic areas. And
- 20 if you dont choose to submit comments today orally, you can
- 21 certainly do so through writing, and that can be submitted
- 22 to FERC, either by letter or by the e-filing process, which
- 23 Ill talk about a little bit later.
- 24 And those will be due 30 days from tonights
- 25 meeting. Ill also mention that we have a court reporter

- 1 here and shell be recording everything thats said. So, when
- 2 you do have a comment or a question, please make sure you
- 3 speak clearly. Please make sure you introduce yourself and
- 4 state your affiliation.
- 5 And if you could, maybe for the first time you
- 6 get up and speak, please go ahead and spell out your name so
- 7 that she can attribute all the comments to you. So, as an
- 8 overview of what Id like to kind of go over tonight, first
- 9 well talk a little bit about the licensing process and Great
- 10 Falls Hydro and the City of Paterson chose the traditional
- 11 licensing process, its one of the three options that we
- 12 have. Well talk about that a little bit.
- Well discuss a little bit on what the scoping
- 14 process is and why its important to us. Matt will provide a
- 15 project overview, how the project is run, what proposals are
- on the table at the moment and then well go into the
- 17 recourse issues, and of course ultimately well be putting
- 18 together an environment document which might be an
- 19 environmental assessment, or Environmental Impact Statement,
- 20 but well examine resources issues and how they may or may
- 21 not be affected by the project operation or maintenance.
- 22 And those resource issues as we present them,
- 23 will be kind of broad. Theyre not necessarily designed to
- 24 kind of drill down into the details, but just kind of an
- 25 overview of what well look to evaluate during the

- 1 relicensing process.
- 2 There will then be a time for general questions
- 3 and comments, and then well talk about the next steps and
- 4 how folks can stay informed with the proceeding as we go
- 5 through it. So, as I mentioned, the applicants chose the
- 6 traditional licensing process. And this process, to a large
- 7 extent, FERC isnt involved too much in the first three
- 8 years.
- 9 We received the notice of intent and the
- 10 pre-application document back in February of 2016, and
- 11 shortly thereafter approved the request to use the JLP at
- 12 which point the applicants went and met with various
- 13 stakeholders, federal and state agencies and so on to
- 14 identify data gaps, any study request and so on, ultimately
- 15 leading up to their final license application which was
- 16 submitted in February of 2019.
- 17 So, at that point we got back involve ed in the
- 18 process for the post-filing, and on May 14th of this year we
- 19 came up with a list of additional information requests, and
- 20 also found a couple deficiencies that we needed to have
- 21 addressed. Initially, those responses to the AIRs and to
- 22 the deficiencies were due on August 12th, I believe, and we
- 23 got most of those resolved and theres now three outstanding
- 24 issues, two of which are still additional information
- 25 requests and one deficiency and thats due coming up on

- 1 November 10th.
- 2 And so, that brings us -- now we kind of skipped
- 3 ahead. Now, generally speaking, once those AIRs and
- 4 deficiencies are cleared, we would issue an acceptance
- 5 letter, but again because those are still outstanding, we
- 6 havent issued an acceptance letter yet, weve moved on to
- 7 scoping to keep the process moving forward and thats, of
- 8 course, where we are today.
- 9 The next step after the scoping will be to
- 10 evaluate any comments that we get within 30 days of this
- 11 meeting. And then once the deficiencies are cleared, and we
- 12 have all the information that we feel is necessary to put
- 13 together our environmental documents, well go ahead and
- 14 issue a ready for environmental analysis letter.
- 15 At that point, well start working on our
- 16 environmental documents. Thats also the point at which
- 17 agencies will issue their terms, conditions and
- 18 prescriptions and that happens within 60 days of the REA
- 19 notice, and also the water quality certification needs to be
- 20 applied for within that 60 day period as well, so its kind
- 21 of an important timeframe.
- 22 And then eventually what well finish up again, as
- 23 I said, with the environment documents which at this point
- 24 were intending to do environmental assessments on.
- 25 So, what is scoping? You know, this is kind of

- 1 an important process in any licensing proceeding, as its an
- 2 opportunity for us to kind of hear from all of the involved
- 3 stakeholders and determine the scope and the breadth of the
- 4 issues that need to be addressed for identifying the issues
- 5 related to the proposed action, and it gives us an
- 6 opportunity to meet with folks, again, to identify the
- 7 affected public and agency concerns, so we get those right.

