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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 (7:07 P.M.)
3 MS. DUNN: Could everyone please be seated.
4 We're going to get started. I apologize for the altered
5 stuff. We had a little difficulty with our set of
6 microphones.
7 First, I want to thank you all for coming
8 tonight to the Ingleside Energy Center LNG Terminal and
9 Pipeline Project public comment meeting.
10 My name is Shannon Dunn, and I recognize a
11 lot of faces out there in the crowd. I'm with the Federal
12 Energy Regulatory Commission. I'm the environmental
13 project manager for the Ingleside Energy project. With me
14 tonight is our third-party contractor, Laura de la Flor,
15 sitting at the table, and we consider Tetra Tech to be an
16 extension of the FERC staff.
17 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to
18 provide each of you the opportunity to comment on the
19 draft Environmental Impact Statement, abbreviated EIS.
20 These comments will be addressed in our final EIS.
21 We are currently in the midst of the 45-day
22 comment period, and it's during this period that we
23 collect comments from the public. A Notice of
24 Availability was issued for the project on February 24th,
25 2005. The comment period will end on April 18th. All
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1 comments received, written, during this period, or
2 verbally tonight, will be addressed in the final EIS.

3 If you wish to speak tonight, please be sure
4 to sign the speakers list at the sign-in table as you
5 walked in. If you do not wish to speak tonight, there is
6 another sign-up sheet where you can write down any
7 comments or concerns you may have. And lastly, you can
8 file any written comments with the Commission until April
9 18th.

10 For us to adequately address your comments,
11 we need them as soon as possible. I would like to add
12 that we strongly encourage electronic filing of any
13 comments. And the instructions for this can be located on
14 our website, W-W-W dot F-E-R-C dot G-O-V under the
15 e-filing link.

16 If you received a copy of the draft EIS, you
17 will receive a copy of the final EIS. If you did not get
18 a copy of the draft and would like to receive a copy of
19 the final, there's yet another sheet at the back to add
20 your name.

21 Once we've finished the final EIS and mailed
22 it out, we forward that on to our commissioners. The
23 commissioners at FERC will use this as one of the tools to
24 determine whether to issue a certificate, which would be
25 the authorization for this project.

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1 Your comments will be transcribed by a court
2 reporter to ensure that we get an accurate record. A
3 transcript of this meeting will be placed on the public
4 cycle at FERC so that everyone can access that
5 information.

6 We will now begin taking speakers from the
7 speakers list. When your name is called, please step up
8 to the podium, this way, and state your name for the
9 record. Please, if you could, be as specific as possible
10 with your comments. That will ensure that we understand
11 what your issues are and make sure that we can respond
12 accordingly.

13 I apologize if I mispronounce anyone's
14 names, and let me know if you can't hear me. Johnny
15 French.

16 MR. FRENCH: My name's Johnny French. I
17 live at 4417 Carlton Street in Corpus Christi. I
18 previously e-filed on March 10th, and those comments were
19 accepted on March 11th by the F-E-R-C. I would like to
20 make a statement at this time about the course of
21 production of the EIS.

22 It's -- it's been my recommendation, going
23 on several projects now, that you supplement the draft
24 EISes before you go to the final. If I see a final EIS
25 for this project, the Ingleside Energy Project, which does
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PM-1 Comment noted. Also, see response to I1-14.

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1 not require that the dredge material be placed in the
2 Alcoa pending slot, in other words, if it's allowed to be
3 placed in dredge material disposal area as routine, then I
4 am contemplating upon receipt of the final Environmental
5 Impact Statement filing suit to stop this action, the
6 Cheniere Project, and all other LNG projects in the Gulf
7 of Mexico.

8 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Pat Suter.

9 MS. SUTER: I'm Pat Suter, and I'm chairman
10 of the local Coastal Bend Sierra Club, and I am ar- --
11 and -- for their -- from their point of view. We are
12 disturbed by the LNG PRIS (sic) and final EIS that's here
13 because we feel that they have not adequately addressed
14 the cumulative effects of having three LNG plants along La
15 Quinta Channel and everything else that is going on there.
16 The ship carrying LNG, it is my understanding that they
17 will close the channel when that ship comes in to other
18 ships. Is that right? Does anybody know?

