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DELFIN LNG PROJECT SCOPING MEETING
U.S. COAST GUARD AND MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
DELFIN LNG PROJECT
(USCG-2015-0472)

AUGUST 18, 2015
LAKE CHARLES CIVIC CENTER
900 LAKESHORE DRIVE
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA
6:00 P.M.

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1 This process is formally known as scoping.

2 In a few minutes, Ms. Fields
3 and Mr. Feehan will provide a short
4 overview of their responsibilities
5 regarding the Delfin LNG, LLC Deepwater
6 Port license application.

7 Mr. Olsen will then describe
8 his responsibilities as the facilitator for
9 this meeting. At the outset of this
10 meeting, please let me emphasize that
11 neither the Coast Guard or the Maritime
12 Administration nor anyone present on the
13 stage is a proponent or opponent for this
14 or any other Deepwater Port project.

15 I also emphasize that this
16 Public Scope Meeting is only the first step
17 albeit an important one in the processing
18 of Delfin LNG application. It signals the
19 commencement of a detailed Environmental
20 Impact Review as required by the Deepwater
21 Port Act as the National Environmental
22 Policy Act.

23 Ultimately the decision on
24 whether to grant or deny a license rests
25 with the Maritime Administration and to a

1 significant extent with the governors of
2 each adjacent coastal staff. Until such
3 time a decision is rendered, no activity
4 related to the construction or operation of
5 Delfin LNG Deepwater Port may occur.

6 At this time I'd like to give
7 you a brief background on this process,
8 where we are now and future activities. In
9 November 2002, Congress passed a Maritime
10 Transportation Security Act which amended
11 the Deepwater Port Act of 1974.

12 This amendment allowed for the
13 importation of natural gas through
14 deepwater ports. Prior to that, the
15 Deepwater Port Act only applied to the
16 importation of oil through deepwater ports.

17 In 2012 the Coast Guard and
18 Maritime Transportation Act amended the
19 Deepwater Port Act to allow for exports of
20 oil and natural gas for deepwater ports.

21 Delfin LNG application is the
22 first of its kind to propose to export
23 liquefied natural gas from a deepwater
24 port.

25 Please note Delfin's

1 application for the construction and
2 operation of a deepwater port that can only
3 be used as a natural gas export facility.
4 The considerable and technical operational
5 and environmental differences between
6 import and export operations for natural
7 gas deepwater ports is such that any
8 licensed deepwater port facility that
9 propose to convert from export to import
10 operations would be required to submit a
11 new license application including
12 application fee and conform to all
13 licensing requirements and regulations in
14 effect at the time of such application.

15 The subject of this public
16 scoping meeting is Delfin LNG's application
17 to own, construct, operate and eventually
18 decommission a natural gas export deepwater
19 port in federal waters offshore Cameron
20 Parish, Louisiana.

21 Delfin's application was
22 received by the Coast Guard and the
23 Maritime Administration on May 8th, 2015
24 and supplemented on June 19th, 2015. On
25 July 16, 2015, the Maritime Administration

1 published a notice of application in the
2 Federal Register stating that Delfin's
3 application contained the required
4 information necessary to commence
5 processing.

6 In that notice pursuant to
7 criteria established in the Deepwater Port
8 Act both Louisiana and Texas was designated
9 as adjacent states. This designation gives
10 the governors of Louisiana and Texas
11 specific authority during the license
12 review and approval process under the
13 Deepwater Port Act.

14 The Maritime Administration is
15 prohibited from issuing a deepwater port
16 license without the approval or presumptive
17 approval of the governor of each adjacent
18 coastal state. If the governor of an
19 adjacent coastal state notifies the
20 Maritime Administration that an application
21 which would otherwise be approved is
22 inconsistent with state programs relating
23 to environmental protection, land and water
24 use and coastal zone management, the
25 Maritime Administration is required to

1 condition the license if one is granted so
2 as to make it consistent with those state
3 programs.

4 To issue a deepwater port
5 license, there is a number of elements that
6 must be considered by the Maritime
7 Administration. Ms. Fields will describe
8 those in a moment.

9 An important part of the
10 overall licensing process required by the
11 Deepwater Port Act and the National
12 Environmental Policy Act is completion of
13 an environmental impact analysis.

14 On July 29, 2015, the maritime
15 administration published in the Federal
16 Register a notice of intent to prepare an
17 environmental impact statement or EIS. The
18 notice provided the summary of the
19 application and the scoping process that
20 we're currently in the mist of. The intent
21 of this public scoping meeting is to
22 receive your input on any issues you think
23 should be considered as part of the
24 environmental impact review.

25 This meeting is not the only

1 opportunity you will have to provide impact
2 on this application. There will be further
3 opportunities for you to make oral comments
4 on the record at following public meetings
5 for the draft EIS and final EIS, and you
6 are welcome to send written comments to the
7 official docket at any time.

8 However for purposes of scoping
9 tonight, written comments must be received
10 by August 28th, 2015. Written comments
11 should be sent to the Docket Management
12 Facility. Instruction for filing written
13 comments are available at the registration
14 table just outside.

15 However if you have a question,
16 please see Ms. Schills from Tetra Tech
17 who's at the front desk for further
18 information or please see me at the
19 conclusion of the meeting.

20 The EIS will describe the
21 nature and extent of the environmental
22 impact of the proposed action which is the
23 issuance of a federal license permitting
24 the construction and operation of the
25 Delfin LNG Deepwater Port and component

1 pipelines. The EIS will include among
2 other topics the purpose of need for the
3 proposed action, a description of all
4 alternatives, a description of the effected
5 environment, and an evaluation of the
6 direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on
7 the natural and human environment by the
8 proposed action and alternatives.

9 While there have been several
10 shore side LNG export terminals proposed
11 that fall under the Federal Energy
12 Regulatory Commission or FERC's
13 jurisdiction, this proposed deepwater port
14 would be the first of its kind offshore
15 terminal operated for the purpose of
16 exporting liquefied natural gas to the
17 global market.

18 This project is licensed by
19 Maritime Administration for the offshore
20 components. The onshore components are
21 licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission.

23 The proposed deepwater port
24 would be located in federal waters within
25 the Outer Continental Shelf, West Cameron

1 Area, West Addition Protraction Area Gulf
2 of Mexico approximately 37 to 40 nautical
3 miles off the coast of Cameron Parish,
4 Louisiana in water depths ranging from
5 approximately 64 to 72 feet.

6 The port would reuse and
7 repurpose two existing offshore natural gas
8 pipelines, the former U-T Operating System
9 or UTOS pipeline and the High Island
10 Operating System or HIOS pipeline to
11 transmit natural gas source from the
12 onshore interstate pipeline grid to the
13 offshore deepwater port.

14 At the port four
15 semi-permanently moored floating liquefied
16 natural gas vessels or FLNGVs would be used
17 to receive the natural gas and liquefy,
18 store and offload it to arriving LNG
19 freighting carriers. Liquefaction feed
20 source natural gas would be accomplished
21 via air pulling equipment located on each
22 FLNGV.

23 New pipeline would include four
24 new 30-inch diameter pipeline laterals.
25 Each approximately 6,400 feet in length

1 connecting the highest pipeline to each of
2 the FLNGVs, and a 700 foot 42-inch diameter
3 bypass around the existing West Cameron 167
4 platform to connect the HIOS and UTOS
5 pipelines to each other.

6 Finally, the project includes
7 construction on four new tower yoke mooring
8 systems to which FLNGVs will be connected,
9 and you can see a good schematic graphic of
10 what that would actually look like with the
11 FLNGV connected to the tower yoke mooring
12 system.

