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TO PREPARE EIS FOR
HAWAI'I INTERISLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM - WIND

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LANA'I HIGH & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CAFETERIA)

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1 MATT MANO: I am speaking today on my
2 behalf and also on behalf of my ancestors who have cared
3 for and loved this island and for my mo'opuna who will
4 not be able to continue in their tradition if this
5 project goes through.

6 I am speaking because I want to make sure
7 that Ka'a and Paoma'i will be there for my mo'opuna as it
8 was for me and for my ancestors. It is my kuleana to
9 care for this island and make sure that our island and
10 its cultural and spiritual importance to my ancestors is
11 there for future generations.

12 In Ka'a and Paoma'i we have many cultural
13 sites. They are heiau. There is the garden of the gods
14 in Keahiakawelo. There is Kanepuu Preserve, our precious
15 dry land forest. There are also burials. I have
16 personally observed them. These are not just cultural
17 sites, they are sacred. If these sites are affected, the
18 harm to me and my family will be great. Your EIS must
19 explain how this project can avoid desecrating these
20 sites.

21 While our kupuna came to these ahupua'a to
22 fish, to hunt, and to gather medicine, their ultimate
23 obligation was to malama 'aina. I want my grandchildren
24 to be able to continue in these practices. Your study
25 should look at if this project will allow them to do

1 that.

2 This project looks like it will place a
3 heavy burden on our island and especially on those of us
4 who have significant deep familial relationships with
5 these places going back generations. You are asking us
6 to give up a huge part of our island and to allow our
7 cultural sites to be displaced or overshadowed by wind
8 turbines to feed O'ahu's need for energy.

9 You are asking us to agree to land
10 disturbing activities that will harm our sacred, 'iwi
11 kupuna. You are asking us to consent to losing access to
12 the land and sea that sustained our ancestors and does
13 and will provide food security and another kind of energy
14 independence for our children and grandchildren.

15 How will this EIS account for these
16 losses? How can these harms be justified? Please also
17 consider what the residents of O'ahu should do to become
18 more energy conscientious and efficient first. Otherwise
19 you set a bad example by placing consequences of wasteful
20 behavior on others. And that's all.

21 FACILITATOR: Aloha. Can we kind of take
22 our seats now? It's about 10:30 and I would like to
23 begin starting the formal portion of this meeting.
24 Mahalo.

25 Again, my name is Dawn Chang and I'm going

1 to facilitate the meeting, but I'd like to start the
2 meeting and ask Auntie Winnie to come up and say a Pule
3 for us.

4 WINIFRED BASQUES: Good morning. My name
5 is Winnie Basques. I'm a good friend of Dawn Chang.
6 We've been friends for quite a bit of years, but she
7 asked me, please, can you go and kokua, sure, why not,
8 that's what it's all about.

9 Okay. Pule kakou.

10 Father in heaven, as we gather here today
11 you bring this issue that concern everybody on the island
12 of Lana'i. We have to make sure what is pono. Pono is
13 Hawaiian say make it right. And when you make it right,
14 everything goes okay, but if something goes wrong,
15 (speaking Hawaiian.) Pilikia means trouble, and we don't
16 need that.

17 We're here for everybody, and the thing is
18 that what is good for one is good for everybody here on
19 the island, as well as the other islands, but we are very
20 concerned what goes on in our community.

21 And now I'm going talk about I'm the
22 'aha k'iole for the island of Lana'i. I'm the
23 representative that was picked by the Governor. I'm
24 concerned about our Ka'a, the ahupua'a, from the lawai'a
25 to the mahiai (ph), it is very, very unsure what's going

1 to happen.

2 But, you know, only Ke Akua can do
3 miracles, but other than that, Mahalo. Thank you again.

4 FACILITATOR: Mahalo, Winnie.

5 Thank you so much. I really appreciate
6 all of you being here on a Saturday morning.

7 Let me start off by saying I realize this
8 is a very busy day for many of you in this community. We
9 truly are going to be here until 3:00 in the afternoon,
10 so I know some of you have other commitments throughout
11 the day. Please feel free to come and go.

12 We're going to start off with a
13 presentation by members of both Department of Energy and
14 DBEDT.

15 I'd like to do some introductions of them,
16 but let me, first off I'm supposed to do some safety
17 instructions before we start.

18 The bathrooms are behind us. You can see
19 where the exits are. When you come up to the mic, please
20 be careful. We don't have a stick, so you've got to hold
21 the mic, and just be careful of the cord.

22 With that, I'd like to introduce from the
23 US Department of Energy, they have come from Washington,
24 DC, I have Tony Como.

25 TONY COMO: Aloha.

1 FACILITATOR: Anne Finken and
2 Ellen Russell. There's also Steve Lindenberg.

3 From the US Bureau of Ocean Energy and
4 Management, Mark Eckenrode. From State Department of
5 Business Economic Development and Tourism,
6 Josh Strickler, Allen Kam, Li'ula Nakama.

7 I'd also like to recognize we have Council
8 Member Hokama, Ricky Hokama. I saw him. Oh, he walked
9 out.

10 And we also have Mr. Bill Medeiros. He
11 was here earlier. Aloha. Mahalo.

12 Again, mahalo, Lanaians for being here.
13 Thank you so very much.

14 I'd like to give, at this point in time,
15 Tony Como an opportunity -- oh, excuse me,
16 Steve Lindenberg.

17 STEVE LINDENBERG: That's okay.

18 FACILITATOR: An opportunity to kind of
19 give you an overview of the project program.

20 MR. LINDENBERG: Aloha. Thank you very
21 much for allowing us to come and be in your community.
22 We really want to hear what your concerns are, and that's
23 really the entire intention of today.

24 I am stationed in Honolulu to work with
25 the State in all of its communities to try to help to

1 bring information from the Department of Energy back to
2 folks who live across Hawai'i so they can make decisions
3 about energy in their future.

4 We all know that oil is the primary source
5 of energy on the Hawaiian islands other than your
6 beautiful sun and wonderful winds. But not all of that
7 is able to be captured yet, so oil is somewhere over 90
8 percent of the energy supplied that's used for fuel for
9 cars, for obviously electricity and other uses, and
10 that's become a problem over many years. You've
11 experienced it, I only hear about it.

12 And so in 2008 the Department of Energy
13 and the State of Hawai'i entered into an agreement to
14 what we call the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative. And
15 the intention of that initiative is to try to reduce the
16 use of oil by decreasing the demand for energy through
17 energy efficiency and then bringing the rich resources of
18 your many renewables into the ability to be actually used
19 either for fuel, we can use biomass and turn it into fuel
20 for vehicles, or we can use wind, solar, geothermal,
21 ocean energy, to be able to help us to supply
22 electricity.

23 There are many people working on that.
24 There are foundations and government groups, there are
25 individual private companies, and we have the Department

1 of Energy helping with that process.

2 So our intentions are to really bring the
3 knowledge to communities so that they can use that to
4 make decisions. We've got the great benefit of having
5 the resources that Congress gives to us in the way of tax
6 dollars to investigate solar energy, wind, home
7 improvements and energy efficiency, looking at commercial
8 buildings and how do you make them less energy demanding,
9 new vehicles, how do we create biofuels.

10 We generally have about 800 people who
11 work with me back in the Department of Energy and we have
12 probably two to 4,000 consultants, scientists, engineers
13 and others that help to support us in investigating these
14 kinds of issues.

15 And my intentions and my role here is to
16 bring that information back to Hawai'i, whether a
17 community who wants to build a new house or housing
18 development wants to know something about how to do that
19 effectively, whether or not we are looking at how we
20 might be able to use the geothermal over on the
21 Big Island, or the sun on O'ahu, those are where I bring
22 information back here so that whoever is making the
23 decisions can have the opportunity to make better
24 decisions.

25 And today we're going to be talking about

1 a proposal. You folks have obviously heard about it.
2 Much of this is still uncertain. Many people have
3 questions and why we're coming here today is to find out
4 what those questions are and then later we will be back
5 with some answers.

6 But to maybe give a little bit of a sense
7 of the general program that we are going to be talking
8 about, Josh is, I think, going to describe that.

9 JOSHUA STRICKLER: Aloha Lana'i. My name
10 is Josh Strickler. I'm with the State energy office.
11 I've been here a few times. You probably recognize me.

12 I came out here about two years ago when
13 this first was proposed through the wind farms on Lana'i
14 and connecting to O'ahu. We had some discussions about
15 that and I've been back a few more times since then.

16 What I want to talk about a little bit is
17 what we are doing and as Steve described it, it's a
18 program. We've got the offers in, there are bids in from
19 Castle & Cooke for the wind farm on Lana'i. We also have
20 the proposal for a wind farm for Moloka'i to go to O'ahu.
21 And what we wanted to do is make sure that we look at all
22 of this together to make sure that this is the right way
23 to move forward.

24 So we're doing what's called a
25 programmatic review, and it's a big picture analysis of

1 looking at what could come from Moloka'i, what could come
2 from Lana'i, what could come from Maui, and then go to
3 O'ahu, and what's the right way to put this whole thing
4 together and whether or not we need to, if we do decide
5 that it's okay to move forward with this, what conditions
6 need to be put in place.

7 So that's going, what this program is
8 going to do is generate what we call best management
9 practices. So if it is decided that we want to move
10 forward with this wind program, we are going to put down
11 these requirements of what has to happen in order for the
12 projects to move forward.

13 But to do that the right way, we need to
14 come and have this dialogue with the people of Lana'i and
15 we need to hear your questions, what is it you want us to
16 look at, what is it you want us to research, what is it
17 you want us to find out so that we and you can make
18 informed decisions later on.

19 That's the purpose of today's meeting. We
20 really need to hear from you all about what needs to
21 happen, how this needs to come together and what you need
22 to see.

23 And so with that I'm going to pass it back
24 over to the Department of Energy and Tony is going to
25 talk about the federal role in this process and what

1 needs to happen.

2 And so with that, I'm going to pass the
3 mic to Tony.

4 TONY COMO: Thanks, Josh. You took most
5 of my thunder already. I don't have much to say.

6 As Josh said, I'm Tony Como. I'm with the
7 United States Department of Energy. We're here because
8 this is a scoping meeting because we are preparing, as
9 Josh says, a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

10 What we are not here to do is evaluate the
11 Castle & Cooke proposal or the First Energy proposal. We
12 are not here, this Environmental Impact Statement, the
13 Programmatic EIS, will not be evaluating any one
14 company's specific proposal.