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19 The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
20 Administration sent me a table of the various LNG plants
21 that are at various stages of final approval, and there's
22 some 30 -- let me count them -- 31 that are under
23 consideration. And of those, ten are along the Texas
24 coast, and three are in La Quinta Channel. And we feel,
25 from the Sierra Club, that a definitive cumulative study
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PM-2 In accordance with 33 CFR 165, the Coast Guard may establish safety and/or security zones around the LNG vessels in transit and while docked. These zones, as well as other procedures involving the inbound and outbound transit of the LNG carriers, would be addressed later in the development of the Coast Guard's *LNG Vessel Management and Emergency Plan*.

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1 should be done of the affects of these materials -- these
2 plants on the Texas coast, and particularly, on La Quinta
3 Channel.

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4 In addition to the three LNG plants -- and
5 don't get me wrong, we're not against LNGs. As a matter
6 of fact we support LNG plants in various locations. But
7 we feel that a cumulative study should be done. And one
8 of the things that should be addressed tonight is, is the
9 traffic that will be in La Quinta Channel if all of these
10 plants come to fruition, as well as the Port of Corpus
11 Christi container facility. If they increase the length
12 of the La Quinta Channel, there are going to be an awful
13 lot of ships using a fairly small channel.

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14 And each ship, no matter what it is, creates
15 some erosion to the land that is adjacent to where the
16 ship is passing. And if you're having 400 LNG ships a
17 year, plus however many the Port in -- Port of Corpus
18 Christi will have with the container, and the other
19 industrial ships coming up that channel for the three
20 plants that are there already, that's a lot of erosion.
21 And we think that that should be addressed in the EIS.

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22 We're also concerned about the spoil site
23 for the dredging in this particular proposal. They,
24 apparently, wish to use a public disposal site that
25 currently is listed in the Port of Corpus Christi disposal
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PM-3 A discussion of the cumulative effect on ship traffic of the three proposed LNG projects and the other projects along the La Quinta Channel is included in sections 4.12 and 4.13.

PM-4 As indicated in section 4.2.3 of this EIS, the City of Port Aransas has partnered with the Texas General Land Office and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority to construct concrete bulkheads that would protect about up to 6,000 linear feet of shoreline along the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. The City of Port Aransas intends to seek additional funding over the next five to 10 years to address shoreline erosion issues. Ingleside San Patricio, and others, have indicated that they would participate in this endeavor.

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1 site. And the reason for the concern is that once that
2 site is full and maintenance dredging would have to take
3 place to keep the channel open, the Port of Corpus Christi
4 will have to put their spoil somewhere. And if the site,
5 it's called P.A. No. 13, if that site is full, then they
6 will be inclined to put their spoil or dredging material,
7 as they like to call it, in open bay, and open bay
8 disposal is something that we have fought a great deal.

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9 Another question that occurred to us is the
10 pipeline capacity for taking all this natural gas from
11 this particular location. No one seems to be able to tell
12 us if there is enough capacity if all three of the LNG
13 plants are permitted and all three are built, and they're
14 coming in with the natural gas that they have to ship out.

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15 It's also our understanding that no one
16 seems to know where this natural gas is coming from, where
17 it's going to be liquefied and then put in ships for
18 transport over here. We need to know, I think, where the
19 gas is coming from and under what political conditions
20 these countries are existing.

21 And I believe that that's the extent of our
22 comment. If something else occurs, well, after listening
23 to whatever else is said tonight, then we'll send it to
24 you in writing. Thank you.

25 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Mayor Fernando Gomez.
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PM-6 See response to comment I1-6.

PM-7 As indicated in section 1.1 of this EIS, there are currently 12 LNG exporting countries. The leading exporters of LNG are in Indonesia, Algeria, Malaysia, Trinidad and Qatar with Russia and Iran having the potential to also be leading exporter. Liquefaction, the conversion of natural gas into LNG, would occur at facilities located in exporting countries. The LNG would be transported from these areas to the Ingleside Energy Center LNG Terminal in specially designed ships and then vaporized for delivery into existing interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines north of Sinton, Texas. The political condition of these countries is outside the scope of this EIS.

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1 MAYOR GOMEZ: Good evening. My name is
2 Fernando P. Gomez, G-O-M-E-Z. I am the Mayor for the City
3 of Gregory. I am here tonight representing the City of
4 Gregory that will support this -- this effort, this
5 project. For many years, this -- the South Texas region
6 is in need of economic growth. We believe that this is
7 now the time to accelerate the process and bring it to
8 South Texas. Thank you very much.