13 The onshore components of the
14 propose deepwater port would be located in
15 Cameron Parish, Louisiana and would be
16 licensed by FERC under a separate licensing
17 process. The onshore facility would
18 consist of the return to FERC
19 jurisdictional service of approximately 1.1
20 miles of the existing UTOS pipeline. The
21 addition of 74,000 horsepower of new
22 compression and associated metering and
23 regulation facilities and the installation
24 of new supply pipelines which would
25 consist of .25 miles new 42-inch

1 pipeline to connect the former UTOS line to
2 the new meter station, and .6 miles of new
3 twin 30-inch pipelines between Transco
4 Station 44 and the new compressor station
5 site.

6 We encourage your comments
7 during this public scoping meeting on any
8 significant issues related to construction
9 activities and operations at the onshore
10 facility. Your comments will be taken into
11 consideration by FERC as it considers
12 whether to issue a license for the onshore
13 component of this project and as a
14 cooperating agency in the Environmental
15 Impact Review.

16 The Coast Guard and Maritime
17 Administration work together in processing
18 Deepwater Port applications and service
19 federal agencies responsible for developing
20 the environmental impact statement. In
21 fulfilling this responsibility input we
22 received from the public and federal and
23 state agencies is an important
24 consideration as the draft and final EIS is
25 prepared and prior to the Maritime

1 Administration making a decision.

2 Notwithstanding the governor of
3 an adjacent coastal state possible action,
4 the Maritime Administration will ultimately
5 decide whether to approve, disapprove or
6 approve with conditions a license for
7 Delfin LNG.

8 As mentioned earlier the
9 onshore component and near shore pipeline
10 component of proposed Delfin Deepwater Port
11 falls under the jurisdiction of and is
12 processed under a separate authorization by
13 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

14 On May 8th, 2015 Delfin LNG
15 filed an application with FERC to construct
16 and operate an onshore and near shore
17 component of the proposed deepwater port.

18 Representatives FERC could not
19 be in attendance this evening and requested
20 that I read the following statement for
21 your information and as a matter of the
22 public record.

23 Statement from FERC. As
24 previously mentioned the FERC will be a
25 cooperating agent for production of the EIS

1 because the onshore pipeline and facilities
2 fall under FERC jurisdiction.

3 NEPA, National Environmental
4 Policy Act, requires that the FERC
5 commission take into consideration the
6 environmental impact associated with
7 natural gas facilities under it's
8 jurisdiction. The FERC will use the
9 cooperation process to fulfill its NEPA
10 obligations.

11 The commission is responsible
12 for making a determination on whether to
13 issue a certificate of public convenience
14 and necessity to Delfin LNG for the onshore
15 facilities. An EIS prepared by the various
16 agencies does not make that decision for
17 the FERC. The EIS will be used to advise
18 the commission and to disclose to the
19 public the environmental impact of
20 constructing and operating the proposed
21 project.

22 The commission will consider
23 the environmental information from the EIS,
24 public comments as well as a host of
25 non-environmental issues including

1 engineering, markets, finances and design
2 and cost in making an informed decision on
3 whether or not to approve the part of the
4 project under FERC jurisdiction.

5 Only after taking the
6 environmental and non-environmental factors
7 into considerations will the commission
8 make its final decision on whether or not
9 to approve Delfin LNG's proposed onshore
10 pipeline and above-ground facility.

11 Delfin LNG filed its FERC
12 application for the onshore pipeline and
13 above-ground facility on May 8th of this
14 years. However, Genesis Energy, a FERC
15 jurisdictional company, an owner and
16 operator of the High Island Offshore
17 System, LLC, HIOS, has notified to abandon
18 the highest pipeline, which is included as
19 part of the Delfin LNG project. Therefore
20 the commission will not begin processing
21 Delfin LNG's FERC application until Genesis
22 Energy submits an abandonment application
23 to the commission.

24 The Delfin LNG application is
25 part of the public record. So, if you want

1 more specific information about the FERC
2 part of the project, you can get that from
3 the FERC website. Please go to
4 www.ferc.gov and look for the link to
5 library. If you type in the docket number
6 C3-15-490, you can use eLibrary to gain
7 access to everything on the record
8 concerning the onshore pipeline portion of
9 the project as well as all of the related
10 filings and information submitted by Delfin
11 LNG and its statement from FERC.

12 The Coast Guard is responsible
13 for the evaluation of the proposed
14 deepwater port engineering design
15 standards, for review approval of the port
16 operation's manual. Evaluation of waterway
17 management, navigational safety, maritime
18 security and risk management mitigation
19 measures identification of environmental
20 protection and monitoring requirements and
21 compliance with various domestic and
22 international shipping rules for LNG cargo
23 carriers that might fall on the Delfin LNG
24 Deepwater Port. Should the application be
25 approved and a license prepared, the Coast

1 Guard will coordinate with other agencies
2 that have responsibility over aspects of
3 the port's design or which may have
4 requirement to issue permits or approvals
5 or authorizations for some aspect of the
6 port's operations.

7 As with any other approved
8 deepwater port license currently in effect,
9 if the Delfin LNG project were to receive a
10 license to operate, that license would
11 include mandatory conditions that required
12 compliance with all necessary permits, it
13 would also establish environmental
14 protection, mitigation and monitoring
15 requirements.

16 Comments received during this
17 meeting and throughout the scoping period
18 will become part of the public record and
19 will be considered in preparation for the
20 draft and final EIS. There will be comment
21 hearings and public hearings following
22 publication of both the draft and final
23 EIS.

24 At this time I'd like to
25 introduce Yvette Fields with the Maritime

1 Administration who will describe her
2 responsibilities of her agency.

3 MS. FIELDS: Thank you, Curtis. Good
4 evening everyone. My name is Yvette Fields
5 and I'm a member of the Maritime
6 Administration of the Deepwater Port
7 Management Team. On behalf of the Maritime
8 Administration, I would like to thank all
9 of you for joining us this evening for the
10 scoping meeting for the Delfin LNG
11 Deepwater Port License Application.

12 The Maritime Administration was
13 delegated the authority and responsibility
14 by the Secretary of Transportation to issue
15 Deepwater Port licensing. With its long
16 history of concern for safety, security and
17 the environment, MARAD is pleased to
18 partner with the U.S. Coast Guard in
19 processing deepwater port licensing
20 application for the federal government.

21 I want to make it clear that
22 the Maritime Administration is neither a
23 proponent of nor an opponent to any
24 deepwater port project. As a deepwater
25 port licensing authority, the Maritime

1 Administration is keenly interested in a
2 thorough environmental analysis of the
3 proposed project and we are confident in
4 the Coast Guard's leadership and ability in
5 this effort.

6 At the end of the deepwater
7 port licensing process, the Maritime
8 Administration will have a decision to make
9 to issue a deepwater port license, reject a
10 deepwater port application or issue a
11 deepwater port license subject to certain
12 conditions.

13 This decision to approve or
14 disapprove the license application will be
15 reflected and the official record of the
16 decision documented which is required by
17 law to be issued by the Maritime
18 Administration upon the completion of the
19 application and environmental review
20 process.

21 A favorable decision will be
22 based upon the assurance that the applicant
23 is financially responsible. The applicant
24 is able to comply with applicable laws,
25 regulations and license conditions that the

1 deepwater port will operate in national
2 interests and consistent with national
3 security energy sufficiency and
4 environmental policy goals.

5 That the deepwater port will
6 not unreasonably interfere with
7 international navigation, that the
8 deepwater port will be constructed and
9 operated to prevent or minimize adverse
10 impacts on the marine environment, that the
11 deepwater port will comply with national
12 environmental laws, that it improve coastal
13 management program is in place, that the
14 Secretaries of Army, State and Defense were
15 consulted and their efforts on their
16 programs were considered, and finally, that
17 the governors of the adjacent coastal
18 states, in this case the governors of
19 Louisiana and Texas, approve or are
20 presumed to approve the deepwater port
21 proposal.