15 This is a very broad high level review of
16 what would the environmental impacts be if up to 400
17 megawatts of wind were developed in Maui, Maui County,
18 which would include the islands of Maui, Lana'i and
19 Moloka'i in some combination. Okay. It could be all on
20 one island, spread out among the three islands, there's
21 all combinations.

22 So this is going to be like an envelope
23 analysis. Okay. So regardless of what particular
24 proposals all of you know about, this is not an
25 evaluation of that.

1 This process, we are over here right now,
2 we are taking public comments on what should we be
3 studying. We got a lot of great comments over the last
4 three days already, in fact, the last four days we have
5 been in O'ahu, Moloka'i and Maui, and now we're here,
6 things like a gentleman brought up if, in fact, this wind
7 generation facility is built and 30 years down the road
8 it's abandoned, who takes the stuff down. Who digs the
9 concrete out of the ground.

10 We're not going to answer who does it, but
11 we are going to be studying that it needs to be done, and
12 in the course of digging up concrete bases there is going
13 to be an impact in that. Our document is going to be
14 studying things like that.

15 So I'm just trying to give you a flavor
16 for what we are going to be looking at. But like I said,
17 we are over here right now, so this is February 2011.
18 Okay. What's going to happen is we're going to get all
19 of your comments and then based on them we are going to
20 do an environmental analysis. We are going to create a
21 draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

22 We think we will probably have the draft
23 completed this fall. I think our federal notice said
24 October. That might be little optimistic, but sometime
25 in the fall we are hoping to have a draft Environmental

1 Impact Statement available.

2 Now, it's going to be available, it's
3 going to be available to everybody. Sometime later on
4 all of you will be contacted in a variety of ways,
5 e-mail, postcards, a variety of ways, for you to tell us
6 how you want to receive it, do you want a paper copy, it
7 will probably be six, seven hundred pages, do you want a
8 CD-ROM, do you want to download it off the website, do
9 you want to go to the library and read a hard copy of it.

10 So you will be given an opportunity to
11 tell us how you want to receive this document and you
12 will also be given at least, under the federal side, at
13 least 45 days to look at it.

14 So during that 45 days you review it and
15 you send comments to us, just like we asked you to send,
16 you know, comments to us, that other board over there
17 where Steve is, like seven different ways you could
18 submit scoping comments to us. Talking to us today is
19 just one of those seven ways.

20 Similarly, after you have had a chance to
21 review the draft Environmental Impact Statement you are
22 still, you are going to have those seven ways to comment
23 on the draft. And we are also going to be back here
24 holding a meeting that looks exactly like that.

25 So now we are asking you to tell us what

1 we should study. When we come back, after you have had a
2 chance to review the draft, we want you to tell us how
3 well we studied it, did we miss something, did we get
4 something wrong.

5 Okay. And we are going to collect all of
6 those comments, whether you speak to us, like we are
7 going to do today, or whether you send it to us in
8 writing, they are both taken equally, and in every single
9 point, if somebody sends us a five-page letter, okay, in
10 the final Environmental Impact Statement you are going to
11 see your five-page letter xeroxed, it's going to actually
12 be bound in the document. Next to every point that you
13 have raised in your whole five pages, right next to it
14 you are going to see exactly what we have done to address
15 your comment, you know, you tell us that we got some
16 number wrong, some calculation wrong, we check it out, we
17 mark down, okay, we changed the number on page such and
18 such.

19 So we will publish that final EIS we think
20 probably, maybe in the late, or maybe by January,
21 February or March of next year. Okay. And then some
22 ultimate decision, probably by the State, I don't know,
23 whether or not to proceed at all. Okay. But none of
24 those decisions can happen, you know, it is in the back,
25 you can't see them, the last oval down here, a record of

1 decision issued by whatever the state agencies are,
2 that's probably not going to happen before April of 2012.

3 Okay. So roughly in April of 2012 the
4 federal agencies and the state agencies, we will have
5 finished the programmatic review.

6 What does that mean. Well, I'll only
7 speak for the feds. At the federal level all that is is
8 a lot of information presented to us, and let me just
9 take a second, we're here to listen to you, so I
10 apologize for taking your time, but I'd like you to know
11 about this.

12 If a project like this were ever to
13 actually be built, okay, it would only be built if a
14 whole lot of federal agencies allowed it, and any number
15 of state, state and county. Okay. I can only speak for
16 the federal level.

17 One of the, one or two of the cable
18 landing sites on O'ahu come up on military bases. Well,
19 clearly the Navy, the Marines, or the Corps of Engineers,
20 would have to approve that happening. They are going to
21 need information, environmental information, before they
22 would allow that.

23 If the cable were built across the
24 straits, the National Marine Fisheries, the caretakers of
25 the whale sanctuary, would have to authorize something

1 like that. The state has jurisdiction over the whale
2 sanctuary, and three miles of, within three miles of
3 state waters.

4 So there's a whole lot of approvals that
5 would have to happen before a project like these could
6 actually be allowed to happen. And what I'm here to tell
7 you is that at the end of this programmatic process, like
8 I said, in April of next year we will, the federal
9 agencies will not have the kind of specific information
10 that they legally must have in order to make a decision
11 about anything.

12 So if a decision were made after this
13 process, then an additional Environmental Impact
14 Statement would have to be done on a very precise basis.
15 We would have to know exactly how many turbines, at what
16 location, what the patterns are, exactly where would the
17 submarine cable actually be, what construction techniques
18 and cable laying techniques would be employed, where
19 exactly would it come up on the island of O'ahu, on what
20 military base. There's a whole kind of detailed
21 information that would have to be included in the
22 document that is not going to be included in this
23 programmatic document.

24 Okay. I think I've probably talked
25 enough.

1 One other thing. In the back of the room
2 there is some other material that is not part of either
3 what the Department of Energy or DBEDT is about, it's
4 private material, and that's fine, but the only material
5 that we are officially sanctioning is these, the little
6 boards that look like this. So I'd just mention that.

7 Okay. I'd like to have my colleague at
8 DBEDT, Allen Kam, has a few words to say.

9 ALLEN KAM: I just wanted to point out
10 that the state process does parallel the federal process.
11 The one big difference is that the state law requires
12 that a thorough cultural impact assessment is prepared,
13 and I wanted to assure you that that will be done.

14 FACILITATOR: Mahalo. Before we start,
15 again, thank you so much for being here. I think as you
16 have heard from everybody, the purpose of today's meeting
17 is really, is for us to listen, ho'olono to you, to
18 listen to your comments. And as we prepare, as we draft
19 the Programmatic EIS, all of your comments are going to
20 be considered. I think Tony indicated how we would
21 consider them and how they are going to be included in
22 the final document.

23 This is the beginning of a longer process.
24 There will be, as Tony said, even once this process is
25 completed, only then can a project specific EIS, whether

1 it's Castle & Cooke, whether it's First Wind, whether
2 it's on Moloka'i, Lana'i, Maui or O'ahu. Only after this
3 process is complete can a separate EIS be considered.

4 And I also wanted to let you know that
5 this is a, this public scoping meeting is not where there
6 will be people to answer your questions. So you are
7 going to come up, you are going to make a comment, and
8 some of you may think that someone will be here to answer
9 it, and I'm sorry, this is just an opportunity for you to
10 give us your comment. The answers will come in the draft
11 EIS. Although the federal, the state and federal
12 officials are here, this is really just an opportunity
13 for you to provide us your comment.

14 When we went to Moloka'i, and some of the
15 other islands too, we understand that this is a western
16 process to engage the community. I think Auntie Winnie
17 talked about the 'aha ki'ole.

18 When we proceed forward on a consultation
19 for both the Section 106 and the cultural impact
20 assessment, we will come out to the community and engage
21 you in the way that you feel most comfortable. If that
22 means we meet with your homestead association, your civic
23 club, we meet with you in the garage, we meet with you at
24 a restaurant, if that is more comfortable for you to
25 speak, we will come to speak to you in those ways.

1 There are many local people, this is not a
2 comfortable way for them to speak, to raise their hand
3 and come up to a mic. We acknowledge that, so, again,
4 this is just the beginning. There will be other
5 opportunities for us to engage with you and to get your
6 candid mana'o.

7 I wanted to just kind of go over and as we
8 proceed on the formal commenting process, we have Patty
9 here. Patty is a court reporter. She is taking down
10 everything that has been said from the time we opened at
11 9:30, and so but for her to take your comment, it is
12 easier for her if you look at her or you at least speak
13 very clearly. Please state your name when you come up,
14 if you can, and spell it. If not, we have cards here as
15 well.

16 Okay. Well, Tony said if you choose not
17 to give your name, that's okay too. We will still
18 nonetheless take your comment.

19 There will be times we will take a break.
20 This is going to be a long day until 3:00, so Patty may
21 need a break, so we may take a break from the times that
22 we take your comments.

23 Obviously this is a really important
24 matter. A lot of you are here and I know throughout the
25 day there will be other people coming, so I hope you

1 don't mind if I try to recognize and permit everybody to
2 speak once before you speak a second time, because we
3 will be here for a while, but if you don't mind, I would
4 like everybody to have the opportunity to speak once
5 before they speak twice.

6 You know, we have been to three other
7 islands, O'ahu, Maui and Moloka'i. Passion, people have
8 spoke with passion, but everybody has been extremely
9 respectful and courteous, and we have really greatly
10 appreciated that, and everybody has listened to each
11 other's mana'o.

12 So I look forward to hearing from this
13 community. I would like to begin. Many of you have
14 signed up, we do have the cards. I will call out the
15 person whose, the name that we have, and then I will also
16 call up the next person so you will know in advance that
17 you will be called up.

18 After everybody has spoken, if there are
19 others who want to speak, you are going to be welcome to
20 come up and speak as well.

21 If you, after everybody has spoken if you
22 would prefer just to give your comments to Patty by
23 yourself, that is okay too, and we will permit that as
24 soon as the public portion of taking everybody's comments
25 we've completed.

1 But, again, we will be here until 3:00, so
2 even if we are pau taking everybody's comments, please
3 let your 'ohana and the community know, if you come here
4 at 2:55, we will still be here.

5 Okay. So with that, I'm going to start.
6 The first person who signed up I have Sharla Manley, and
7 then the second person is Sally Kaye.