- 9 Also, to facilitate kind of the efficient
- 10 processing of our environmental documents, knowing that our
- 11 information that were gathering, or that weve been given is
- 12 correct and accurate will facilitate that process.
- 13 We also want to define some of the issues and
- 14 alternatives that will be examined, of course, in those
- 15 documents, find out which ones are important and even some
- 16 that maybe arent as important as maybe we see. And then
- 17 ultimately, you know, we want to ensure that all the draft
- 18 statements that we make adequately represent the resource
- 19 issues and the concerns of the public and the agencies and
- 20 all stakeholders.
- 21 So, with that Matt, I think you walked in at the
- 22 right time. Well have a project overview, or is it Mike?
- 23 Mike, I guess its you then, so your stuffs all up here if
- 24 youd like. Do you want me to -- youre going to have to use
- 25 the microphone, so she can record it.

- 1 MR. SCARZELLO: Can I come up
- 2 here, or are you going to --
- 3 MR. MILLARD: Yeah, please, Ill move right out of
- 4 the way. Do you want me to do the slides for you?
- 5 MR. SCARZELLO: I appreciate it. Okay, hi.
- 6 Yeah, thank you Chris. Mike Scarzello, Regulatory Director
- 7 with Eagle Creek, its S-c-a-r-z-e-l-l-o, so good evening
- 8 everybody and thank you for the introduction and well cruise
- 9 right through these.
- 10 These should be fairly -- a fairly good review, a
- 11 very brief history of the project. It dates back to the
- 12 development of the site of useful manufacturers in 1791.
- 13 A couple of other highlights, in 1914, with
- 14 Thomas Edisons nearly 5,000 kilowatt hydro project
- development at the location to the 1980s when the plant was
- 16 restored to its present three turbine total with a nameplate
- 17 of 10.95 megawatts up to where Eagle Creek comes into the
- 18 picture with its 2013 purchase from our prior owner, the
- 19 Algonquin Power Company to 2016, when we started relicensing
- 20 with a 2021 license renewal anticipated.
- 21 A very quick snapshot of the location of the
- 22 project, an overview of the project and this is details on
- 23 the layout of the facility. Were going to be looking at
- 24 this in great detail tomorrow, so Im going to basically skip
- 25 over the layout and the details of the project.

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    existing project boundaries that you see blown up on the
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    project boundary that we have recently submitted with the
    final license application as co-licensee, is labeled in red
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Im going to scoot around that side of here. A 25 just quick orientation. Flow is this way, Great Falls are

- 1 in this vicinity, here is the dam itself and were looking to
- 2 shrink up this part of the project boundary down in the
- 3 vicinity of the powerhouse and the dam itself from the
- 4 original project boundary which is again, in blue to the
- 5 red, in anticipation of working with our co-licensee who is
- 6 in the process of turning over lands to the National Park
- 7 Service at some point in the future.
- 8 And if John Franco wants to speak to that in a
- 9 few minutes, youre able to. So, that is the proposed
- 10 transfer, and these are the proposed changes in the project
- 11 boundary that would go to the National Park Service in
- 12 green. So, it affects some of the project boundary in the
- 13 Overlook Park area, which is presently within the project
- 14 boundary, and then certainly the adjoining -- next to Great
- 15 Falls is the Kramer Park, which is already part of the Park
- 16 Service, so.
- 17 Sorry, so, proposed modification for the project
- 18 operations, so we propose the following modifications to the
- 19 existing operations pursuant to the final license. As
- 20 requested by the National Park Service, they would like to
- 21 see an increase in aesthetic flows from 200 CFS to 400 CFS
- 22 during periods of high visitation which occur May 1st
- 23 through October 31st, daylight hours and on weekends.
- 24 Also, they would like to see special park events
- 25 where we would have the additional aesthetic flow release