22 I emphasize that these license
23 requirements are stringent and completely
24 enforceable. If the licensee violates the
25 conditions of its license, the Maritime

1 Administration will suspend the license
2 and/or operation of the facility until the
3 conditions are sufficiently met. Further,
4 we consider the Environmental Impact
5 Analysis a major part of the application
6 review process and be assured that it will
7 have a substantial bearing on the final
8 licensing decision.

9 Again I appreciate your
10 interest and I encourage you to express
11 your views and concerns to help shape the
12 environmental analysis for the proposed
13 Delfin Deepwater Port project. Thank you.
14 I will now pass it on to Tim.

15 MR. BORLAND: I would like to introduce
16 Mr. Tim Feehan.

17 MR. FEEHAN: Good evening, I'm Tim
18 Feehan. I'm with Tetra Tech. Tetra Tech
19 is the U.S. Coast Guard's environmental
20 consultant preparing the Coast Guard and
21 Maritime Administration Environmental
22 Impact Statement or EISS for the proposed
23 Delfin LNG Deepwater Port.

24 I am Tetra Tech's project
25 manager for the EIS. I'll provide an

1 overview of the public participation
2 process that is involved in preparing the
3 EIS. Tetra Tech is a science-based
4 environmental consulting firm experienced
5 in preparing EIS and related studies. My
6 team includes specialists in many resource
7 areas covering environmental sciences
8 including biologists, chemists, geologists
9 and engineers.

10 We will be doing an independent
11 evaluation of the environmental impact of
12 the proposed project and we'll assist the
13 Coast Guard in preparing the EIS to explain
14 what the impacts would be. The EIS is
15 being conducted in accordance with the
16 National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA,
17 public environment is a fundamental aspect
18 of NEPA and the U.S. Coast Guard's
19 environmental policies.

20 As Mr. Borland noted we are now
21 in the early stages of the EIS process
22 called scoping in which we seek early input
23 from the public on potential impacts and
24 especially sources of information relating
25 to those potential impacts. It is termed

1 scoping because we determine the scope of
2 issues that should be included in the EIS
3 as we move forward.

4 As noted previously, the Coast
5 Guard began the scoping process by
6 publishing a notice of intent to prepare
7 the EIS in the Federal Register. The
8 Notice of Intent, or NOI, was also
9 distributed to state and federal agencies.
10 In addition, the Coast Guard distributed an
11 interested party letter. This letter was
12 distributed throughout Louisiana and Texas
13 to federal, state and local agencies,
14 elected officials and the public. This
15 letter provides a project summary and
16 scoping meeting for those who do not read
17 the Federal Register.

18 A public notice concerning this
19 meeting was also published in local
20 newspapers. We also are holding a scoping
21 meeting tomorrow night in Beaumont, Texas.
22 Formal and written comments made today will
23 be recorded and addressed in the draft EIS.
24 In addition to providing comments tonight,
25 you may also provide written comments to

1 the documents over the internet by fax or
2 by mail. Details are provided over on our
3 open house posters outside. This
4 information is also provided in the
5 handouts that are located on our table
6 outside and you can pick those up for your
7 reference. Please use only one of the
8 methods to make your comments and please
9 note that the written comments must be
10 received by August 28th, 2013 (sic).

11 At minimal an environmental
12 analysis will be completed on the following
13 topics: Geology, sediments, water
14 resources, fisheries, wildlife, threatened
15 and engaged species, socioeconomics,
16 transportation, cultural resources, marine
17 biology, noise, recreation and aesthetics,
18 and reliability and safety.

19 We will consider the
20 environmental affects of construction,
21 operation and decommissioning of this
22 deepwater port. In addition, we will look
23 at the cumulative impact of other
24 foreseeable projects in the project
25 vicinity. We also will consider possible

1 alternatives, including alternative port
2 locations associated with those alternative
3 port locations. We'll also look at
4 alternative deepwater port concepts and
5 alternative LNG technologies as well as the
6 no action alternative or what would happen
7 if a license is not granted and the project
8 is not built.

9 The next step in this process
10 will be to prepare the draft EIS. To
11 announce the availability of the draft EIS
12 for public review, we'll publish a notice
13 of availability in the Federal Register and
14 place ads in the local newspapers.

15 When the draft EIS is
16 completed, copies will be sent to federal,
17 state, regional and local agencies and
18 local groups and individuals who have
19 requested copies. Additional copies will
20 be placed in public libraries where the
21 public may review them as well.

22 The draft EIS will also be
23 available on the docket via the internet or
24 by requesting one from the Coast Guard. If
25 you have not already done so, please

1 indicate on the registration card outside
2 that you would like to receive a draft EIS
3 when it becomes available and a copy will
4 be sent to you.

5 The public will have additional
6 opportunity to enter comments and concerns
7 into the official record. The Coast Guard
8 and the Maritime Administration will return
9 to Louisiana and Texas to hold a public
10 meeting to provide citizens an opportunity
11 to make formal oral comments concerning the
12 draft EIS.

13 After the close of the public
14 comment period on the draft EIS, they will
15 assist the Coast Guard in preparing the
16 final EIS, including an explanation of how
17 comments were considered.

18 On completion of the final EIS,
19 we'll hold at least one public meeting in
20 Louisiana and Texas to solicit comments on
21 the final EIS and the Delfin LNG license
22 application. Dates, locations and times
23 will be announced in the Federal Register
24 and local newspapers.

25 When the EIS is finalized, the

1 Maritime Administration will use it as one
2 of the questions to their decision on
3 whether to issue the license, not issue the
4 license, or to issue it with specific
5 conditions.

6 As described in one of our
7 posters outside, needed for issuing a
8 license to construct a deepwater port there
9 are requirements in addition to the
10 environmental impact that must be
11 considered in the decision for the final
12 license action.

13 Thank you for taking the time
14 to come out and meet with us tonight. I
15 will hand it back to Curtis.

16 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Tim. If I could
17 re-introduce Mr. Bill Olsen here, certified
18 professional facilitator. He will
19 facilitate this meeting and the receipt of
20 anyone who would like to make a comment.

21 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Good evening.
22 It's really an honor to be here and my
23 purpose as stated is to ensure that you,
24 the interested public, has the opportunity
25 to be heard and in the end that this is

1 conducted efficiently.

2 Now, this meeting is scheduled
3 to go to 8:00 and there is still the
4 possibility that more people can arrive.
5 So still we're going to stick with these
6 guidelines, but we will have the ability to
7 adjust as the meeting proceeds but we want
8 to be efficient throughout and respect each
9 of you.

10 I do have a background in
11 environmental management as well as
12 maritime operations and I've lived in this
13 area. But for all of us that are up here,
14 whether they were familiar with it or not,
15 we are neither a proponent or an opponent
16 to this or any other LNG offshore or
17 deepwater port.

18 So with that, my role is to
19 guide the process, to guide the process for
20 you to take the podium and to reflect your
21 views and comments. There are several ways
22 to do that and I'll explain them in a
23 minute specifically how we go. I assure
24 you that the verbal comments that you'll
25 make at the podium or your written

1 comments, your input will be received.
2 They will be recorded and they will be
3 considered. It must be accomplished.
4 Let's move ahead. The intent is to obtain
5 your comments.

6 Representatives up here, they
7 are not here to entertain questions nor
8 address your comments during the course of
9 this meeting. They are simply here to
10 receive them right now. This is not a
11 forum for public debate among any attendees
12 nor the panel.

13 We expect that all of those who
14 are present at this public meeting respect
15 the rights of those speakers who may hold
16 views that are contrary to their own. At
17 the time each speaker will be limited and
18 this type of behavior will not be
19 tolerated. To keep this meeting on track
20 and on time, it is essentially that
21 everyone present under a few ground rules.
22 So part of my role tonight is to enforce
23 these ground rules equally.

24 These are deliberately positive
25 ground results so that we can have a

1 positive meeting so let me go through the
2 ground rules. First, respect the speaker
3 and the listener. This means when it's
4 your turn to speak, members of the audience
5 are not speaking. They should respect you
6 as speaker and listen politely. By the
7 same token the speaker should respect the
8 listeners. Stay to the point, be brief,
9 and for all people present, please avoid
10 any side-bar conversations while this is
11 going on.