8 So Sharla? Not here? Okay. We will take
9 her, she can come back.

10 So, Sally, if we could get Sally to come
11 up, and then after Sally is John Ornellas.

12 SALLY KAYE: Aloha Lana'i.

13 I have to say that I think this process is
14 a sham. A typical Programmatic EIS, from what I've read,
15 is used when an agency wants to develop projects across
16 multiple states, like California through Wyoming, to
17 establish comprehensive policies, practices and
18 programmatic level mitigation guidance for multiple
19 development entities and often unknown sites.

20 That makes sense, this does not. In our
21 case there are only one or two known developers, one or
22 two known projects, and one or two known sites. So this
23 is either a scheme to pay out as much recovery AARA
24 monies as possible, which is our tax dollars, before it
25 disappears, it's a stalling tactic in give Moloka'i time

1 to get on board, or it's a means to avoid answering
2 project-specific concerns and questions while moving the
3 process down the road in a way that too much money will
4 have already been spent to stop and it will be too late
5 to explore any other option.

6 HECO has said that, quote, this is a
7 time-sensitive project in which all essential components
8 must proceed in parallel in a planned and coordinated
9 fashion for the project to succeed.

10 If this is true, why can't we ask project
11 specific questions now? You know where these giant
12 turbines will go, you know that without the cable there
13 will be no wind power plant, and without the turbines
14 there will be no cable. Why is it so time sensitive? We
15 have been in this pickle since at least the 1970s when I
16 and everyone else queued up for gas. Since then O'ahu
17 continues to grow and grow and grow.

18 So please specifically identify why this
19 programmatic EIS was required, who made the decision and
20 what it cost me and my fellow taxpayers.

21 A Moloka'i speaker talked about a coal
22 plant built in the New Mexico area to send energy to LA.
23 Why? Because the air quality was so bad in LA they
24 couldn't afford to build one there. So in transferring
25 power across several states they lost 30 percent of the

1 power along the way and ruined the air quality in the
2 four corners area instead.

3 It is not Lana'i and Moloka'i's
4 responsibility to keep air conditioning running on O'ahu.
5 And if we are not careful, we will be nothing more than
6 an industrial outpost. O'ahu is like LA, it is living an
7 unsustainable lifestyle and O'ahu is not being told to
8 cut back, we are being asked to enable it. We on the
9 neighbor islands tend to live within our means. We've
10 banned plastic bags. When will O'ahu do this?

11 So please identify the concrete mandatory
12 measures that will achieve your conservation goals for
13 O'ahu. Putting tips to encourage energy reduction on
14 your website is not going to cut it.

15 My final request to you for today is that
16 you provide the comparison cost in kilowatt hours of
17 using each and every renewal option to meet your
18 voluntary goals that does not have the potential to
19 slaughter our Ua'u and our bats, does not desecrate our
20 view planes and will not force our game to migrate away
21 from the noise, lights and constant vibrations these
22 giant structures would bring.

23 As PUC Commissioner Leslie Kondo said,
24 quote, There are numerous renewable energy options that
25 should be considered in a comprehensive manner before the

1 commission allows HECO to commit the state to an energy
2 pact that is neither prudent nor in the public interest.

3 Malama pono Lana'i.

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you. I'm sorry, it's
5 my mistake, Sharla had sent us an e-mail on behalf of two
6 other individuals.

7 So Kaulana Kahoohalahala and after that
8 Matthew Mano.

9 KAULANA KAHOOHALAHALA: Aloha. My name is
10 Kaulana Pomaikaikamakaniokalani Kahoohalahala and my
11 genealogy goes back many generations on this island. The
12 ahupua'a of Ka'a and Paoma'i provide for me and my family
13 as it did for my father and my grandfather who taught me
14 how to fish, hunt, and malama natural and cultural
15 resources in the traditional way. This was passed down
16 from my great grandfather Tutu Pili, and I am teaching
17 these practices to my son. This project will destroy our
18 way of life.

19 I depend on these ahupua'as to put food on
20 my table, to support my wife and my two children, and
21 maintain my family's connection to the land. The
22 majority of our diet comes from the sheep, deer, fresh
23 fish and foods unique to that area. Me and my family's
24 emotional and spiritual well being is tied to the well
25 being of these resources. The entire coastline

1 surrounding Ka'a and Paoma'i is our life source. I have
2 seen how development on the land damages the ocean on
3 this island.

4 Some damages has an impact on my family's
5 well being. Your study must look at this and how the
6 project will affect each, each of these things at all
7 stages of construction through operation of the project
8 and also after the turbines are no longer running.

9 You need to study how the project will
10 affect access throughout ahupua'a of Ka'a and Paoma'i.
11 There are trails that we use to get to the ocean to
12 gather fish and, yeah, to gather fish. There are
13 specific trails that we use for hunting and there are
14 other trails that we use to access our cultural sites,
15 like fishing ko'a and sites for spiritual purposes.

16 How will these access ways remain open to
17 us if this project goes through. This project will
18 change the area forever. What happens when the turbines
19 stop running? Will we have to live with the remains of
20 holes filled with concrete three stories deep in the
21 ground for each turbine? How will these damages be
22 repaired? How will you guys clean up the mess after you
23 guys pau? I need answers to these questions for my
24 children and future generations.

25 As Ka'a and Paoma'i support me and my

1 family and community, I support and care for Ka'a and
2 Paoma'i. I've worked on projects to restore the dry land
3 forest at Kanepu'u Preserve. I practically lived there
4 growing up. Your study must answer these questions, how
5 will this project affect the dry land forest?

6 It is my kuleana to make sure that all the
7 cultural sites are not damaged or affected. How will
8 your project affect these sites? Do not allow them to
9 desecrate our 'aina, my home, and my life.

10 FACILITATOR: Mahalo. The next person we
11 have is John Ornellas and then Christine Costales.

12 No, Matt, I think he had given his comment
13 earlier. I think he had to leave.

14 JOHN ORNELLAS: Pretty powerful, Kaulana.

15 I just have a few questions. You know,
16 the EIS, the Programmatic EIS, where does Castle & Cooke
17 fit on this? Is it after the last one when finished,
18 that's when Castle & Cooke will start their EIS, or do
19 they start it now and run it parallel with that, because
20 we're, we are getting misinformation from everybody,
21 including the state, as far as where we fit in this
22 process.

23 We know Castle & Cooke is proceeding.
24 They started their EIS and stopped it, but they are going
25 to start it up again, but we don't know when they are

1 going to start it.

2 So if within the next couple months, let's
3 say, if a barrel of oil goes up to, or back up to \$150,
4 does Mr. Murdock go to the Governor and demand a state of
5 emergency where all this stuff just gets thrown out the
6 window and we get it shoved down our throat anyways? He
7 tried to do that when it was 150 bucks back when the
8 solar farm, he demanded the Governor to decree a state of
9 emergency.

10 As part of the alternative energy, why
11 hasn't, for instance, I mean, something simple as I know
12 O'ahu has H power plants and they are trying to expand
13 theirs, so shouldn't our trash maybe be worth something
14 to O'ahu? So why aren't they looking at that as an
15 alternative? Come and grab our trash, come and grab
16 Moloka'i's trash and send it to O'ahu so we don't have to
17 spend money on building a new landfill, which is just
18 around the corner here on Lana'i.

19 Why isn't nuclear power not discussed when
20 you are talking about providing power to O'ahu? I mean,
21 they have got the Navy bases, they know how to handle
22 reactors. Of course, the reactors nowadays are a lot
23 smaller, more efficient, a lot safer than they were 30
24 years ago. So why can't they talk, why can't in your EIS
25 also discuss that issue on why it's not, why it is or why

1 it's not feasible to have that over on O'ahu?

2 And I think one of the most important
3 things to Lana'i is we don't even know what the impacts
4 are here. That has never been, it's never been brought
5 out as far as what the impacts are. So when the company
6 released a benefits package in the newspaper, yeah, we
7 still don't know what the impacts are from this project
8 here on this island.

9 So I think it was premature for Castle &
10 Cooke to release a benefits package only because they
11 hadn't released what the impacts are going to be, and
12 because this is connected to Lana'i at a power station
13 probably on the north end by Polihua Beach, that should
14 be a question asked as far as impacts. What is that
15 going to do for that part of the island as well as the
16 social and economic impacts here for the island and the
17 people. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Mahalo. We have Christine,
19 and after Christine we have Warren Osako.

20 CHRISTINE COSTALES: Aloha. My name is
21 Christine Costales and I was raised most of my childhood
22 years here on Lana'i.

23 I wanted to go through something that I
24 found from five years ago in the May 26, 2005
25 Congressional Record from Senator Lamar Alexander, and

1 it's a long report, but I'm just going to highlight
2 things that he said as far as researching the facts on
3 windmills, and here are some of the facts that he had
4 gathered.

5 These giant windmills are being built
6 primarily because of a huge federal taxpayer subsidy.
7 Okay. Once those tax credits expire, taxpayers would
8 likely have to pay most of the tab for the higher cost of
9 the power. These windmills may be huge but they don't
10 produce much power.

11 Another line he says, They only work when
12 the wind blows the right speed, which is less than 20 to
13 40 percent of the time, and customers need their
14 electricity almost all of the time.

15 He goes on to say, Since windy ridge tops
16 are not usually where the largest number of people live,
17 windmills are likely to be built away from population
18 centers and, therefore, require the building of miles of
19 new transmission lines through neighborhoods and
20 communities.

21 So these oversized windmills produce a
22 puny amount of unreliable power in a way that costs more
23 than coal or nuclear power, requires new transmission
24 lines, must be subsidized by massive federal tax breaks,
25 and in my view destroys the landscape.

1 So he goes on to say, Wind doesn't fit the
2 bill. It is a high cost, unreliable supply of energy.

3 So would I be standing here if I still
4 worked for Castle & Cooke? Probably not. I stand here
5 in witness to those who still work for Castle & Cooke and
6 who are afraid of losing their jobs if they stand and
7 protest this plan, knowing in their heart that they don't
8 want it.

9 Each island should be responsible for
10 their natural resources, like the old ways of the
11 ahupua'a, from the mountain to the sea. O'ahu does not
12 belong in our ahupua'a so they shouldn't take it from
13 here. It is not pono. It should be taken from their own
14 resources and you've heard it time and time again. It
15 should start from there.