9 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Roger TenNapel.

10 MR. TENNAPEL: Good evening. My name is
11 Roger TenNapel, and I'm here as the person for Port
12 Industries of Corpus Christi. Our organization represents
13 15 local facilities that either conduct or support a huge
14 processing operation located in the Coastal Bend Area.
15 Our facility utilizes natural gas both for fuel and crude
16 side.

17 MS. DUNN: Excuse me. I don't want to
18 interrupt you. Can you make sure that that's on? Oh, it
19 is on. Speak up a little bit, because we're having --

20 MR. TENNAPEL: Is this better?

21 MS. DUNN: Yes. Thank you. Sorry.

22 MR. TENNAPEL: It's not often that I do
23 this. Port Industries supports the location of LNG
24 facilities in the Coastal Bend. LNG facilities have been
25 in operation inside and outside of the United States for
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1 many years. Protecting people issues have been identified
2 and addressed.

3 We believe the facilities such as the one
4 proposed by Ingleside Energy Center can and will be
5 operated safely. We believe that LNG can be safely and
6 efficiently delivered via the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.
7 The benefits to our community are many. Additional
8 sources of natural gas will feed our member companies so
9 we can compete in worldwide marketplaces.

10 Having multiple viable sources of LNG
11 available will help to ensure the ongoing economic
12 benefits to the community provided by these existing
13 facilities, in addition to the direct mechanized benefits
14 from the proposed energy center.

15 We commend the Ingleside Energy Center for
16 integrating a source to raise heat for the existing
17 associated operations, to increase the use of natural gas
18 as a reasonably and safe energy center for the LNG, and to
19 increase the required make-up plan for its existing
20 associated operations. These are environmentally sound
21 and economically viable concepts. Member companies of the
22 Port Industry of Corpus Christi urge that you support the
23 developing LNG project in our area. Thank you.

24 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Ray Allen.

25 MR. ALLEN: Good evening. I'm -- I'm -- am

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PM-9 Thank you for your comment.

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1 I close enough? I'm Ray Allen with the Coastal Bend Bays
2 and Estuaries Program. I appreciate the opportunity to
3 speak tonight and would like to comment on the draft EIS.

4 First, I want to thank the folks out at
5 Ingleside Energy for their efforts. They has consulted
6 with the Estuaries program, we has discussed a number of
7 the issues related to this project, mostly to a result of
8 our satisfaction. We believe the -- the location for the
9 proposed facility on the La Quinta Channel is a good
10 location, one that minimizes the potential risk to the
11 public, and as being an already industrial area it's very
12 suitable for this type of activity.

13 And like Ms. Suter, we like LNG, we like
14 natural gas. It's good, clean fuel. We welcome that
15 addition to the energy market here in the United States
16 and South Texas.

17 I do want to address the issue of the
18 mitigation that's addressed -- or not addressed, it's in
19 the draft EIS. We recognize that that issue is a little
20 bit vague in that document. We have met with folks from
21 the company to discuss specific opportunities for habitat
22 protection and respiration. So we are anxious and -- to
23 see a more fully developed mitigation plan, and I'm
24 confident that that is coming. And we would approve of
25 FERC moving forward with the permitting process.

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PM-10 See response to comment A4-5.

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1 And I guess all in all we like the location,
2 think it's a good place. We think it's a good, clean fuel
3 source for the United States. We encourage FERC to
4 continue to move forward by addressing some of these
5 issues in the draft and the final EIS. Thank you.

6 MS. DUNN: I'm going check the microphone.
7 Everyone in the back, can you hear back there?

8 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS RESPOND IN THE NEGATIVE.)

9 MS. DUNN: Yeah, it's -- it's working. I'm
10 sorry. I apologize. The next speaker is Cathy Hirschman.

11 MS. HIRSCHMAN: Hirschman,

12 MS. DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry.

13 MS. HIRSCHMAN: Good evening. My name is
14 Cathy Hirschman. I'm with the Ingleside Chamber of
15 Commerce. Thank you for this opportunity to speak with
16 you tonight.

17 Occidental Chemical is a longtime member and
18 great supporter of the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce.
19 They are excellent at community involvement, support all
20 tourism events, and participation in various community
21 functions. They are a friend to the environment, and they
22 want to continue to be a good neighbor to surrounding
23 communities and industries.