12 Next, defer judgement.

13 Listeners including those on the panel,
14 anyone in the room are not here to make any
15 decisions today but simply to receive the
16 input so listeners when you're hearing the
17 comments including the list of the items,
18 you're encouraged to defer any judgement,
19 including verbal outburst or even applauds
20 to further judgment, please.

21 The next ground rule is
22 headline first. This is really for your
23 benefit. So that state your point, let us
24 know what your real point is on your
25 comments as a headline then provide any

1 clarifying or background information.

2 So there's another one up here
3 called ELMO. That stands for "enough let's
4 move on." So if you get ELMOed, that's
5 kind of a friendly suggestion to say try to
6 wrap it up or maybe you haven't gotten to
7 your point yet. All right. That's
8 something that I'll only use at the very
9 end when your time is up.

10 Next is mindfulness and by that
11 I mean please be mindful of the purpose of
12 this meeting. You understand what it's
13 about. It's to be involved, discussion,
14 comments according to the Delfin project.
15 This is not a forum for other issues. If
16 you must attend to other issues, please
17 take those outside.

18 Next is timeliness. We are
19 starting on time. We're going to finish on
20 time. We might finish early with the
21 number of people here but that's fine.
22 We're going to be efficient about that, but
23 each person gets the same amount of time.

24 So part of the timeliness is to
25 be ready when you take the podium to speak.

1 So think about what you're going to say and
2 respect each speaker using that headline
3 for your approach.

4 Next is E-manners. That's cell
5 phone rule. If you have a cell phone take
6 it out, come on, and please put it on
7 silence or do not disturb or airplane mode.
8 That's a polite way of saying please
9 remember to turn those off. All right.

10 So if you need to respond to an
11 e-mail, if you need take a phone call,
12 that's okay. Again mindfulness, please
13 step out and take care of the business
14 outside.

15 So those are the ground rules
16 for everyone's benefit so please follow
17 them.

18 A couple of other points here.
19 Registration card it was mentioned. It
20 looks like this. If you want to fill this
21 out, you can. It's certainly not required.
22 This kind of gets you on the mailing list,
23 you automatically receive information about
24 the project.

25 There is also the written

1 comments. So for those of you who may not
2 want to take the podium, you can always
3 submit written comments. Those are
4 welcome. Mr. Feehan explained some of
5 those procedures and he was talking about
6 this form. So if you fill this out or if
7 you've already typed something up in
8 advance, that's fine. The written comments
9 you can give them to the court reporter
10 right over here or you can give them to me
11 and later on will be put into the public
12 record. That's for the written comments.

13 As an option if you have a
14 lengthy written comment, you can still take
15 the podium and summarize again up to three
16 minutes but still provide the longer
17 written comments and that will be put into
18 the record.

19 Let me go over a little bit the
20 timing process a little bit. All right. I
21 will call the speakers up. Right now we
22 only have one speaker. In the event that
23 any elected officials are added or
24 representatives then they would be going
25 first. That's not the case right now.

1 But when you take the podium,
2 please state your name, please spell your
3 name, title, if you have a title, the name
4 of your organization if you're representing
5 an organization if that's applicable if you
6 would. Then as you start speaking, I'll
7 start the timer. And by starting the
8 timer, I have a timer up here. That's the
9 official timer. When you have about one
10 minute remaining, you will see, I'll be
11 standing up here. You'll see me do this.
12 That is like one minute. When you get to
13 30 seconds, I'm doing this so try to
14 summarize, and if you're really getting
15 down to the wire, I might ELMO you. But
16 the timer will go off.

17 In the possible event that we
18 have extra time, those who have not
19 registered to speak but do want to speak
20 will then be given the opportunity to take
21 the podium. After that, those who have
22 already spoken may again, if we have time,
23 those may take this podium a second time
24 then you have only one or two minutes. So
25 if you get up here a second time, you have

1 less time.

2 So with that, here's our list
3 of speakers. Cindy Sellers. Don't start
4 just yet.

5 Really if there are any other
6 speakers, we would actually like you to
7 sign up and that's at the registration
8 desk. If you would just step out and add
9 your name to the list that would be
10 helpful. If you do want to speak, that's
11 helpful.

12 MS. SELLERS: My name is Cynthia,
13 C-Y-N-T-H-I-A, Sellers, S-E-L-L-E-R-S. I
14 go by Cindy. I'm a resident of Cameron
15 Parish and the Town of Cameron and I'm just
16 representing myself at the moment as a
17 resident.

18 Is there anything else that you
19 needed there? My main comment is that
20 there would probably have been more people
21 here if this meeting had been advertised
22 within Cameron Parish. It was not. The
23 Lake Charles American Press is the closest
24 paper that it was advertised in and the
25 people of Johnson Bayou do not receive that

1 paper. And for some reason it was
2 advertised in Gueydan in Vermillion Parish.
3 I have no idea why that would have
4 happened, and I respectfully request that
5 it be advertised in the legal journal of
6 Cameron Parish the next time around.

7 We've had over a hundred people
8 attend FERC scoping meetings in Cameron and
9 so I'm sure you would get more comments
10 that way.

11 As regard to the project, I
12 know that some of the people in Cameron
13 were concerned about the cooling process
14 which it has now been clarified that it's
15 air cooled, not water cooled. We believe
16 it won't have any adverse effects on the
17 fishing and marine species out there so
18 that's a good thing.

19 The onshore facility is being
20 built entirely on previously utilized space
21 so there shouldn't be any negative
22 environmental impact. So I'm sure most
23 people in the area will be quite confident
24 that this should go forward easily and they
25 look forward -- I know that they look

1 forward to jobs being created, hopefully
2 new onshore businesses being created and we
3 hope that the supply vessels, the crew
4 boats will utilize the Cameron Port rather
5 than the Sabine Pass because that wouldn't
6 help us at all. And so that's the main
7 thing that I have to say.

8 I know that the oak trees on
9 the property are already dead so it's not a
10 problem. So we are all going to be very
11 happy to see Delfin come to Cameron Parish.

12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mr. Borland, I
13 have no other pre-registered speakers. I
14 am going to invite anyone else that wants
15 to speak. Is there anyone else in the
16 audience of the public meeting who would
17 like to address the podium? If you did,
18 you would get three minutes. Is anyone
19 interested? Mr. Borland, I see no takers.

20 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Bill. We will
21 remain available; however, the meeting was
22 advertised as us being present until 8:00
23 tonight which we will. However at this
24 time since there are no other speakers, we
25 will take a recess and be available for

1 anyone who wants to talk. I see the time
2 now is about 6:42. And we will take a
3 recess until 7:00. So for now the public
4 scoping meeting is recessed. Thank you.

5 MR. OLSEN: We are in recess until 7.
6 Thank you.

7 (MEETING IN RECESS.)

8 MR. OLSEN: Welcome back. We're here
9 at 7:00. We're officially reconvening. At
10 this point, I want to simply remind you
11 that the purpose of the meeting is still
12 the same. We're still here to address the
13 Delfin Deepwater Project and the same
14 purpose is going on to receive your
15 comments verbal and written. We have a
16 court reporter over here who will record
17 any comments and the ground rules are still
18 in place.

19 So at this time I open the
20 podium to -- we have had no one else who
21 has signed up as a speaker. So I open the
22 podium to those who have not signed up if
23 you would like to take the podium. At this
24 time is there anyone that would like to
25 address the panel? Last call. Mr.

1 Borland, again we have no takers.

2 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Bill. The time
3 now is 7:01. Just to be clear, we will
4 remain available until 8:00 tonight as we
5 advertised, but at this time we will go
6 back to recess and reconvene at 7:30.
7 Thank you very much.