16 Educate those people, but don't brainwash
17 Lana'i residents into thinking that the benefit package
18 is a gift because I don't want it. It will only be a
19 piece of paper with signatures and a deadline that would
20 be sooner than you think.

21 Hawai'i is the world's endangered species
22 capital. We don't have the great land mass as the
23 continental USA. We are struggling to keep whatever
24 natural resources we have left. The many native species,
25 rare and endangered, and the island itself would be put

1 into jeopardy.

2 If this power is going to a military
3 installation, you are also placing Lana'i in harms way.
4 You will be putting our lives in danger as we will most
5 likely be a target for any enemy attack that is providing
6 service to a military base.

7 So in closing I say this from the Bible,
8 The wicked man does deceptive work, but he who sows
9 righteousness will have a sure reward. Proverbs 11:18.

10 FACILITATOR: Warren Osako and then after
11 that is Priscilla Felipe.

12 WARREN OSAKO: Hi. Being this is, well,
13 an environmental thing, basically that's what I want to
14 talk about.

15 First of all, although it was made public
16 in the newspaper, you know, technology goes on, and while
17 this is going on now, they are proposing a bigger
18 turbine. And it was funny when they had the meeting
19 about the agreement between Hawaiian Electric and
20 Castle & Cooke, of course they said they are giving stuff
21 back to the community, but they never mentioned that they
22 are using this bigger turbine.

23 And just to give you an idea now, the
24 bigger turbine is taller than the one proposed before,
25 which was going to be between 410 feet to 415 feet. I

1 forgot to bring the conversions, but just to give you an
2 idea of the size of the newer turbines, the rotor alone,
3 which are the blades and the hub of the propeller, weighs
4 95 pounds, and this is downloaded from the Siemens
5 website.

6 The nacelle, which contains the generator,
7 is 125 tons, so you are going to have, up there on the
8 top of the tower, 220 tons. What kind of foundation is
9 needed to support this in the winds that we have here?
10 What is going to happen to the soil and the rocks that
11 they dig up to put in this tons of concrete and rebar
12 that's going to support one tower?

13 During the construction phase they are
14 going to have to dig this up, put in the foundations,
15 they are going to have all this soil and rock, besides
16 all the road improvements. If we have the kind of rains
17 that we had recently while they are doing this, where is
18 all this loose soil going to end up? In our ocean.

19 And I've been out in the area recently,
20 last week, and after it rains you should see all the
21 vegetation that is growing. Most of us only see it when
22 it's all dried up, and it's actually amazing. I've lived
23 here all my life and I have never really been there
24 during the time when it's growing. I'm even amazed that
25 way down by the coast where it's the driest, after there

1 is rain there's even little ferns growing.

2 And, you know, they say they can start a
3 fund so that if, if in case this project goes belly up
4 after 10, 15, 20 years, they can start a fund to clean it
5 up. How are they going to put all this soil and rock
6 that they dug up to build the foundation back to where it
7 was, and what is going to happen to the tons and tons, we
8 are talking multiple hundreds of thousands of tons of
9 concrete and rebar by the time they are done with the
10 project, what are they going to do with that? Are they
11 going to take it away or are they just going to leave it
12 there? They might be able to remove the towers and the
13 generation of propellers and all of that, but what is
14 going to happen to the tons of concrete and rebar?

15 And the other thing is they say, oh, yeah,
16 you can go hunting and all that, but now the rumors are
17 flying, and these are rumors that Castle & Cooke will not
18 renew the cooperative game management agreement with the
19 state. So residents of Lana'i, that means you may still
20 be able to go hunting, but you might have to pay.

21 And then already, you know, everybody has
22 heard about outsourcing, right, companies moving
23 operations to foreign countries, and Lana'i is already in
24 that state because we now have a company here called
25 Hawai'i Land and Livestock. They're already taking over

1 the sporting place operation, the stables, they have
2 already built a corral and stuff down in Paoma'i, there
3 are rumors that they are going to take over the hunting
4 operation. So where will that leave the residents of
5 Lana'i?

6 And the other thing they mentioned in the
7 benefits packages, they will maintain the employment rate
8 at today's rate, which was what, a month ago or whatever.
9 And somebody mentioned, oh, they employ 600 people. Were
10 600 people employed at that time that they said we will
11 maintain the employment at today's rate?

12 It's just some things for the people of
13 Lana'i to think about. Thank you.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you. The next is
15 Priscilla Felipe and after Priscilla is Joseph Felipe.

16 PRISCILLA FELIPE: I've been a resident
17 here for over 50 years. As I look around, I don't see
18 many of our hotel employees, which we have over 500 that
19 work in the resorts. We are here so we need to help to
20 keep our economy on Lana'i. If we don't do something,
21 what's going to happen to our people, over 500 of them?
22 And like they said, we are now slowly having those be
23 laid off or another company comes in. We need to think
24 what we're going to do.

25 If it benefits us, by all means, move

1 forward. We need to think of our employees, and if it
2 benefits us, like I said, why not. Otherwise give us
3 alternatives. What else do we have?

4 I respect the people, I respect the
5 culture, I respect the land, but by all means, tell us
6 what then. Give us answers. We want to know what to do.

7 We're looking at our future, our children,
8 and their children children. We are at the age where we
9 are going to retire, you know. So like I said, what
10 then. Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: We have Joseph and then
12 after Joseph, Gerald Rabam. Okay.

13 JOSEPH FELIPE: Good morning everyone out
14 there.

15 Again, it's disappointing that we don't
16 see really a cross-section of our Lana'i community.

17 First I want to introduce myself. My name
18 is Joseph Felipe. I have been a resident here for over
19 50 years. I've worked 33 years with the pineapple
20 plantation and currently 21 years with the hotel resort.
21 I think I've paid my dues as far as being a resident on
22 Lana'i and have worked in many community projects and
23 served at the school, at church, and in other cases on
24 Lana'i to bring about a good living environment.

25 I currently am the unit chairman of the

1 Lana'i ILWU that represents both resort and unfortunately
2 some of our officers from 2401, which we met, and, again,
3 I expressed the membership what their feelings of
4 concern.

5 Before I continue I want to again say that
6 I appreciate all the comments that have come before me,
7 that we are concerned with everything that you have
8 stated. We respect the culture, we respect the island,
9 we respect the 'aina, and you have mentioned that the
10 gods within Lana'i definitely got to be respected and the
11 land got to be respected.

12 And I go one step higher that, you know,
13 God create the whole world for our use, and we are
14 caretakers of our world and especially our state and our
15 island. And the use is not to, I mean, we have been
16 given the right to use the land and the resources to
17 better our community, not only Lana'i, but the whole
18 state or our whole country if we can. We can become the
19 model of many places that are experiencing the same
20 problems that we are, especially dependency on fossil
21 fuel. And we have an opportunity to push a program that
22 will address that.

23 Now, I'd like to share a little history
24 with you, and let me place my paper down, I'm not
25 accustomed to speaking without a podium, but when I came

1 to Lana'i in 1955, I was a very young, handsome pineapple
2 picker, much slimmer, and I worked three years picking
3 pineapple, going to school, working during the summer,
4 going back to school, and one day this good looking
5 Lana'i girl, you know, she captured me, and so I have
6 been here ever since.

7 But through those years we built a family,
8 worked, as I say, 33 years in the pineapple fields,
9 started from the fields and fortunately was able to work
10 into different jobs and then into the management
11 administration and then with the assistant human resource
12 director.

13 So I am very familiar with the lifestyle
14 that we had during the pineapple days. The community was
15 a vibrant community. There was so much community
16 activities for both the young and the older group, our
17 bowling alley was open, there was lots of community, and
18 almost every weekend we had parties, and so there was a
19 lot of interaction. We shared among each other our
20 concern, so Lana'i was always there to help each other.

21 Today we are in a different position. Let
22 me fast forward a little bit. In 1955 when I arrive
23 here, the name Hawai'i Pineapple was changed to Dole
24 Company, so we carried the Dole label at that time.

25 In 1965 Dole ran into financial

1 difficulty, so they, and in 1975 we experienced a glut in
2 the pineapple industry. There were more plantations
3 going foreign so the world market got oversupplied and we
4 experienced almost the same down economy that we have
5 today.

6 So what happened, all the other companies,
7 Libby and Del Monte, they cut and closed their
8 plantations here in Hawai'i, went to foreign country,
9 Thailand, Philippines, Formosa, Mexico, and Castle &
10 Cooke, or Dole at that time, took over some of their
11 plantation and operation, both in Honolulu and on
12 Moloka'i.

13 However, because of the glut in the
14 pineapple industry in 1975, Dole went on the selling
15 block and got bought up by Castle & Cooke, and through
16 Castle & Cooke we were able to continue our plantation
17 operations.

18 However, the foreign pineapple continued
19 to influence the economy here and in 19 -- but let me
20 again insert something else here. So Castle & Cooke then
21 looked at the resorts, and in 1988 they started building
22 the two resorts that we have today.

23 Again, absorbed in all as much workers
24 that wanted to work in the resorts, so here we have the
25 transition from pineapple to resorts, and that really was

1 a lifesaver for us.

2 Now, through the years we have experienced
3 up and down yo-yo type of occupancy, and so our 600
4 employees have made good and, of course, experienced bad.

5 Today our economy is down. We have
6 approximately 600 workers there. There are very few
7 workers that work 40 hours a week. Most of the workers
8 work 30 hours a week. There is constant, constant
9 grievances about increasing the hours of work. Yet the
10 hotel continues to be open. There has been, within the
11 21 years of operation, a great, a great loss, which I
12 will not evaluate, but the hotel operation has been
13 operating at a loss.

14 Two years ago we worked with Castle &
15 Cooke, suspended our contract, we took two and a half
16 percent cut in our pay so that we can continue to
17 operate. This year we just got back what we lost, and in
18 January of this year we finally, workers in the hotel,
19 finally got a raise. So we continued to work with
20 Castle & Cooke with the Four Seasons Resort to maintain
21 the jobs that we have.

22 Now, why are we are in support at all of
23 the windmill. Well, if that will strengthen the Castle &
24 Cooke financial picture and will help to stabilize the
25 expense and keep Four Season operating, then by all means

1 we need to do that. Otherwise what alternative do we
2 have? There is no one here that is or have proposed jobs
3 or other industry.