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24 Ingleside is ripe and ready for this type of
25 LNG development and expansion. The Ingleside Chamber of
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1 Commerce is heavily involved in economic development, and
2 we encourage you to approve and expedite the necessary
3 permits for Oxy Energy Ingleside. Thank you.

4 MS. DUNN: Judge Terry Simpson.

5 JUDGE SIMPSON: Good evening. I want to
6 thank you also for being here and working forward with
7 this. San Patricio County has been extensively involved,
8 the Commissioners Court, my office, in the preparation of
9 getting these LNG plants here up and running. We fully
10 support all of the LNG projects.

11 We have found that those folks that are
12 bringing those facilities here are more than willing to
13 work with the county and the local communities with any
14 concerns that they have. And they have shown, by Oxy's
15 presence here in this county for many, many years in
16 providing excellent jobs for the local community, that
17 they are a responsible company, and any issues that may
18 arise during this process will be actually addressed by
19 them.

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20 And we feel confident in San Patricio County
21 that Oxy, and any of the other projects that are currently
22 on, will not be an overnight process; they will be an
23 evolving process. And through that evolution, I feel
24 confident that they will take whatever steps, as these
25 things begin to progress, necessary to alleviate any of
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1 the concerns that some of the other groups have. We want
2 to protect our environment. We want to make sure that
3 whatever is done in this county also is not a detriment to
4 anyone else along the particular channel.

5 We request that the Federal Energy
6 Commission move these projects along as rapidly as
7 possible. And that I feel like that the process that is
8 ongoing is for the safety of the community. It will
9 address the concerns that we have. And like I say, the
10 company, OxyChem, has been a good neighbor and they will
11 continue to be so. And we fully support their endeavor to
12 bring this, because it will relieve some of the economic
13 strains that they have on their industry along with some
14 of the other industries in this county.

15 And we look forward to the final EIS coming
16 forward and taking care of these issues that may have been
17 addressed tonight. I feel like we are all working
18 together, we'll get this accomplished to everyone's
19 satisfaction. Thank you.

20 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Teresa Carrillo.

21 MS. CARRILLO: Thank you for having this
22 meeting this evening. We appreciate the opportunity. I'm
23 Teresa Carrillo. I'm the Executive Director of the
24 Coastal Bend Bays Foundation. We're an organization that
25 has been in -- was established in 1991 to bring together
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1 members of industry, environmental groups, academics,
2 private citizens, and people who are generally concerned
3 with the economics and the health of our bay system. So
4 having clean and productive bays is extremely important to
5 my organization.

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6 We believe that working with industry is
7 very important. We have a long-term working relationship
8 with Oxy and several other industries along the ship
9 channel. But it is important, I believe, personally, for
10 all these LNG plants to be looked at as their cumulative
11 effect. And also the mitigation, like Mr. Allen talked
12 about, is an important consideration. And I believe that
13 the industry partners will be good partners in this, but
14 it's important for these things to be viewed together.

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15 Also, the capacity of the pipelines is a
16 really important consideration, because if we don't know
17 how much the pipelines can hold and they're building these
18 three very large LNG plants, then we're going to have to
19 have more infrastructure to take care of the LNG. And
20 thank you very much.

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21 MS. DUNN: Laura Miller.
22 MS. MILLER: I'm Laura Miller, executive
23 director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. And on
24 behalf the Portland Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to
25 express our support of the Occidental Energy Ventures
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PM-13 See response to comments I1-2 and I1-3.

PM-14 See response to comment I1-6.

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1 Corporation's proposed LNG receiving terminal and natural
2 gas pipeline. Through this pipeline -- or through this
3 project, OxyChem will continue to preserve our existing
4 job base while creating new jobs for our future.

5 They have also taken conservation measure --
6 measures to minimize water and energy usage. And OxyChem
7 is very supportive of our community. They are extremely
8 involved in our chamber and they're great neighbors. And
9 we do urge FERC to move forward with the permitting
10 process. Thank you.

11 MS. DUNN: Alberto Hinojosa? No? John
12 Plotnik.

13 MR. PLOTNIK: Good evening. My name is John
14 Plotnik. I'm the Executive Vice President of the Corpus
15 Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation. Judge
16 Simpson, we fully endorse all your comments, and we truly
17 are behind this effort with OxyChem for -- to create a
18 liquefied natural gas terminal.