- 1 estimated at 10 events per year. At the same time, the
- 2 co-licensees propose to conserve energy resources and
- 3 decrease the aesthetic flow requirement during nighttime,
- 4 from 200 CFS to 50 CFS during the nighttime hours of 9 p.m.
- 5 to 7 a.m. when flow is less than full capacity while
- 6 continuing to protect aesthetic and environmental resources
- 7 in that part of the Passaic River.
- 8 Again, another quick snapshot of what Chris
- 9 already covered on the licensing timeline. Im not going to
- 10 spend a lot of detail on it only to say that were here
- 11 tonight for this SB1 public meeting. Okay, and I think were
- 12 back to you, Chris.
- 13 MR. MILLARD: We are back to me. Okay. And I
- 14 wanted to offer to John Franco, did you want to do any
- 15 remarks on the project boundary that I was just describing?
- 16 Okay, thank you. Okay, so well get right back into it.
- 17 Now, Im just kind of going to go over what resource groups
- 18 were kind of focusing on for our environmental analyses.
- 19 Again, as I mentioned, when the NOI, Im sorry,
- 20 not the NOI, the final license application rather, came in
- 21 back in February, the same team of folks we have here,
- 22 including one engineer thats appointed the office, reviewed
- 23 that application and these resource groups and what were
- 24 going to present next is derived from that review and is
- 25 kind of our first shot at how well put together the eventual

- 1 environmental documents.
- 2 The resource areas that were concerned with
- 3 looking to evaluate are geology and soil resources, aquatic
- 4 resources, of course, terrestrial resources, threatened and
- 5 endangered species, recreation land use and aesthetics,
- 6 cultural resources and then finally developmental resources.

- 8 So, what Id like to do is go through each of
- 9 these and discuss in slightly more detail what we plan to
- 10 look at. And again, as I mentioned earlier, you know its
- 11 not designed to be filled with details. Well drill down
- 12 into it as we get into the formation of the environmental
- 13 documents, as we review more data and more information and
- 14 get the remaining information with the additional
- 15 information requests.
- And so, again, this is just meant to be kind of a
- 17 broad brush. For those of you that have the scoping
- 18 document, all of this information is presented starting on
- 19 page 14 of the scoping document.
- 20 So, the first is the soil and -- Im sorry,
- 21 geology and soil resources. And what we want to look at is
- 22 the effects of -- the product construction is not relevant
- 23 in this case necessarily, but project operation and
- 24 maintenance on soil resources and on shoreline erosion.
- 25 Again, thats something that well pursue more actively as we

- 1 get into things, but what I want to do as we go through each
- 2 of these resources is ask if folks think that this is a
- 3 critical area of need, if theres any additional comments or
- 4 suggestions that you might have, any data sources that you
- 5 might know of and so on.
- So, as we go through each of these, Ill just give
- 7 you a minute to think about it and ask if anybody has any
- 8 comments, questions or statements. So, anything related to
- 9 geology and soil resources?
- 10 Okay, Ill go ahead and move on. The next is
- 11 aquatic resources. And for aquatic resources were looking
- 12 at the effects of project operation and maintenance on water
- 13 quality and quantity. Also looking again at continued
- 14 project operation and maintenance on fish and aquatic
- 15 habitat, including flow conditions of the bypass reach and
- 16 downstream of the project.
- 17 And then finally effects of continued project
- 18 operation and maintenance on aquatic resources, including
- 19 impingement -- entrainment rather, and impingement,
- 20 mortality of resident fishes. Does anybody have any
- 21 statements or comments along those lines?
- 22 Okay, moving on. Next is terrestrial resources.
- 23 Here were looking at the effects of project operation and
- 24 maintenance on botanical resources and wildlife, also the
- 25 effects of project operation and maintenance on wetland