4 And so with this in mind, this is the
5 stance that the ILWU has taken, that we support Castle &
6 Cooke in their endeavor provided that Lana'i benefits
7 from that. As far as the rest of the other issues that
8 have been brought up, I think we have the vehicle to
9 address them in the various EIS that are being scheduled
10 in the future.

11 So with that I ask you that you accept my
12 testimony today as the unit chairman of the ILWU and
13 their membership. Thank you.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you. The next person
15 we have is, is it Gerald? And then after Gerald, Beverly
16 Zigmond.

17 GERALD RABAM: Aloha. Thank you for
18 coming to Lana'i to listen to our concerns. My speech is
19 going to be approach.

20 Okay. You have all these bullets here,
21 but for the Environmental Impact Statement I want to know
22 if it's all completed and done in the following areas.

23 Where you guys going to connect the cable
24 and the power station at the source to supply the
25 windmills? Did you do a shoreline management survey,

1 what kind of limu is growing down there, because I go
2 down there once a year to go pick seaweed. Okay.

3 Are you aware of the different season at
4 Polihua where the turtles lay their eggs, the sand
5 shifts, how will that affect the cable and the unit that
6 you are going to have there, including our winter storms?

7 Okay. The other one, culture. How much
8 of the archeological sites that you have visit,
9 documented and made sure it is in comply. We don't want
10 another repeat of the Superferry. Right now there's news
11 yesterday I saw that you guys already have been blocked
12 for the rail. Okay.

13 So all these kind of stuff you guys got to
14 come and give it to this community. We need to know
15 that. You got malama pono the 'aina. Okay. The mana'o
16 with everybody on this island, the spirits stand as one.
17 Okay.

18 And speaking of the number one, this is
19 only one employer on this island. We all are in a
20 catch 22. We buy homes, we rent from Castle & Cooke, we
21 employed by Castle & Cooke. Yes, they take care us to a
22 certain degree, but we see the different filtering in our
23 community the past five years, layoff, rehire, layoff,
24 rehire.

25 You folks on the neighbor islands don't

1 feel that pain. Push paper. You guys push paper, but
2 where is the pono. Where is the common wisdom for the
3 'aina and the traditional value that we grew up?

4 I grew up in the fifties. I was
5 surrounded by different ethnic groups on the island of
6 O'ahu. I also got involved with the culture difference
7 in Laie. So I know what everybody shares here.

8 What about the turtles, how are the
9 turtles going to be affected? We are surrounded by
10 marine conservation. I hear a lot of the reports that I
11 read through the newspaper, Maui News, Star Bulletin, I'm
12 a news freak, but I listen carefully and reading between
13 the lines, a lot of the reports I hear is envision.
14 Envision what?

15 You have not give this community the
16 answer that they need to know so all this dissipate of
17 the problematic that has, that's going to be created in
18 the future. You folks are there in that office to
19 represent the people of Hawai'i, the taxpayer and the
20 voters of Hawai'i. Lana'i especially, okay, you got to
21 feel the mana'o, the spirit, what is pono for this
22 island.

23 Keomuku side, you guys aren't going to
24 touch Keomuku side, but you guys need to look at all
25 these things that we, we here, and Moloka'i, and all the

1 neighbor islands, fish for a living, sell to make income,
2 it all is a chain reaction. Okay. We love the outdoors.
3 Some of us were fortunate to get educated like you folks.
4 Others of us couldn't because the kala was not there.

5 We depend on you folks to come back and
6 tell the community of every individual island to present
7 in paper, so no more paper here, to tell us the PEIS is
8 completed. Your approach to our community and the
9 community throughout the state will make a big
10 difference.

11 Okay. The Hawaiian people have fought so
12 many years, now this is the next wave that's coming
13 behind, all the ethnic groups of individual islands and
14 communities coming forward to say enough is enough. Show
15 us the facts, get it completed, not this half ass
16 (another language inaudible.)

17 Okay. So if you can't answer me what you
18 are doing for the shifting of the sands at Polihua, where
19 the station going to be, you only have drawings, but is
20 it actually going to be there? You going to scrape the
21 flag, you scrape the skin that breathes life to the
22 island.

23 If the wind stop and the jet flow streams
24 up in the atmosphere decides to change because of global
25 warming, what is going to happen with all these things?

1 Is it going to be replaced by further technology coming
2 forth? You going to give answer? Let's say 20 years the
3 windmill is no longer in use. Are you going to present
4 new technology and take those erected propellers? Come
5 on, guys. Common sense. Where is the mana'o, the
6 spirit, the pono. You need to get emotionally involved
7 with the community.

8 That's my speech to you. It's how you
9 approach the people of Hawai'i. We are taxpayers. We
10 footing the bill. We have one employer on the island.
11 Like the Three Dog Night, one is a lonely number. Sure.
12 One service station, one car rental, one employer, one
13 Maui Electric.

14 I hope you got the picture. But all one
15 cents add up, especially if you get your hours cut. It's
16 not funny. Majority of all of us in this room, one or
17 the other owns or rent. Okay. State doesn't have enough
18 employment for this island, county doesn't have enough
19 employment for this island, it's Castle & Cooke.

20 Yeah, I'm all for green, but so how you
21 guys approach this community to convince us. All of this
22 diagrams and everything waha. Why? Because the back of
23 it, no more substance, like when you pound poi.

24 So, please, I ask you, give the community
25 the pono and the facts that they need to know. Mahalo.

1 FACILITATOR: Beverly, and then after
2 Beverly, Stephen Becker.

3 BEVERLY ZIGMOND: Aloha Lana'i, and nice
4 to see you gentlemen again and Dawn.

5 My name is Beverly Zigmond and I just have
6 to say it's always hard, Jerry is a hard act to follow.

7 Okay. So, anyway, my name is Beverly
8 Zigmond, and I have been a resident of Lana'i for nearly
9 20 years. I am opposed to this proposed wind generating
10 power plant on Lana'i.

11 I have specific concerns and questions
12 about this EIS EA, and you heard them on Maui the other
13 day, but I am going to have to repeat them for the
14 benefit of those in the audience and just to make sure
15 everybody gets it.

16 The federal and state environmental impact
17 laws require a study of alternatives, which are painfully
18 absent from this document. The choices are big wind or
19 nothing. This needs to be addressed. Could this
20 possibly be a quick rich scheme to get recovery money?
21 Perhaps the project should be called going greed.

22 Why is there no discussion of reduction in
23 demand, like conservation, particularly on the part of
24 O'ahu who will benefit from the exploitation of the outer
25 islands?

1 At the Maui meeting on Wednesday there was
2 a gentleman who works in the renewable energy field and
3 even he stated that the first they looked at is a
4 reduction in demand. Are we talking green greed here?

5 If we are truly so concerned about
6 reducing our dependence on foreign oil, why are we not
7 looking at food security, growing our own food, producing
8 our own milk, instead of having everything shipped from
9 the mainland, or even worse, from foreign countries? If
10 we stop importing, let's say, asparagus, or other food
11 from Central America, South America, Mexico, Canada, the
12 savings in oil would appreciably contribute to the
13 reduction in demand for oil.

14 There is a glaring conflict of interest in
15 having the applicant here and the accepting authority
16 being one and the same. Hmm, I'm really curious about
17 that one.

18 Nowhere does the document address these
19 cable issues. Who will own it, what will it cost, and
20 who is going to pay for it?

21 This document refers to decommissioning,
22 yet it does not discuss what will be required from the
23 developer, like will they be required to remove the
24 approximate 1100 cubic yards of cement in the foundation
25 of each of these turbines? Will the 60-foot diameter

1 holes be refilled?

2 And let's talk about the beginning when
3 these holes are dug. Each hole large enough to fit
4 three, that's three double-decker buses, how is this soil
5 going to be disposed of? What about the runoff?

6 And nowhere is the issue of water
7 addressed. That's a lot of water for a lot of cement.
8 What is the source of water for this project?

9 Nowhere is the issue of fire discussed.
10 What happens when one of these turbines catches fire?
11 And they do. There needs to be an in depth analysis of
12 the impacts on the Kanepu'u dry forest preserve. If
13 Moloka'i refuses to participate, what's going to happen?

14 A study recently done by Booz Allen at the
15 National Renewable Energy Lab Study discussed the
16 financial implications of this project. We, the
17 taxpayers, financed this, yet we haven't seen it.

18 The approximate one billion dollars of our
19 state money to be spent on this project will provide at
20 best 10 percent, that's 10 percent of O'ahu's
21 electricity. That money would be better spent providing
22 homes with solar heaters or photovoltaic systems, or any
23 number of other combinations.

24 And what part does the military play in
25 this? It cannot be a coincidence that the cable sites on

1 O'ahu are military related. And I used to be a
2 government contractor for the DOE, so I'm really curious.

3 And what about the cultural impact? The
4 people who spoke today, as well as the young Hawaiians
5 who spoke at the Maui meeting, shared in great detail the
6 wealth of cultural sites as well as cultural importance
7 that the proposed Lana'i site has. It was even referred
8 to as a Bishop Museum without walls.

9 You are willing to destroy this for huge
10 profits for a mainland developer, maybe a 150 to 200
11 million dollars annually. Green greed again. Don't
12 settle for a limited field study of the impacted area, it
13 requires a thorough analysis, not just given lip service.
14 And who conducts the study is just as important.

15 What about the marine, land and air
16 creatures, flora and fauna, who will be adversely
17 impacted, the endangered Hawaiian petrel, the humpback
18 whales, just to name a few.

19 And just a commentary I wanted to add
20 regarding jobs. I know everybody is real concerned about
21 jobs and economics right now. I work for a nonprofit.
22 Our funding is cut. I can totally identify with being
23 concerned about how we are going to put food on the
24 table.

25 I just want to point out to people,

1 though, that the jobs, if this project happens, is not
2 going to be for a few years. It's not going to pay
3 anybody's bills today or even next year or the year after
4 that. It's going to be grunt jobs for the locals. This
5 is what happens every place that windmills are erected,
6 it's grunt jobs for maybe a year. There is absolutely no
7 correlation between hotel jobs and this project.

8 One quarter of the island for maybe 20
9 jobs, which some will be technical at the very end. This
10 rapes our 'aina and prostitutes our people. The loss of
11 the land and our way of life will be permanent and
12 irrevocable and that means gone forever. Thank you.