8 (MEETING IN RECESS.)

9 MR. OLSEN: Please take your seat. We
10 are reconvening if you would, please.
11 Welcome back. Hope you enjoyed the break.
12 We are reconvening and just to remind you
13 the purpose of the meeting is unchanged.
14 We're here to address the proposed Delfin
15 Deepwater Project for LNG Operations in
16 this scoping meeting and we're here to
17 receive your public comments.

18 As part of that, I would like
19 to remind you that the ground rules remain
20 in effect. We have had no one else sign up
21 to be a speaker so again this is the
22 opportunity for anyone to take the podium
23 if they'd like to present your comments
24 verbal as well as written to the reporter.
25 Would anyone like to take the podium?

1 Last call. Thank you at least
2 for considering, and at this point I will
3 return it over to Mr. Borland again,
4 suggest that we reconvene again in about
5 another 30 minutes.

6 MR. BORLAND: Thanks Bill, I agree with
7 your suggestion. I will just remind
8 everyone we will remain available and the
9 meeting will stay open until 8:00 as
10 advertised. However given that there are
11 no comments at this time.

12 The time is 7:32, and we will
13 reconvene at 8:00. We are in recess.

14 (MEETING IN RECESS.)

15 MR. OLSEN: Good evening, we are
16 reconvening again. This will be our
17 planned final reconvene.

18 I want to very quickly remind
19 you the purpose of the meeting remains the
20 same. This is a scoping meeting to address
21 your public input and comments regarding
22 the Delfin Deepwater Project.

23 And at this point, the purpose
24 remains the same as do the ground rules.
25 Is there anybody who would like to take the

1 podium at this time?

2 Mr. Borland, I believe we have
3 no speakers. I'm going to turn the last
4 call over to you?

5 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Bill. One last
6 call. Given that there is no one in the
7 audience wishing to make further comment on
8 the proposal Delfin LNG Port. It is now
9 8:00.

10 This concludes the public
11 scoping meeting on Delfin LNG's license
12 application to start and operate a
13 deepwater port. We are now adjourned.
14 Thank you and have a good evening.

15 (PUBLIC MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:00 P.M.)

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1 MR. OLSEN: Thank you for being in your
2 seats. I have it that it is 6:00 o'clock, and we are
3 about to start the meeting; so I'll turn this over to
4 Mr. Borland.

5 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Bill. Good evening
6 and welcome, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Curtis
7 Borland. I represent the Coast Guard's Vessel and
8 Facility Operating Standards Division, located at Coast
9 Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

10 At the head table with me to my right are
11 Ms. Yvette Fields, director of the Maritime
12 Administration's Office of Deepwater Ports and Offshore
13 Activities; Mr. Tim Feehan from Tetra Tech,
14 Incorporated, the environmental contractor assisting us
15 on this project; and to my far right, Mr. Bill Olsen, a
16 certified professional facilitator and a senior manager
17 with Leadership Strategies, Incorporated.

18 Tonight we are gathered to receive your
19 comments on the scope and significant issues which you
20 believe should be addressed as the Coast Guard and the
21 Maritime Administration undertake the processing of the
22 application of Delfin LNG, LLC, to own, construct, and
23 operate a natural gas deepwater port in the Gulf of
24 Mexico. This process is formally known as scoping.

25 In a few minutes, Ms. Fields and

1 Mr. Feehan will provide a short overview of their
2 responsibilities regarding the Delfin LNG deepwater port
3 license application. Mr. Olsen will then describe his
4 responsibilities as the facilitator for this meeting.

5 At the outset of this meeting, please let
6 me emphasize that neither the Coast Guard nor the
7 Maritime Administration nor anyone present at the head
8 tables is a proponent or opponent for this or any other
9 deepwater port project. I also emphasize that this
10 public scoping meeting is only the first step, albeit an
11 important one, in the processing of Delfin LNG's
12 application; and it signals the commencement of a
13 detailed environmental impact review, as required by the
14 Deepwater Port Act and the National Environmental Policy
15 Act.

16 Ultimately, the decision on whether to
17 grant or deny a license rests with the Maritime
18 Administrator, and to a significant extent with the
19 governors of each adjacent coastal state. Until such
20 time as a decision is rendered, no activity related to
21 the construction or operation of Delfin LNG's deepwater
22 port may occur.

23 At this time, I'd like to give you a
24 brief background on this process, where we are now, and
25 future activities. In 2012, the Coast Guard and

1 Maritime Transportation Act amended the Deepwater Port
2 Act to allow for exports of oil and natural gas through
3 a deepwater port. Delfin LNG's application is the first
4 of its kind to propose to export liquefied natural gas
5 from a deepwater port.

6 The subject of this public scoping
7 meeting is Delfin LNG's application to own, construct,
8 operate, and eventually the commission of a natural gas
9 export deepwater port in federal waters offshore Cameron
10 Parish, Louisiana. Delfin LNG's application was
11 received by the Coast Guard and the Maritime
12 Administration on May 8th, 2015, and supplemented on
13 June 19th, 2015. On July 16th, 2015, the Maritime
14 Administration published a notice of application in the
15 Federal Register, stating that Delfin's application
16 contains the required information necessary to initiate
17 processing.

18 In that notice, pursuant to criteria
19 established in the Deepwater Port Act, both Louisiana
20 and Texas were designated as adjacent coastal states.
21 This designation gives the governors of Louisiana and
22 Texas specific authority during the license review and
23 approval process under the Deepwater Port Act. The
24 Maritime Administrator is prohibited from issuing a
25 deepwater port license without the approval or the

1 presumptive approval of the governor of each adjacent
2 coastal state.

3 If the governor of an adjacent coastal
4 state notifies the Maritime Administration that an
5 application which would otherwise be approved is
6 inconsistent with state programs relating to
7 environmental protection, land and water use, and
8 coastal zone management, the Maritime Administrator is
9 required to condition the license, if one is granted, so
10 as to make it consistent with those state programs. To
11 issue a deepwater port license, there are a number of
12 elements that must be considered by the Maritime
13 Administration. Ms. Fields will describe those in a
14 moment.

15 An important part of the overall
16 licensing process required by the Deepwater Port Act and
17 the National Environmental Policy Act is completion of
18 an environmental impact analysis. On July 29th, 2015,
19 the Maritime Administration published in the Federal
20 Register a notice of intent to prepare an environmental
21 impact statement, or EIS. The notice provided a summary
22 of the application and the scoping process we are
23 currently in the midst of.

24 The intent of this public scoping meeting
25 is to receive your input on any issues you think should

1 be considered as part of the environmental impact
2 review. This meeting is not the only opportunity you
3 will have to provide input on this application. There
4 will be further opportunities for you to make oral
5 comments on the record that follow public meetings for
6 the draft EIS and the final EIS, and you are welcome to
7 send written comments to the official docket anytime.

8 However, for purposes of scoping, written
9 comments must be received by August 28th, 2015. Written
10 comments should be sent to the docket management
11 facility. Instructions for filing written comments are
12 available at the registration table. However, if you
13 have questions, please see Ms. Schils from Tetra Tech at
14 the front desk for further information, or see me at the
15 conclusion of the meeting.

16 The EIS will describe the nature and
17 extent of the environmental impact of the proposed
18 action, which is the issuance of a federal license
19 permitting the construction and operation of the Delfin
20 LNG deepwater port and component pipelines. The EIS
21 will include, among other topics, the purpose and need
22 for the proposed action, a description of alternatives,
23 a description of the affected environment, and an
24 evaluation of the direct, indirect, and cumulative
25 impacts on the natural and human environment by the

1 proposed action and alternatives.

2 While there have been several shore-side
3 LNG export terminals proposed that fall under the
4 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC's
5 jurisdiction, this proposed deepwater port would be the
6 first of its kind offshore terminal operated for the
7 purpose of exporting liquefied natural gas to the global
8 market.