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1 habitat and associated wildlife. And then finally the
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- 2 effects of project operation and maintenance on New Jersey
- 3 state-listed species. Anybody for terrestrial resources?
- 4 Okay, moving on. Threatened and endangered
- 5 species -- wed be looking at the effects of project
- 6 operation and maintenance on federally listed threatened and
- 7 endangered species identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- 8 Service, which includes the endangered Indiana bat and the
- 9 northern long-eared bat. Anybody for T&E species?
- 10 Okay, moving on. Next is for recreation, land
- 11 use and aesthetics. Well be looking at a whole host of
- 12 things here, so effects of continued project operation and
- 13 maintenance on recreational use in the project area, the
- 14 adequacy of public access and recreational facilities to
- 15 meet the current or future recreational demand of the
- 16 project.
- 17 The effects of continued project operation and
- 18 maintenance on land use in the project area, and the effects
- 19 of continued project operation and maintenance on aesthetic
- 20 resources in the project area, including evaluations of
- 21 appropriate aesthetic flows over the Great Falls. Yes, sir?

- 23 MR. BLESSO: On a question of the adequacy of
- 24 public access, is this on?
- 25 MR. MILLARD: Yes, I just want you to state your

- 1 name if you would.
- 2 MR. BLESSO: Francis Blesso, Paterson, New
- 3 Jersey, resident of Paterson, New Jersey. B-l-e-s-s-o,
- 4 Blesso. In the existing license there is a requirement
- 5 for public access to the plant itself, and in some of my
- 6 previous comments I recommended that that -- if thats not
- 7 already required in the application, I didnt see any
- 8 reference in the application to public access, so that was a
- 9 suggestion that the existing requirement be continued for
- 10 limited and as long as it certainly would not affect the
- 11 operation and it would be under control conditions, what
- 12 there would be public access control through the Park
- 13 Service and the Visitors Center.
- I have other comments, but I think they were
- 15 before the next category on the historic resources.
- 16 MR. MILLARD: Okay. So, well get right into that
- 17 one. The next one, so actually before we move on, was there
- 18 anybody else that wanted to make any comments on the
- 19 aesthetic and recreation resources? Okay.
- 20 So, yeah, next is cultural resources and here
- 21 were looking at the effects of continued project operation
- 22 and maintenance on historic resources, archeological
- 23 resources and traditional cultural properties that are
- 24 included or may be eligible for inclusion in the National
- 25 Register of Historic Places, including the Paterson Great

- 1 Falls National Historic part. Mr. Blesso, did you have
- 2 something else?
- 3 MR. BLESSO: Again, the existing license has a
- 4 provision for a requirement for a diversion of water before
- 5 the dam for the raceway, and the language is something to
- 6 the effect that there should be at least minimum flow
- 7 through the raceway system, and I would expect that thats
- 8 going to continue and in addition to that, the city is
- 9 having a study that had recommended additional flow for
- 10 scenic purposes for interpretative purposes about the
- 11 cultural information and purpose of the raceway that a
- 12 50-cubic foot per second flow be permitted in advance of the
- 13 hydroelectric plant, and so thats --
- 14 MR. MILLARD: And so thats the levels of minimum
- 15 flow?
- MR. BLESSO: Yes.
- 17 MR. MILLARD: Okay.
- 18 MR. BLESSO: And I certainly would support that.
- 19 Along those same lines, I think its important that if it is
- 20 going to be recognized that the flow to the raceway in a
- 21 certain amount takes precedence, there should be a proper
- 22 measuring device to control that and to evaluate that, thats
- 23 always been a problem in the past as to what -- how many CFS
- 24 are going through the system and that I certainly urge that
- 25 the plan and the licensing would require that there be a