19 I am told that Texas and Louisiana combined
20 uses more natural gas than any country in the world. And
21 that gas, that natural gas is what provides the jobs and
22 the corporations to provide jobs with our industries. And
23 to have liquefied natural gas coming into Corpus Christi
24 not only supplies needed energy for our businesses here in
25 our region, but also provides a stabilization of the
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1 energy level that we're already using.

2 So the Corpus Christi Regional Economic
3 Development Corporation fully endorses liquefied natural
4 gas. We fully endorse OxyChem and the rest of the stream
5 that's in, and we request your permitting as quickly as
6 possible. Thank you very much.

7 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Jim Price.

8 MR. PRICE: My name is Jim Price. I'm the
9 County Commissioner for Precinct 4 which includes Aransas
10 Pass and Ingleside, Ingleside-on-the-Bay. And this LNG --
11 proposed LNG facility would be in my precinct. The
12 current OxyChem chemical plant is in my precinct. To
13 date, I would like to say that I think they have a very
14 excellent safety record. They have been very forthcoming
15 with anything in the plant.

16 I'm also a member of their Citizens Advisory
17 Panel. They have been very open and very forward with the
18 citizens in the community about what is going on in the
19 plant. They have been a leader in securing funds for
20 Homeland Security, keeping their facilities safe from the
21 possibility of terrorist threats and other threats.

22 Also, the LNG facility as it is proposed
23 there on their facility, I think, would -- would harmonize
24 very well with -- with the existing environment.

25 Basically, where they're proposing to put it is within

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1 their existing facility. Therefore, it's not using any
2 more land than what is now being used by them.

3 I think that their excellent safety record,
4 as well as their -- their demonstration of their
5 forthcoming, they have been very forthcoming with
6 explaining to different clubs and civic organizations
7 about their intent, about everything that's been involved
8 with the LNG facility, the ships that would bring it in
9 and other things. And I would urge you to approve this
10 facility and expedite its approval.

11 I think that OxyChem has demonstrated that
12 they are a very good steward of the environment, and I
13 think they're a very good partner to have in our
14 community. They provide a lot of jobs, and they have been
15 very active in the community. Thank you.

16 MS. DUNN: Jim Dooley.

17 MR. DOOLEY: Good evening. This here is
18 about the tenth FERC meeting that I've spoken in front of.
19 I'm with Pilot, Arkansas-Corpus Christi Pilots. I'm -- I'm
20 one of 12 federally licensed and state commissioned
21 pilots. I'm a resident of Portland.

22 I just wanted to say a few nice things about
23 Oxy. As a former shipmaster and as a pilot, I've -- I've
24 seen their -- their terminal operation -- their marine
25 terminal operation up close and personal, and they run a
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1 first-rate, safe marine terminal at Ingleside. So just --
2 just for the record.

3 As -- as -- from the pilots point of view,
4 we've been working with them from the inception of this
5 project as to, you know, to -- to look at all the angles,
6 to look at their terminal, to help design a churning
7 basin. And you know, whatever they need with -- with --
8 we've been there to help them out. Just basically, our --
9 our function, to lend our special expertise to the local
10 industry, to the regulatory -- regulatory authority, to
11 the state authorities, federal authority. And you know,
12 we feel good about this project.

13 We fully support this project. We don't see
14 any major hurdles that can't be overcome. And we, just
15 like everybody else, we just hope we can expedite this and
16 get the jump on it before Louisiana gets all the good
17 jobs. Thank you.

18 MS. DUNN: Mike Rhea.

19 MR. RHEA: Good evening. My name is Mike
20 Rhea. I'm the City Manager, City of Ingleside, Texas.
21 This project is immediately best in place to be done.
22 OxyChem has been a neighbor since, I think, in the '70s.
23 They've been a good neighbor. They're a partner in our
24 community. They have an outstanding safety record.
25 They've always been extremely cooperative with the city
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1 and law enforcement, our emergency management people, in
2 the coordination of -- of training, of handling minor
3 incidents that may have occurred over the years. We've
4 never had any problems.

5 I'm here tonight representing the City
6 Council, and there's a few members seated in the audience.
7 I apologize for the Mayor not being able to be here, he
8 had a prior commitment. We fully support the efforts of
9 OxyChem to establish an Ingleside Energy Center. We feel
10 that the necessary due diligence will be done to protect
11 the environment, to provide the necessary safety
12 mechanisms to keep our citizens safe.