9 The proposed project has both onshore and
10 offshore components. The proposed deepwater port would
11 be located in federal waters within the Outer
12 Continental Shelf, West Cameron Area, West Addition
13 Protraction Area, Gulf of Mexico, approximately 37 to
14 40 nautical miles off the coast of Cameron Parish,
15 Louisiana, in water depths ranging from approximately 64
16 to 72 feet.

17 The port would reuse and repurpose two
18 existing offshore natural gas pipelines -- the former
19 U-T Operating System, or UTOS, pipeline, and the High
20 Island Operating System, or HIOS, pipeline -- to
21 transmit natural gas stores from the onshore interstate
22 pipeline grid to the offshore deepwater port.

23 At the port, four semi-permanently moored
24 floating liquefied natural gas vessels, or FLNGVs, would
25 be used to receive the natural gas and liquefy, store,

1 and offload it to arriving LNG trading carriers.
2 Liquefaction of domestically sourced natural gas would
3 be accomplished via air-cooling equipment located on
4 each FLNGV. New pipeline would include four new
5 30-inch-diameter pipeline laterals, each approximately
6 6400 feet in length, connecting the HIOS pipeline to
7 each of the FLNGVs, and a 700-foot, 42-inch-diameter
8 bypass around the existing West Cameron 167 platform to
9 connect the HIOS and UTOS pipelines to each other.

10 Finally, the project includes
11 construction of four new tower yoke mooring systems to
12 which each of the FLNGVs would be connected. The
13 onshore components of the proposed deepwater port would
14 be located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and would be
15 licensed by FERC under a separate licensing process.

16 The onshore facility would consist of the
17 return to FERC jurisdictional service of approximately
18 1.1 miles of the existing UTOS pipeline; the addition of
19 74,000 horsepower of new compression and associated
20 metering and regulation facilities; and the installation
21 of new supply header pipelines, which will consist of a
22 quarter mile of new 42-inch pipeline to connect the
23 former UTOS line to the new meter station and 0.6 miles
24 of new twin 30-inch pipelines between Transco Station 44
25 and the new compressor station site.

1 We encourage your comments during this
2 public scoping meeting on any significant issues related
3 to construction activities and operations at the onshore
4 facility. Your comments will be taken into
5 consideration by FERC as it considers whether to issue a
6 license for the onshore component of this project and as
7 a cooperating agency in the environmental impact review.

8 The Coast Guard and Maritime
9 Administration work together in processing deepwater
10 port applications and serve as co-lead federal agencies
11 responsible for developing the environmental impact
12 statement. In fulfilling this responsibility, the input
13 we receive from the public and federal and state
14 agencies is an important consideration as a draft and
15 final EIS are prepared, and prior to the Maritime
16 Administrator making his decision.

17 Notwithstanding the government of an
18 adjacent coastal state's possible action, the Maritime
19 Administrator will ultimately decide whether to approve,
20 disapprove, or approve with conditions a license for
21 Delfin LNG. As mentioned earlier, the onshore component
22 and near-shore pipeline component of the proposed Gulf
23 and deepwater port falls under the jurisdiction of, and
24 is processed under, a separate authorization by FERC.

25 On May 8th, 2015, Delfin LNG filed an

1 application with FERC to construct and operate the
2 onshore/near-shore components of the proposed deepwater
3 port. Representatives from FERC could not be in
4 attendance this evening and have requested I read the
5 following statement for your information and as a matter
6 of the public record.

7 This is the statement from FERC: "As
8 previously mentioned, the FERC will be a cooperating
9 agency for production of the EIS because the onshore
10 pipeline and facilities fall under FERC jurisdiction.
11 NEPA requires that the FERC take into consideration the
12 environmental impacts associated with natural gas
13 facilities under its jurisdiction. The FERC will use
14 the cooperation process to fulfill its NEPA obligations.

15 The Commission is responsible for making
16 a determination on whether to issue a certificate of
17 public convenience and necessity to Delfin LNG for the
18 onshore facilities. The EIS prepared by the various
19 agencies does not make that decision for the FERC. The
20 EIS will be used to advise the Commission and to
21 disclose to the public the environmental impact of
22 constructing and operating the proposed project.

23 The Commission will consider the
24 environmental information from the EIS, public comments,
25 as well as a host of non-environmental issues, including

1 engineering, markets, rates, finances, and design and
2 cost in making an informed decision on whether or not to
3 approve the part of the project under FERC jurisdiction.
4 Only after taking the environmental and
5 non-environmental factors into consideration will the
6 Commission make its final decision on whether or not to
7 approval Delfin LNG's proposed onshore pipeline and
8 aboveground facilities.

9 Delfin LNG filed its FERC application for
10 the onshore pipeline and aboveground facilities on
11 May 8th of this year. However, Genesis Energy, a FERC
12 jurisdictional company and owner and operator of the
13 High Island Offshore System, LLC, HIOS, has not filed to
14 abandon the HIOS pipeline, which is included as part of
15 the Delfin LNG project. Therefore, the Commission will
16 not begin processing Delfin LNG's FERC application until
17 Genesis Energy submits an abandonment application to the
18 Commission.

19 The Delfin LNG application is part of the
20 public record; so if you want more specific information
21 about the FERC part of this project, you can get that
22 from the FERC Web site. Go to www.FERC.gov and look for
23 the link to E-Library. If you type in the docket number
24 CP15-490, you can use E-Library to gain access to
25 everything on the record concerning the onshore pipeline

1 portion of the project, as well as all the related
2 filings and information submitted by Delfin LNG.

3 The Coast Guard is responsible for the
4 evaluation of proposed deepwater port engineering design
5 standards; review and approval of the port operations
6 manual; evaluation of waterways management, navigational
7 safety, maritime security, and risk management
8 mitigation measures; identification of environmental
9 protection and monitoring requirements; and compliance
10 with various domestic and international shipping rules
11 for LNG cargo carriers that might fall on the Delfin LNG
12 deepwater port.

13 Should the application be approved and a
14 license prepared, the Coast Guard will coordinate with
15 other agencies that have responsibility over aspects of
16 the port's design or which may have requirements to
17 issue permits, approvals, or authorizations for some
18 aspect of the port's operations.

19 As with any other approved deepwater port
20 license currently in effect, if the Delfin LNG project
21 were to receive a license to operate, that license would
22 include mandatory conditions that require compliance
23 with all necessary permits and would also establish
24 environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring
25 requirements.

1 Comments received during this meeting and
2 throughout the scoping theory will become part of the
3 public record and will be considered in the preparation
4 of the draft and final EIS. There will be comment
5 periods and public hearings following publication of
6 both the draft and final EIS.

7 At this time, I'd like to introduce
8 Ms. Yvette Fields with the Maritime Administration, who
9 will describe the responsibilities of her agency.

10 MS. FIELDS: Thank you, Curtis.

11 Good evening, everyone. As Mr. Borland
12 has indicated, my name is Yvette Fields. I am a member
13 of the Maritime Administration's management team for the
14 deepwater port licensing program. I would like to thank
15 all of you for attending this evening's scoping meeting
16 for the Delfin LNG deepwater port license application.

17 The Maritime Administration was delegated
18 the authority and responsibility by the Secretary of
19 Transportation to issue deepwater port licenses. With
20 its long history of concern for safety, security, and
21 the environment, MARAD is pleased to partner with the
22 U.S. Coast Guard in processing deepwater port license
23 applications for the federal government.

24 I want to make it clear, as you heard
25 earlier, that my agency, in particular, is neither a

1 proponent of nor an opponent to any deepwater port
2 project. As the deepwater port licensing authority, the
3 Maritime Administration is keenly interested in a
4 thorough environmental analysis of the proposed project;
5 and we are confident in the Coast Guard's leadership and
6 ability in this effort.