13 FACILITATOR: Stephen Becker, and I know I
14 am going to pronounce this wrong, Othmar?

15 STEPHEN BECKER: Hi. I'm a new Lana'i
16 resident. We have owned the home for two years. We've
17 lived here since June. We love it here. We fell in love
18 with this island the very first day we came over on the
19 ferry, so this is really hard.

20 That they are even considering doing this
21 without thinking about what this is going to do to a
22 quarter of this island. We take everyone we know that
23 comes to visit to Garden of the Gods. We take bike rides
24 out there every possible morning we have. We call it
25 going to church.

1 It's irreversible. It's all over the
2 mainland, they know it's irreversible, they are shutting
3 them down in Oklahoma and Texas.

4 Our son wants to be able to take his kids,
5 he is in fourth grade, but he still thinks he wants to
6 take his kids there when he is older so he can show them
7 Polihua and he can walk for hours on a beach without
8 seeing another person. He is seeing turtles, all over
9 the place, manta rays, eagle rays mating.

10 I mean, where else can you see this, and
11 we are going to ruin it for what, a small amount of
12 energy for a small amount of time. I don't understand.

13 I had something written here, I just can't
14 even read. This is unbelievable. I mean, these people
15 here, and the people that would love to be here speaking
16 but work for Castle & Cooke and are afraid to speak their
17 minds, it's sad. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

19 The next speaker I have is Othmar. Am I
20 saying that wrong? O-t-h-m-a-r?

21 Ron McComber.

22 I believe the last of the previous name
23 was M-a-z-e-n-a-u-e-r? Is there anybody here with that?

24 Maybe they will come back.

25 RON McCOMBER: My name is Ron McComber.

1 I'm a 40-year resident of Lana'i.

2 First of all, I would like to thank you
3 folks for throwing away the three minutes because there
4 is no way that we could have said any of this stuff in
5 three minutes.

6 I'm the past president and still a member
7 of an organization called Lana'i for Sensible Growth. As
8 far as I know, we were the first people to challenge
9 Castle & Cooke through an MOA on their development of
10 their two hotels and the golf courses at Manele and at
11 Koele. Through those MOAs we had a myriad of agreements
12 with Castle & Cooke.

13 What bothers me about this organization
14 that's going on right now, this deal that's being made
15 with Castle & Cooke and you folks, how do we know they
16 will keep their promise? To this day they are still
17 stealing our water from the high level aquifer to water
18 the golf course at Manele. They still have not done the
19 right things at Manele to stop the park from flooding
20 during monsoon areas, monsoon times. We just had one
21 about three weeks ago, flooded the whole park, because
22 they won't take the berm out of it as part of their
23 agreement of the MOA.

24 I have a hard time standing here and
25 saying that we can trust what they say. They are dealing

1 with you, we have to deal with them. What has happened
2 on Lana'i and what's about to happen on Lana'i, through
3 what Warren said and some other things that we have
4 heard, secret stuff, our hunting is about to be taken
5 away from us after 2012. They are going to eliminate it
6 so that there is no conflict down there in that area, and
7 they are going to give it to a private hunting
8 organization, which probably means the cowboys.

9 This is unacceptable. We probably in 26
10 weeks out of the year, monetarily for this island, we
11 make more money for the grocery stores and the small shop
12 keepers and the gas stations and the car rentals than
13 they do the other 26 weeks of the year. Two weekend, two
14 13 weekends, two 13 weeks of hunting, twice a year, 26
15 weeks, we have hunting on this island. It's about to
16 come to a screeching halt.

17 It will be devastating for this community
18 if this happens. Monetarily it has nothing to do with
19 the hotel folks. These hunters don't stay at the hotel,
20 they stay in town with guests and homeowners and
21 short-term rentals. So it has no affect on Four Seasons.

22 I'm sure Four Seasons would like to have
23 one of the guys carrying a buck through that, their
24 lobby, and string it up in the middle of their lobby and
25 clean it.

1 But what we have learned with Castle &
2 Cooke in the last 20 years was our MOA, brings me to very
3 much of a suspect that they will keep their promise to
4 this community.

5 This is not a very funny thing to think
6 about, folks. One quarter of our island will be taken
7 right out from underneath us, 22,000 acres. Of course,
8 if you read in the papers, on the 7th of January the
9 article said 18, 18,000 acres, 17,000 acres. Somebody
10 has to make up their mind what we are talking here
11 because it seems like every week we hear something new.

12 I hope you guys get your story straight
13 before you do your EIS and come back and talk to us. As
14 a matter of fact, I would like to have you here the 23rd
15 when they tell us what they are going to do about the
16 hunting. That will give you some hint of what's going
17 on.

18 All these local folks that were born and
19 raised here and have their roots here, I raised a
20 daughter from here, she is in Seattle, and she loves
21 Lana'i, but it's not going to be the Lana'i that we knew.

22 I worked for the plantation. I was a
23 tugboat operator at Kaumalapa'u. I was here when all the
24 Cocketts and everybody else was here. I love this place.

25 I decided to move here from southern

1 California and I haven't left since. Don't screw this
2 place up. Please don't screw this place up.

3 That's all I have to say. And thank you
4 folks for coming.

5 FACILITATOR: Mahalo, Ron.

6 The next person I have is Diane Preza and
7 then Pat Reilly.

8 DIANE PREZA: Good morning. Thank you. I
9 am Diane Preza. I am born and raised here on Lana'i and
10 I love this place. I am also native Hawaiian and I have
11 concerns, and I'll be brief.

12 Like I share the same sentiments as
13 Kaulana Kahooalahala that the island is important, the
14 land is important to us, so with that I have concerns
15 about the effects of runoff on coastal areas in the
16 ocean.

17 I'm concerned about the introduction of
18 alien species or the loss of native species.

19 Also will it set a precedent for later
20 developments. I have that concern.

21 And how will the project result in social
22 changes? The last time we had, when the hotels were
23 being built, there was a lot of money coming into the
24 island, a lot of drugs, and it altered the community
25 greatly. So I have those concerns.

1 Will the project affect the welfare of the
2 people by changing the living conditions? What happens,
3 Warren Osako talked about what's going to happen to all
4 the dirt? That's my concern. What happens when this
5 project is over with the dismantling and the restoration?
6 I have concerns about that.

7 And also about alternatives, I mean, what
8 else can we do, because we all talk about our kids, it's
9 not for us, it's for our kids. We want to be able to
10 share the area with our kids that's so precious, so is
11 there anything else we can do besides that? That's my
12 concern. That's all I have.

13 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Next Pat Reilly
14 and then Butch Gima.

15 PAT REILLY: Aloha Lana'i. Thank you for
16 coming to Lana'i on this beautiful day, and I hope our
17 guests spend some time going out there and taking a look
18 at it and come back and spend lots of time on the land.

19 I'm not going to go over many of the
20 comments. I think a little differently, as many of you
21 know, since tomorrow is the Super Bowl and I'm from
22 Pittsburg, sorry, I always feel like we are confronting
23 the Steelers front line where almost everybody appears,
24 from the President to Senator Inouye, everything I've
25 heard, they want this project to go.

1 The question I have is what legal, and I
2 am talking legal and binding rights do the residents of
3 all the O'ahu communities, Lana'i, wherever the impacts
4 are going to be on O'ahu, on Maui, this is about the
5 total island project, what rights do they have? We don't
6 get to vote on this project.

7 So I would ask in the Programmatic EIS
8 that there be some exploration of to the residents and
9 stakeholders, and I use that word stakeholders carefully
10 because we are taxpayers and ratepayers, what legal
11 rights and binding agreements do we have, if any at all?
12 We make input but we don't get to vote.

13 The second thing I'll say is I tend to
14 think of where, what do we want Lana'i to be 20 years
15 from now. Now if this project enhances our vision of
16 Lana'i 20 years from now for the children, some of you
17 have been my students, the children are going through
18 school, what vision do you have for the economic future
19 of Lana'i?

20 For me personally, this does not fit into
21 my vision. My vision is more of an ecocultural
22 restoration of the culture that's been here. I think
23 people from all over the world would come here to see
24 this and so let's not mess it up.

25 Now, the corporation may not make hundreds

1 of millions of dollars off that vision, but I think that
2 vision is a sustainable economic viable alternative to
3 keep our community sustainable.

4 The last thing, and I'm old enough to
5 remember the phrase follow the money. There is a Bill
6 before the legislature, Senate Bill 367, which, briefly,
7 allows the utility and the corporations to recover all
8 their funding from taxpayers and ratepayers.

9 So now I think about that. We will pay
10 for everything. We will pay their profits, their
11 guarantee. You follow the HEI thing on the Securities
12 and Exchange Commission, they are guaranteed ten percent
13 profit from certain fees. They are guaranteed eight
14 percent.

15 The taxpayers and ratepayers, and I'm
16 talking about Hawai'i, not just Lana'i, will pay for
17 everything. We pay for everything. So anything that
18 comes back to us, we already paid for it because it's all
19 coming out of our pockets as taxpayers or ratepayers for
20 the power.

21 Something I would, I'm asking in the
22 Programmatic EIS that there be a very detailed and
23 explicit iteration of funding, the sources of funding,
24 the distribution of funding, the profitability, and I
25 know these companies are private to some extent and they

1 will tell you it's not open, but we are paying for
2 everything, this is taxpayer funds, we have a right to
3 know that.

4 Where is the money going? Where is the
5 money coming from? We know where it's coming from,
6 coming from us. Where is the money going? If we are
7 saving billions of dollars on not purchasing fossil fuel,
8 where is the savings going? Are they going to give the
9 billions of dollars back to us? I don't think so. But
10 where are those savings going? How can they be used?

11 My own judgment is that this, and when we
12 are talking about all of these cables, we are talking
13 five billion, ten billion dollars at this time, the way I
14 look at it, that is not a prudent use of my money, of
15 taxpayer funds. I think there is a better use for five
16 or ten billion dollars, and by the time it gets done, I
17 think it will be higher.

18 So at least give us a chance, in clear
19 detail, about our fiduciary responsibility and the
20 funding of this to say, no, I don't think we want our
21 money spent that way. I think there are better
22 alternatives. And I would tend to agree that island by
23 island maybe we can create our own alternatives that are
24 appropriate to our island, to O'ahu. You would have to
25 show me, and probably it wouldn't make a difference, I'm

1 sorry, why connecting all these islands with cables is a
2 good deal for us.