- 1 measuring device for that flow.
- 2 Again, on cultural resources, and these are --
- 3 all these comments that Ive been making were in my
- 4 electronic -- and one of them that I think is quite
- 5 important that a preservation plan was developed several
- 6 years ago with funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust.
- 7 And that plan was an evaluation of the building,
- 8 its structural condition, and it made certain specific
- 9 recommendations for maintenance and protection of the
- 10 building. And my suggestion in the past has been if that
- 11 plan be referenced in the license itself, and that those
- 12 recommendations for protection and improvements be carried
- 13 out as a requirement of the license for the protection and
- 14 the continuation of the building itself. I think that
- 15 completes my comments. If I think of anything else, Ill
- 16 come back.
- 17 MR. MILLARD: We could come back to it.
- MR. BLESSO: But essentially these are the same
- 19 comments that were submitted in writing back in, I guess it
- 20 was May.
- MR. MILLARD: Thank you.
- 22 MR. BLESSO: Can you tell me if theres been any
- 23 movement on those comments? I tried to look through the
- 24 changes to the application and I didnt see anything in the
- 25 original application or in the supplemental changes or

- 1 response to your comments that dealt with those things, like
- 2 public access, like flow to the raceway proceeding and the
- 3 amount of flow and improvements or maintenance to the
- 4 building.
- 5 I didnt -- is that in the present application,
- 6 any of those things?
- 7 MR. MILLARD: So, the application still stands at
- 8 the same point it did back in February. You made comments
- 9 off that application if I recall correctly. It was your
- 10 initial comments were based on the existing application.
- MR. BLESSO: Right.
- 12 MR. MILLARD: And those were reviewed by us. I
- 13 think to some extent they were incorporated into this kind
- of more broad brushed approach of what were going to
- 15 eventually evaluate, and I think -- so Emily would be one to
- 16 speak to this. But if theres information that we feel is
- 17 missing, and shes taking a comment, I know weve talked about
- 18 your letters and shes considered them as well.
- 19 And so, it may well be that if we dont feel that
- 20 we need the information or we dont have the information
- 21 rather, to address those comments, those could be followed
- 22 up on through us with an additional information request.
- 23 The additional information request can come in response to
- 24 this meeting, and it can come at any number of places along
- 25 the licensing procedure.

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So, its not the last opportunity to get
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- 2 additional information and incorporate that into our
- 3 analysis which would be part of the environmental document.

- 5 MR. BLESSO: Okay.
- 6 MR. MILLARD: Emily, do you have anything to add?

- 8 MS. CARTER: I did, this is Emily Carter with
- 9 FERC, Carter, C-a-r-t-e-r. And I just wanted to ask you a
- 10 question regarding that preservation plan that you
- 11 mentioned, do you know if that is on the FERC public record?
- 12 If it has been filed with us?
- 13 MR. BLESSO: I dont believe that its on. The
- 14 city would have a copy of it. Its in electronic form.
- 15 MS. CARTER: Because if you want it incorporated
- 16 into any license or analyzed during the NEPA analysis, I
- 17 would need to have it on the public record to file with
- 18 FERC, thank you.
- 19 And then just to follow-up on what Chris was saying
- 20 regarding your comments.
- 21 Im familiar with your comments. They are on the
- 22 public record. I use them, I referenced them as I was
- 23 putting together my list for the scoping document and theyll
- 24 definitely be referenced as were working on our NEPA
- 25 analysis.

- 1 MR. BLESSO: Alright, thank you.
- 2 MR. MILLARD: Okay, anything else on cultural
- 3 resources? Okay, Ill move on to the last one and this is
- 4 simply the developmental resources and heres where we look
- 5 at the effects of the proposed -- any proposed protection
- 6 mitigation or enhancement measures on the economics of the
- 7 project, so anything along those lines, okay?
- 8 Okay, so if theres anything else not related to
- 9 what we just kind of covered, if theres something more
- 10 general that anybody has to bring up, now would be an
- 11 opportunity. Otherwise, well finish up with the next steps
- 12 and then how to kind of stay in touch with the project.
- 13 Yes, sir?
- 14 MR. BLESSO: The question is really not with the
- 15 environmental assessment, but in terms of an understanding
- 16 of the process from going from license to what Ill call a
- 17 lease. The terms that Eagle Creek and the city would end up
- 18 negotiating. The question is does the FERC participate in
- 19 that process, or is that an independent process of those two
- 20 -- of the applicant?
- MR. MILLARD: Of the lease you said?
- 22 MR. BLESSO: Right now, the plant is owned by the
- 23 City of Paterson.
- MR. MILLARD: Right.
- 25 MR. BLESSO: And its under a 40-year lease, which