7 At the end of the deepwater port
8 licensing application process, the Maritime
9 Administrator will have a decision to make to issue a
10 deepwater port license, reject the deepwater port
11 license application, or issue a deepwater port license
12 subject to certain conditions. This decision to approve
13 or disapprove the license application will be reflected
14 in the official record of decision document which is
15 required by law to be issued by the maritime
16 administrator upon completion of the application and
17 environmental review process.

18 A favorable decision will be based upon
19 the assurance that the applicant is financially
20 responsible; the applicant is able to comply with
21 applicable laws, regulations, and license conditions;
22 the deepwater port will operate in the national interest
23 and consistent with national security, energy
24 sufficiency, and environmental policy goals; that the
25 deepwater port will not unreasonably interfere with

1 international navigation; that the deepwater port will
2 be constructed and operated to prevent or minimize
3 adverse impacts of the marine environment; that the
4 deepwater port will comply with national environmental
5 laws; that an approved coastal zone management program
6 is in place; that the Secretaries of Army, Defense, and
7 State were consulted and the effects on their programs
8 were considered; and, finally, that governors of the
9 adjacent coastal states -- in this case, the governors
10 of Louisiana and Texas -- approve or are presumed to
11 approve the deepwater port proposal.

12 We emphasize that these license
13 requirements are stringent and completely enforceable.
14 If a licensee violates the conditions of its license,
15 the Maritime Administration will suspend the license
16 and/or operation of the facility until the conditions
17 are sufficiently met. Further, we consider the
18 environmental impact analysis a major part of the
19 application review process; and we assure that it will
20 have substantial bearing on the final licensing
21 decision.

22 Again, we appreciate your interest and
23 encourage you to express your views and concerns to help
24 shape the environmental analysis for the proposed Delfin
25 deepwater port application.

1 Thank you, and at this time I'm going to
2 pass the mic to Tim Feehan of Tetra Tech.

3 MR. FEEHAN: Thank you, Yvette.

4 Good evening. I'm Tim Feehan with Tetra
5 Tech. Tetra Tech is the U.S. Coast Guard's
6 environmental consultant preparing the Coast Guard and
7 MARAD environmental impact statement, or EIS, for the
8 proposed Delfin LNG deepwater port. I am Tetra Tech's
9 project manager for the EIS, and I will provide an
10 overview of the public participation process that is
11 involved in preparing this EIS.

12 Tetra Tech is a science-based
13 environmental consulting firm experienced in preparing
14 EISs and related studies. My team includes specialists
15 in many resource areas covering environmental sciences,
16 including biologists, chemists, geologists, and
17 engineers. We will be doing an independent evaluation
18 of the environmental impacts of the proposed project,
19 and we will assist the Coast Guard in preparing the EIS
20 to explain what the impacts would be.

21 The EIS is being conducted in accordance
22 with the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.
23 Public involvement is a fundamental aspect of NEPA and
24 the Coast Guard's environmental policies. As
25 Mr. Borland noted, we are now in the early stage of the

1 EIS process, called scoping, in which we seek the early
2 input from the public on potential impacts, and
3 especially sources of information relating to those
4 potential impacts.

5 It is termed "scoping" because we
6 determine the scope of issues that should be included in
7 the EIS as we move forward. As noted previously, the
8 Coast Guard began the scoping process by publishing a
9 notice of intent, or NOI, to prepare the EIS in the
10 Federal Register and distributing it to state and
11 federal agencies. In addition, the Coast Guard
12 distributed a "Dear Interested Party" letter that was
13 distributed widely throughout Louisiana and Texas to
14 federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials,
15 and to the public.

16 This letter provides a project summary
17 and scoping meeting logistics for those who do not read
18 the Federal Register. A public notice concerning this
19 meeting was also published in local newspapers. We held
20 a scoping meeting last night in Lake Charles, Louisiana.
21 Informal and written comments made today will be
22 recorded and addressed in the draft EIS.

23 In addition to providing comments
24 tonight, you may also submit written comments to the
25 docket or over the Internet or by fax or by mail.

1 Details are provided on some of our open-house posters
2 across the way. This information is also provided in
3 handouts at the sign-in desk out front, so be sure to
4 pick these up for your reference. Please use only one
5 of the methods to make your comments, and please note
6 that written comments must be received by August 28th,
7 2015.

8 At a minimum, an environmental analysis
9 will be completed on the following topics: Geology,
10 sediments, water resources, fisheries, wildlife,
11 threatened and endangered species, socioeconomics,
12 transportation, cultural resources, marine biology,
13 noise, recreation and esthetics, and reliability and
14 safety. We will consider the environmental effects of
15 construction, operation, and the commissioning of this
16 deepwater port.

17 In addition, we will look at cumulative
18 impact of other foreseeable projects within the project
19 vicinity. We will also consider possible alternatives,
20 including alternative port locations and pipeline routes
21 associated with those alternative port locations. We
22 will also look at alternative deepwater port concepts
23 and alternative LNG technologies, as well as the
24 no-action alternative, or what would happen if a license
25 is not granted and the project is not built.

1 The next step in this process will be to
2 prepare the draft EIS. To announce the availability of
3 the draft EIS for public review, we will publish a
4 notice of availability in the Federal Register and place
5 ads in local newspapers. When the draft EIS is
6 completed, copies will be sent to federal, state,
7 regional, and local agencies and local groups and
8 individuals who have requested copies. Additional
9 copies will also be placed in public libraries, where
10 the public may review them.

11 The draft EIS will be available on the
12 docket via the Internet or by requesting one from the
13 Coast Guard. If you have not already done so, please
14 indicate on the registration card located outside of the
15 sign-in desk that you would like to receive a copy of
16 the draft EIS when it becomes available; and a copy will
17 be sent to you. The public will have an additional
18 opportunity to enter comments and concerns into the
19 official record.

20 The Coast Guard and the Maritime
21 Administration will return to Louisiana and Texas to
22 hold a public meeting to provide citizens an opportunity
23 to make formal oral comments concerning the draft EIS.
24 After the close of the public comment period on the
25 draft EIS, we will assist the Coast Guard in preparing

1 the final EIS, including an explanation of how comments
2 were considered.

3 On completion of the final EIS, we will
4 hold at least one public meeting in both Louisiana and
5 Texas to solicit comments on the final EIS and the
6 Delfin LNG license application. Dates, locations, and
7 times will be announced in the Federal Register and
8 local newspapers. When the EIS is finalized, the
9 Maritime Administration will use it as one of the inputs
10 into their decision on whether to issue the license, not
11 issue the license, or to issue it with specific
12 conditions.

13 As described on our posters outside, and
14 needed for issuing a license and to construct a
15 deepwater port, there are requirements in addition to
16 the environmental impacts that must be considered in the
17 decision for the final license action.

18 Thank you for taking the time to come out
19 and meet with us tonight, and I'll hand this back to
20 Chris.

21 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Tim.

22 At this time, I'm going to turn it over
23 to Mr. Bill Olsen, our facilitator for this meeting; and
24 he will describe his responsibilities and coordinate
25 receipt of your comments.

1 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. It's really an
2 honor to be here; and, as you can see up here, that's
3 the purpose of this meeting. And my purpose in being
4 here is to ensure that you, the interested public, have
5 the opportunity to be heard, that this meeting is
6 conducted efficiently and with respect to all
7 participants.

8 I do personally have a background in
9 marine operations and environmental engineering, so I at
10 least understand the terminology. However, my role is
11 very specific. As stated by Mr. Borland, I am neither a
12 proponent nor an opponent to this project or any other
13 deepwater projects. My role today is to guide the
14 process by which your observations and your concerns and
15 your comments will be received in a manner that respects
16 all participants.

17 I assure you that either through your
18 verbal comments made at the podium, as well as your
19 written comments, your inputs will be received, they
20 will be recorded, and they will be considered.