3 Thank you very much.

4 FACILITATOR: Butch, and then after Butch,
5 come on up, Butch, and after Butch we are going to take a
6 little five-minute break to give Patty, the court
7 reporter, a little break.

8 BUTCH GIMA: Good morning. My name is
9 Butch Gima. I was born and raised on Lana'i. I'm a
10 board member of the Lanaians for Sensible Growth, and for
11 the record, Lanaians for Sensible Growth opposes the
12 proposed wind power plant project because we do not see
13 that the potential benefits outweigh the environmental,
14 cultural, natural beauty, social and economic impacts to
15 Lana'i and its community.

16 Now, as to this process, it is flawed.
17 Let me tell you why. How can you look at cumulative
18 impacts to a project for our state when you are not going
19 to take into account site specific impacts first?

20 Castle & Cooke has already stated, just a
21 couple of days ago, that they will not begin their site
22 specific EIS until this one is pau. So I have several
23 ways, several suggestions on how you may improve that.

24 Oh, before, before that, I agree with what
25 Beverly said earlier about the absence of alternatives

1 being considered in this process. In your documents you
2 state that no action is one of the alternatives. I think
3 that's a misnomer. That is not an alternative, that's
4 the status quo.

5 So you need to include in there, as Bev
6 said, alternatives about conservation, OTEC, geothermal,
7 and as John had mentioned, nuclear power, wave, ocean
8 current, in order to make this a viable EIS document.

9 Now, is there a way to improve the process
10 based on what you guys have to work with?

11 AECOM, it's your responsibility to come to
12 Lana'i to, one, justify our protection issue by talking
13 to our fire department.

14 Number two: AECOM, it's your
15 responsibility to come to Lana'i, meet with the Lana'i
16 Water Company and the Lana'i Water Advisory Committee to
17 talk about water access out in that area, not only for
18 mixing of the concrete, but also for fire protection, for
19 the ground fire protection, because if there is a
20 windmill fire, you are going to have to use nonwater
21 sources to put that fire out.

22 Number three: AECOM, I think you need to
23 be very specific in your document about decommissioning
24 issues, its coordination and funding of decommissioning
25 the proposed wind power plant.

1 Number four: AECOM needs to come to the
2 community, talk with various members of the community in
3 terms of impacts on our view planes, our view planes from
4 the city to the proposed site, our view planes from the
5 site to O'ahu and Moloka'i. I think it's imperative that
6 you do a cross-section visual in terms of looking at the
7 elevation of Lana'i City, the 1700 foot elevation at the
8 project site, putting up the proposed windmills and then
9 showing the different lines of site and what it will look
10 like, because the developer has already said, Oh, you are
11 not going to see very much of the proposed windmills.
12 That's bullshit.

13 I think AECOM needs to also include in
14 their document an aerial view in terms of the view planes
15 because people are going to be flying over Lana'i. And
16 you need a 3-D view, meaning viewing the whole site from
17 Polihua, from the west, from the east, from the north,
18 from the south, in order to capture the impact of the
19 view planes the project will have on our community and
20 our island.

21 Number five: AECOM, you need to come back
22 to the community and talk to people who use the area,
23 especially down at Polihua, in terms of what impact the
24 inverter station, the proposed inverter station, will
25 have on that area and its use.

1 Number six: AECOM, you need to come back
2 to the community and talk to the community about how this
3 project potentially will split the community and what
4 impact it will have on our way of life.

5 Number seven: AECOM, you need to come
6 back to the community and talk to the community, and
7 specifically the business owners and Castle & Cooke, on
8 what impact the proposed improvements to Kaumalapa'u
9 Harbor will have on operations and how it is used
10 recreationally.

11 Number eight: AECOM, you need to study
12 the potential noise impacts of not just one windmill or
13 wind turbine, but potentially the total noise decibel
14 level of 170 wind turbines, and you need to study it at
15 the site, right under the turbine, you need to study it
16 say half a mile, a mile, and all the way into the city.

17 Number nine: AECOM, you need to, you need
18 to demonstrate in the document what causal relationship
19 this project will have on the decrease in fossil fuel
20 used on Lana'i.

21 The developers have made representations
22 that there will be a decrease in fossil fuel used as a
23 result of this project, and we know that's bullshit too.

24 And also demonstrate what would be the
25 causal relationship between this proposed project and the

1 decrease in electric rates for our community.

2 Number ten: AECOM, you need to include in
3 this document not only the noise study but the flicker
4 impacts it will have on our community and the users in
5 that area, and it needs to show the flicker rates at,
6 from different times of the day based on which, which way
7 the sun is shining and orientation.

8 It's going to differ if you are in the
9 west, and if it's a winter sun it will be different than
10 if you are looking at it from the south and it's a summer
11 sun.

12 Number 11: AECOM, you need to look at the
13 current zoning designation of state land conservation
14 district and see if this project meets the intent of what
15 conservation means.

16 Number 12: AECOM, you need to come and
17 talk to the community and the developer and address
18 community relationship dynamics between the community and
19 the developer, and specifically how this proposed project
20 may exacerbate that.

21 Number 13: AECOM, in the document you
22 need to state the significance of intermittent power of
23 this proposed project versus using an alternative power
24 source that is firm.

25 Lastly, there needs to be in this document

1 and process a no go criteria. Without it you make the
2 information and the search for the information fit your
3 paradigm, especially since there are no other
4 alternatives identified.

5 You have a huge task in front of you, and
6 I hope that you take the suggestions of all of us so you
7 can make this process a good one, one that will respect
8 our community and its needs and not just do it because
9 you guys are getting paid good money by the developer and
10 the State of Hawai'i. Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: If you don't mind, we are
12 going to take a little five-minute break, and after that
13 Auntie Winnie, then Donna. Thank you so very much.

14 (At 12:07 p.m. a break was taken.)

15 (Back on the record at 12:23 p.m.)

16 FACILITATOR: We have about six more
17 speakers. If you haven't signed up, there will be an
18 opportunity. Please, either you can sign up or I will
19 take you after the last speaker. Mahalo.

20 Please come back in. Everybody was
21 thoughtful to listen to all the speakers, so please come
22 back.

23 There's some water and there is some
24 wonderful scones up here. Please help yourself. Maybe
25 not too many scones left. You snooze, you lose. But

1 please come help yourself.

2 Okay. We're going to come back. The next
3 speaker we have is Auntie Winnie Basques and then after
4 that Donna Stokes. Mahalo.

5 Auntie Winnie.

6 WINNIE BASQUES: Thank you. Hi. My name
7 is Winnie Basques, B-a-s-q-u-e-s. Got it?

8 I hate to say it, I not in favor of it.
9 You know why? Who is going to foot the bill? Who is
10 going to go and take care and maintain that windmill?

11 And did you get the permit from the
12 employer engineer to do this project? And where is it
13 going, Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, is the military going to
14 take over?

15 And Lana'i is the only island is a whale
16 sanctuary, and that's a conservation area. How are you
17 going to do that? Are you folks going to dredge
18 underneath the ocean? That's on the ahapui (ph) side.

19 And, furthermore, it seems that Lana'i
20 people have no voice. You folks come, you folks go, we
21 don't see no palapala, no minutes, nothing.

22 Do you folks propose the legislature too
23 as well? That question hasn't been answered and people
24 is wondering why this is going on, especially on Lana'i.

25 Ka'a is a nice place and I going to tell

1 you something I am, I'm a hunter. My husband is a
2 fisherman as well as hunter. We go out there to go get
3 food for the table for the people to eat.

4 Lana'i is the only island, I do not know,
5 you can question me on that, that can live off the land
6 from the mountain to the ocean. You got garden, you can
7 eat. You cannot starve on this island.

8 But have you folks ever gone to the
9 library and see the Reflections of Lana'i, the video? It
10 will tell you what goes on in the history of Keomuku.
11 There are kupunas whose lived Keomuku and above that this
12 will grow watermelon, pumpkin and papaya and whatever.
13 They did not have no money. They would take them to, put
14 it on the boat and go to Lahaina to sell the food that
15 they had to bring back what they need.

16 See when you go fishing, when you have
17 lots of fish -- do you folks go fishing? Hello?

18 You folks go fishing? What kind of fish
19 you get? Uhu, palani, kole, maiko, manini, you name it.
20 Okay?

21 When you throw net, nothing in
22 conservation area now, regular area outside the ocean,
23 you have maybe four to five different fish. What you do
24 with that fish. Do you throw it back to migrate again
25 for the next season coming around or do you bring it to

1 your family and you share with your friends?

2 That is what is all about, fishing. To
3 fish you have to get a lot of time down at the ocean.
4 But, you know, I have a friend, he passed away already,
5 from Big Island, he say when you go fishing, you don't
6 say nothing. All he have to tell his wife is that he
7 going holoholo. When you go out fishing, you don't eat,
8 you don't sleep, you don't even talk to nobody. You
9 concentrate on what are you doing.

10 So when people come over here, are you
11 folks concentrating on what we are saying to you folks?
12 Because why? People going to be suffering, especially
13 when you get down to Ka'a. 170 turbines? How long is
14 one blade? Will it come off the barge and will it have a
15 special truck to bring it up one by one? And who is
16 going to maintain that and who is going to make the road?
17 You folks need to have inspectors to make the road. I
18 know because my husband was an inspector for the highway
19 for 29 years.

20 Now think about it, you propose to be
21 taking away mother nature. Even when you was here the
22 last time, the wind was blowing and everything. Hey, we
23 born and raised with mother nature. She feeds us, air,
24 sun, moon, light, whatever, but the thing is that come
25 down to the nitty-gritty, you supposed to think about the

1 people who lives on Lana'i. We survivors. We can
2 survive to the next year or whatever, but the thing is
3 that, look at what is ahead. Is they only out to make
4 money, the kala?

5 Who is going to be having the kala in
6 pocket? Not us. The gasoline, \$5 per gallon. We have
7 only one gasoline station. You know, several months ago
8 the Maui News, newspaper, 400 megawatts, Moloka'i and
9 Lana'i. \$153 for Lana'i, Moloka'i only \$5 difference.
10 Why are you folks connected, Moloka'i, Maui and Lana'i,
11 the three small islands, to the big island, which it
12 should be around the other way.

13 Honolulu has so much lights, it's a pig.
14 Yes, it's good to be safety, but the thing is that this
15 three island not going to benefit nothing. I have
16 friends on Moloka'i, they said, no, a'ole. A'ole pilikia
17 means, no, we don't need it. Pilikia means problems,
18 trouble.