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13 And again, we -- we consider OxyChem to be a
14 partner in our community. A lot of their employees live
15 here. Longtime -- second generation employees living
16 there. So we welcome OxyChem with open arms. We will
17 cooperate with them all we can in the provision of
18 infrastructure, and we hope to continue our relationship.
19 Thank you.

20 MS. DUNN: That's the end of my speaker
21 list. Does anyone else -- come on up.

22 MR. BRUBECK: I appreciate the privilege to
23 be here in front of you. My name is Greg Brubeck. I'm
24 the Deputy Director of Engineering for the Port of Corpus
25 Christi. I had some prior engagements this afternoon and
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1 this evening so I did not get the opportunity to listen to
2 all of the comments, but from those that I -- I did, I
3 think you've heard from some of the users of the Port.

4 For the record, the Port of Corpus Christi
5 has monitored the process of this LNG project, as well as
6 several other either onshore or offshore projects. We're
7 taking a look at our port facilities, our ship channel
8 system, and we've been impressed with them all. OxyChem
9 is a first-class operation. They're a -- an existing user
10 of the Port, and we've had the opportunity to meet with
11 them and to discuss their future use of the ship channel,
12 and they've been very receptive to the comments that we've
13 made to them.

14 We've encouraged them to liaison with
15 numerous other organizations in the local area,
16 environmental organizations, Pilots, and they've done all
17 that. And from what I've heard this evening and from what
18 I've read in the draft document, I think the system is
19 working, the process is working. There are some issues
20 that -- that have been raised, I think those will be more
21 than adequately addressed.

22 From an operational standpoint, there's no
23 reason why the existing Corpus Christi Ship Channel system
24 can't accommodate this LNG terminal as well as others.
25 From a design and construction standpoint, there are no
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1 reasons why the environment won't benefit through
2 appropriate mitigation. I heard Ray Allen up here when I
3 first got here talk about concerns he might have, but he's
4 fully confident that they will be adequately addressed,
5 and I am also.

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6 And for the record, on behalf of the other
7 representatives of the Port Commission that would -- would
8 have like to have been here tonight, but some are in
9 Austin, some are at other functions over in Corpus, and I
10 got elected to come over here tonight. And it's a
11 privilege to tell you that we -- we fully support this
12 project and would encourage you to issue them a permit as
13 quickly as possible. Thank you.

14 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Larry Cohen.

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15 MR. COHEN: Good evening. I have a question
16 with regards to the onshore storage capacity. As I
17 understand it from the public information available, the
18 onshore storage capacity is essentially a hundred and --
19 approximately 102,000 cubic meters which is approximately
20 80,000 metric tons. And the capacity of a hauling ship is
21 roughly 62,000 tons, which indicates that the onshore
22 storage capacity is one ship plus a little. And if there
23 are going to be 140 ships, which is the maximum capacity
24 of the terminal, that would mean that the onshore storage
25 capacity is roughly three-and-a-half days worth of
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PM-20 Thank you for your comment.

PM-21 As discussed in section 2.2.1.2 of this EIS, the LNG terminal berth and off-loading facility would be designed to handle ships ranging in capacity from 71,500 m³ up to 250,000 m³. The figure of 140 ships per year is an average based on the more common size of LNG tankers currently in use and the total 320,000 m³ volumetric capacity of the tanks. The shipping schedule would be determined by the tank inventory, pipeline demand, and the size of the carriers actually used.

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1 offload, roughly. And that would seem to be a
2 substantially -- or a potentially inadequate level of
3 storage for an operation of this size.

4 As much as we're going to have days where
5 the capacity is exceeded, where is the gas going to go if
6 there is no more storage capacity? Which would indicate
7 that there is a potential need for some area of greater
8 storage. And if there isn't any greater storage, then how
9 is the storage and distribution of those large volumes of
10 gas going to be handled? Thank you.

11 MS. DUNN: Thanks. Now that is the end of
12 my speaker list. Does anyone else wish to speak?

13 Without any more speakers, the formal part
14 of this meeting will conclude. And I just want to thank
15 you all for coming tonight to the public comment meeting.

16 (PUBLIC HEARING CONCLUDED AT 7:44 P.M.)

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