- 1 coincides with the license period and Im curious as how that
- 2 -- the terms of that lease, the lease provides for an amount
- 3 of monthly rent, it provides for provisions for sharing of
- 4 revenue at certain gross revenue points, provides for an
- 5 adjustment based on the purchase price of the energy and Im
- 6 just curious, at what point does that get discussed and
- 7 resolved?
- 8 MR. MILLARD: Yeah, I mean in my estimation, Ted,
- 9 you can correct me if Im wrong, but thats not something
- 10 necessarily that we would have any oversight in. That would
- 11 be between the city and Great Falls Hydro.
- 12 MR. BLESSO: I kind of assumed that.
- MR. MILLARD: Yeah.
- 14 MR. BLESSO: But I just wanted to clarify that.
- MR. MILLARD: Sure.
- MR. BLESSO: Okay, thank you.
- 17 MR. MILLARD: As our next step, okay, anybody
- 18 else for general questions? Alright, so lets talk about
- 19 some next steps here. I think I covered some of this a
- 20 little bit earlier, but I will mention too, that isnt an
- 21 idealized schedule, but nonetheless, its definitely
- 22 achievable. So, here we are in October with the scoping
- 23 meetings.
- 24 As I mentioned earlier, we have 30 days for folks
- 25 to submit comments in writing. Anybody that hasnt provided

- 1 a comment tonight can do so within 30 days for our
- 2 consideration. At that point theyll determine until that 30
- 3 day comment period and our review of those comments will
- 4 determine whether or not a second scoping document was
- 5 necessary and that will only be necessary if we feel that
- 6 its changed the initial scoping document appreciably.
- 7 After that, wed also issue that ready for
- 8 environmental analysis notice that I mentioned. That would
- 9 probably come in January of next year. And then, excuse me,
- 10 the next part would be to get the comments, recommendations,
- 11 terms and conditions, prescriptions, its all from agencies,
- 12 its also as I mentioned the time when the water quality
- 13 certification would be applied for.
- 14 Wed look at that issue, the Draft EA, sometime
- 15 around September of 2020, comments on that draft will then
- 16 be due in October and wed finish up finally by early
- 17 December, so. And then our license expiration is February
- 18 2021 if I remember correctly, so we would have some time to
- 19 get the licensing as well.
- 20 Any questions on any next steps? Okay? And I
- 21 think most of you folks know this, Ill just kind of hit the
- 22 highlights here. This is just for folks to know how to stay
- 23 informed. Of course, theres e-subscription, which gives you
- 24 email notifications of all the filings and issuances related
- 25 to the project. E-library is where we house all the

- 1 documentation rather, thats been filed on the record for
- 2 people to peruse.
- 3 E-comments is what you could use again, to submit
- 4 any comments that you might have in that 30-day comment
- 5 period that I just mentioned, and the mailing list I just
- 6 talked about a little bit earlier thats on page 17 of the
- 7 scoping document. That allows you to kind of be added to
- 8 the mailing list and receive hard copies of all the
- 9 issuances that we have.
- 10 And for those of you that may not be familiar,
- 11 this was just our website where you can actually access all
- 12 that electronic stuff that I just mentioned. Our website is
- 13 www.ferc.gov and if you -- yeah, under documents and filings
- 14 is where youll find all that, the electronic filing systems
- 15 and ways to kind of keep abreast of whats happening with the
- 16 project.
- 17 And again, I think most of you know this, but
- 18 include that docket number on anything you submit, anything
- 19 you comment on, the Docket Number is P-2814, and that will
- 20 let us keep track and make sure everything gets in the right
- 21 spot.
- So, with that, unless anybody has any other
- 23 burning questions or statements? Seeing and hearing none,
- 24 Ill go ahead, and I guess, close the meeting at 7:49, okay.
- 25 Thanks everyone.

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3	This is to certify that the attached proceed	ing
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18	were held as herein appears, and that this is the origi	nal
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