21 There is much to be accomplished, so
22 let's move ahead. The intent of this meeting for the
23 scoping project is to obtain your comments. The
24 representatives up here at the panel will neither
25 entertain questions nor address your comments during the

1 course of this meeting, except to clarify a process or
2 administrative issues that may come up.

3 So this is not a forum for public debate
4 amongst the attendees nor the panel; and we expect that
5 all those present at this meeting will respect the
6 rights of those speakers who may hold views that are
7 contrary to their own. As the time for each speaker is
8 limited, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. To
9 keep the meeting on track and on time, it is essential
10 that everyone present understand.

11 Here are some basic ground rules. These
12 are specifically and deliberately positive ground rules
13 so we can ensure a positive meeting. First, respect the
14 speaker and the listener. This means that when it is
15 your turn to take the podium, your turn to speak,
16 members of the audience should respect you and listen
17 politely. By the same token, the speaker should respect
18 all the listeners by being brief and to the point. For
19 all people present, please avoid any sidebar
20 conversations when others are speaking.

21 Next is defer judgment. Listeners,
22 including those on the panel, are not here to make any
23 decisions today, but to receive the inputs. So
24 listeners, including those in the audience, are
25 encouraged to defer your judgment, including any verbal

1 outbursts or even applause.

2 Next, headline first. You are encouraged
3 to state your point first as a headline and then provide
4 clarifying and background information, just to make sure
5 we get that clear point. To do this, you are encouraged
6 to think thorough about your inputs prior to taking the
7 podium and prior to speaking.

8 "ELMO" up there means: "Enough. Let's
9 move on." It is just a friendly reminder to say, "We're
10 kind of running out of time, so try to wrap it up." If
11 you get ELMO'd, that is a nice advisement to wrap up
12 your comment. You'll only have a few seconds until you
13 close.

14 Next is mindfulness. I ask you to be
15 mindful of the real purpose of this meeting. While in
16 this room, please reserve all your involvement, your
17 discussion, and your comments only to the Delfin
18 project. This is not a forum for other issues. If you
19 must attend other business, please take that business
20 outside.

21 Next is timeliness. There are
22 potentially many who wish -- right now, we have one
23 person signed up; but potentially others could arrive
24 and want to take the podium. So we want to make sure
25 everyone has that opportunity. When called, I will

1 queue you up to the speaker podium. When you approach
2 the podium, please be ready to start; and upon
3 completion, then please depart promptly so as to respect
4 the next speaker.

5 Last is e-manners. This is basically the
6 cell phone rule. So if you have a cell phone, go ahead
7 and take it out. This is a good time just to ask you to
8 please put your phones on silent or put them on airplane
9 mode or "do not disturb" mode so that we can, again, be
10 mindful while we're in here. If you do need to take a
11 call or answer an e-mail, again, I ask you to be mindful
12 and step outside and take that business outside briefly.

13 So these ground rules are simply there
14 for everyone's benefit so we can be efficient with the
15 meeting. I ask you to follow the ground rules.

16 A couple of other points here: There is
17 a registration card; so if you didn't see this up front,
18 this basically would allow you to automatically receive
19 updates, including the draft EIS. You don't have to,
20 but you are invited to use that. You will find those up
21 at the registration desk. There is also this public
22 comment sheet. So in addition to people taking the
23 podium, anyone, even if you do not take the podium, can
24 submit written comments.

25 So this is the format to do that. You

1 have one speaker signed up; and it does appear that we
2 will have extra time. So the way the process works is
3 that once all of the registered speakers have completed,
4 then those who have not registered may also take the
5 podium. So I will invite you to do that. So those who
6 are not signed up will still have the opportunity to do
7 so.

8 If there is still time permitting, those
9 who have spoken can speak a second time. However, if
10 you take the podium a second or subsequent time, you
11 would have less time, maybe two minutes or one minute.
12 The decision will be made at that point. Regardless,
13 you may always supplement your verbal comments with a
14 written comment of any length. In the event others come
15 in to speak, the order is federal, state, and local
16 elected officials will be first, or their
17 representatives, followed by federal and state agency
18 representatives. Then individuals are called in the
19 order they registered from the public.

20 Our meeting is scheduled to go through
21 8:00 o'clock, so we are obligated to provide that
22 opportunity. So in the event that we only have a few
23 speakers, we would actually put our meetings into recess
24 and then take a break and then reconvene the meeting
25 later. This provides the opportunity for others who may

1 arrive a little later to still have the opportunity to
2 make their comments known.

3 So with that, I am ready to commence with
4 our official speakers list, Regina Lindsey.

5 MS. LINDSEY: My name is Regina Lindsey.
6 It's spelled R-E-G-I-N-A Lindsey, L-I-N-D-S-E-Y; and I
7 am the CEO and president of the Greater Beaumont Chamber
8 of Commerce. And I am here to speak in favor of this
9 project and urge and encourage you to provide the
10 appropriate license for this project.

11 We are asked often to come and support
12 projects, and we take that responsibility very
13 seriously. We look at a couple of factors. One: Is it
14 good for the community? And this one is definitely good
15 for the community with the amount of investment that's
16 going in and the amount of employment that will take
17 place, averaging 200 people per year through 2022 and
18 then 490 permanent employees with higher-than-average
19 wages.

20 We also look at: Will it be a good fit
21 for the community? And this is a community that
22 understands that the energy sector is important to the
23 employment of the area, but there are also avid outdoor
24 enthusiasts. And so we are sensitive to the
25 environmental impacts that can take place within this

1 available until 8:00 o'clock. The public meeting will
2 continue until 8:00 o'clock. However, at this time, I
3 have 6:37. We will go into recess until 7:15 and then
4 restart the meeting.

5 Thank you very much. We are in recess.

6 (Break from 6:37 to 7:15 p.m.)

7 MR. OLSEN: It is now 7:15. We are
8 reconvening the scoping meeting for the Delfin LNG
9 project. I would like to remind those present that the
10 purpose of the meeting remains the same: To receive
11 inputs from the public, both verbal and written,
12 regarding the Delfin LNG project. I will also remind
13 those that should you take the podium, the ground rules
14 remain in effect.

15 At this time, is there anyone who has not
16 yet spoken who would like to take the podium to address
17 the panel?

18 (No affirmative response.)

19 MR. OLSEN: I believe there are no
20 takers. I will refer last call to Mr. Borland.

21 MR. BORLAND: Thanks, Bill. I see no
22 speakers, either. As stated earlier, we will remain
23 available for comments until 8:00 p.m. However, at this
24 time, we will take a recess until 7:58 to see if anybody
25 arrives to make a comment.

1 Thank you. At this time, we are in
2 recess.

3 (Break from 7:16 p.m. to 7:58 p.m.)

4 MR. OLSEN: I show that it is now
5 7:58 p.m., and we are reconvening the meeting. To
6 remind everyone of the purpose of the meeting, this is
7 to share information regarding the Delfin LNG project
8 and to receive comments, both verbal and written, from
9 the attendees. I would also like to remind you that the
10 ground rules remain in effect.

11 At this time, the podium is open for
12 anyone who would like to make any verbal comments; and,
13 if so, you have three minutes to do so. Even if you
14 have not preregistered, you may take the podium. Would
15 anyone like to take the podium and make verbal comments?

16 (No affirmative response.)

17 MR. OLSEN: I see no takers. This is
18 last call for anyone to make any comments, and to ask
19 the one speaker who did address the panel earlier if she
20 would like to take the podium again.

21 (No affirmative response.)

22 MR. OLSEN: I believe there are no
23 speakers.

24 Mr. Borland, we have no speakers. I turn
25 the meeting back over to you, sir.

1 MR. BORLAND: Thank you, Bill. As there
2 are no members of the public who wish to make further
3 comment on Delfin LNG's application, it is now 8:00 p.m.
4 This concludes this public scoping meeting on Delfin
5 LNG's license application to construct and operate a
6 deepwater port. We are now adjourned.

7 Thank you and good night.

8 (The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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