19 But who is going to maintain the blades as
20 well as digging the ground which you need backhoe and
21 stuff to do that? What company will come and do that?
22 Do they have their permit as well?

23 You know, think about it. Questions has
24 been not answered, and we do not have no follow-up on any
25 minutes that you folks came. Where are the minutes? Are

1 they in, filed in the rubbish can, or is it out there
2 somewhere that's hidden in a file cabinet?

3 You know, I talking from here. It's
4 coming up from here. But you know what is inspiring me?
5 The man up there. He telling me to tell you folks what
6 it's all about. And I hate to say it, I don't like it
7 one bit and I opposed to it.

8 But if you folks have the gumption, think
9 about it. These people here on the island, we don't need
10 it. Mother nature takes care of us, always, rain, sun
11 and wind. You talk about issues that involves everybody.
12 Where is the 3,000 people on this island? They are
13 working, two jobs, three jobs, to make ends meet. Why?
14 Jerry say, if you talk about C & C, you are going to be
15 penalized. Either you can get job or no job at all,
16 they're going to foreclose your home, you got to move off
17 island. Why? Because we have only one man who controls
18 the whole thing.

19 But I hate to say, last and one thing
20 only, I did not work for him. I work for the State of
21 Hawai'i, and I'm proud to say, I am very proud of doing
22 it. Why? Because I like to help people. But when this
23 kind stuff comes here, it has to be stopped. Pono,
24 a'ole, period. I hate to say that. And Mahalo.

25 FACILITATOR: Mahalo, Auntie Winnie.

1 The next person is Donna Stokes and then
2 after Donna is Robin Kaye.

3 DONNA STOKES: Thank you. Hello. I'm
4 Donna Stokes, and I'm not used to talking on a
5 microphone, so I keep moving it.

6 But anyhow, a lot of people ask us what do
7 we do on Lana'i. The answer is, on Lana'i we don't have
8 the night life and the city lights. What we do for
9 enjoyment and what we have is priceless. You cannot put
10 a price on the untouched beauty of our island and the
11 peace and quiet of this place. That's what we have and
12 that's why we choose to live here.

13 The area that you want to develop is one
14 of our favorite areas for camping, fishing, gathering,
15 hunting, and even studying the stars, or what some of you
16 call star gazing. There's not too many places that we
17 can find areas like that where you can actually see the
18 stars. It's because we don't have those city lights.

19 Look at every north shore on every island,
20 yeah. You have Waimea, Sunset and Haleiwa on the north
21 shore of O'ahu. You have Haena and Hanalei on Kauai.
22 What do you think about those places? Beautiful, right?
23 Beautiful, untouched areas.

24 Over here our north shore is the Ka'a
25 ahupua'a, the area where you want to put those windmills.

1 It's just like all the other north shores
2 on all the other islands. It's an area with the most
3 beautiful white sand beaches. I don't think you know
4 that because you don't live here so you don't get to
5 frequent those areas. It has the most magnificent scenic
6 views. Right, everybody, the views?

7 It's also an area of abundance. The north
8 shore is so untouched, that's where we gather, it's
9 abundant, a lot of fish, a lot of food.

10 The one big difference between those
11 islands' north shores and ours is our island is a tiny
12 island. It's small. O'ahu has lots of land. Maui and
13 Kauai, a lot of land. But Lana'i is limited. It's very
14 small.

15 The Ka'a ahupua'a is our backyard. It's
16 right there. It only takes a few minutes to get there,
17 to get there from our residential area. It's not like
18 O'ahu and Maui where you can drive or you have to drive
19 miles and miles and miles to get to the country. That
20 area where you want to put our windmills is right in our
21 backyard.

22 Lana'i is the smallest island and you want
23 to make it even smaller by destroying 25 percent of the
24 island for the windmills. How would you be able to live
25 like that, that much loss? That's a big loss for us.

1 Would you do that on O'ahu?

2 To me this island is too small for a big
3 project like that. For a big project, 200 windmills, you
4 need a big area, big land. It shouldn't be done here on
5 Lana'i.

6 Tell me, what has O'ahu done to conserve
7 their electricity, yeah? Why should our island suffer
8 and be destroyed when we're the ones that's conserving
9 our electricity? Go ahead and compare their electric
10 bills with ours. Even though our electric is more high
11 than theirs, we're the ones that's conserving. What are
12 they doing? Why should our island be destroyed to give
13 them electric?

14 Okay. That was my introduction.

15 Okay. One of the reasons why Lana'i has
16 the largest colony of native migratory birds, and I say
17 native migratory birds, is because we don't have the city
18 lights here. Two hundred blinking lights on top of those
19 turbines will cause them to be eradicated. There's
20 probably some legal terminology for that, but you will be
21 eradicating our native species that navigate at night.

22 How will you prevent the killing of this
23 native species. It's like genocide, killing the natives.

24 It's so quiet here on Lana'i that at night
25 you can hear a tree fall from the other end of the

1 island, right? A tree falls on this side, we can hear it
2 on that side of the island. Sound travels here.

3 You can hear a car driving to Keomuku.
4 That's way down there, if you guys don't know. You can
5 hear an airplane on the runway. It's so quiet, if you've
6 ever been out in the field over here, it's so quiet you
7 can hear one fly buzzing, yeah? And when there is dead
8 carcass and there's 200 flies, you can hear the 200 flies
9 and it's really loud.

10 Okay. Now tell me, can you imagine 200
11 windmill blades spinning and swishing at night right in
12 our backyard? How will you prevent that noise from
13 driving us crazy? When we are in that area camping,
14 fishing, you know, using the area like how we normally
15 do, how are you going to prevent that noise from driving
16 us nuts, two hundred huge, gigantic windmills, making
17 noise?

18 Okay. One more point. Where is all the
19 water going to come from? You guys probably heard this
20 already. Where is all the water going to come from for
21 all that cement? How much water do you need to use for
22 all of that cement? We already have a water shortage
23 here on this island.

24 You know, that's about it. I just want to
25 let everybody know that all the people that are

1 supporting this project here on Lana'i and supporting
2 Castle & Cooke, they don't realize it, but they're
3 sacrificing, and that's a big sacrifice, you are
4 sacrificing 25 percent of our land because you want to
5 support Castle & Cooke, who are millionaires. You want
6 to let go and sacrifice 25 percent of Lana'i. That's
7 just for the money.

8 And one more thing, yeah, alternative.
9 Okay. We got to slow down the use of oil, right. With
10 all the money that you are going to spend on the cable
11 alone, at least three billion dollars, how come the
12 federal government cannot help everybody in Hawai'i get
13 biodiesel vehicles so that we stop using gasoline? How
14 come you don't do something like that? Why don't you cut
15 down on the problem that exists, you know?

16 That's all I have to say right now, and
17 it's a big sacrifice, and you guys don't know it because
18 you guys don't live here.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Robin and then
20 after Robin, Isaac Hall.

21 ROBIN KAYE: Hello everybody. My name is
22 Robin Kaye, K-a-y-e.

23 First of all, I want to thank Dawn and
24 Allen and Josh for being sensitive to the scheduling
25 issue on our island. We've given them lot of grief about

1 coming to meetings and disappearing before the community
2 has had a chance to finish their conversation, and they
3 have done, every other island was done at night, and ours
4 was done on a Saturday so that we could be here and they
5 would listen all day. So I want to thank them for at
6 least hearing us on that.

7 Everything that Butch said I would
8 absolutely ditto. It was, his points were terrific and I
9 agree with everything he said. Also Pat and Bev's
10 comments were right on. And, of course, the one I agreed
11 with the most was the very first speaker of the day.

12 It's an inside joke. Sorry.

13 There are a number of specific issues that
14 I would like to see raised in the EIS.

15 Number one: The federal and state
16 environmental impact laws require a study of
17 alternatives, yet this one studies only big wind and no
18 action. Nowhere in the document does it suggest, nowhere
19 in the document does it suggest a study of wave,
20 geothermal, OTEC, solar, nuclear, or any other renewable
21 energy source.

22 At a legislative hearing that was held for
23 the Senate on January 11th Senator Baker asked the
24 Department of Energy, I think it was you, sir, if this
25 was, if the study of alternatives was indeed required in

1 an EIS, and you said yes.

2 So the absence of those is absolutely
3 unacceptable in this process. There must be a study of
4 alternative energy besides big wind or no action. And,
5 in fact, if I remember correctly, at the hearing someone
6 said those studies had been made but for some reason were
7 not made either public for us to see nor part of the EIS,
8 the draft EIS. So that needs to be in there.

9 Number two: Nowhere in the document are
10 these four critical issues addressed, and Bev raised
11 these specifically, but I want to add a few things to
12 them.

13 Number one, who will own the cable?
14 Originally the state said that it would own it because it
15 did not want Castle & Cooke to own the cable. At a
16 recent legislative briefing the state indicated that it
17 is now considering a shared ownership between the state
18 and a private investor, and, in fact, mentioned Castle &
19 Cooke as a potential for that private investor.

20 So were that the case, I'd like to know,
21 what are the impacts of a privately-held company owning
22 both the supply and the delivery system for a cable to
23 provide O'ahu with 10 percent of its electricity?

24 Again on a financial perspective, what is
25 this going to cost? Originally the estimate was a

1 billion dollars for each of the three pieces. Some
2 people believe that those estimates, which were given in
3 2008, will double by the time this project starts. Yet
4 the state, DBEDT, had talked at one of its briefings
5 about lowering these costs for their piece of it.

6 We need to know what this is actually
7 going to cost, because Pat is right, we will pay for it
8 one way or another. So I would like some real clarity on
9 what the cost of this project will be, whether it's the
10 programmatic look at it or the specific project costs.

11 Thirdly, and this is a really critical
12 one, again Pat raised this, who is going to pay for this?
13 Will the legislature be asked to authorize bonds? Will
14 taxpayers have to pay for this?

15 Recently HECO introduced some, HECO had
16 legislation introduced that indicated that their proposal
17 would be to have ratepayers pay and a surcharge added as
18 well. We need to see what those will be. It's unfair to
19 lay these costs on us and not have us have some kind of
20 indication of what they will actually be.

21 And lastly, and probably the most
22 important issue that's missing from this whole thing, and
23 somebody raised it before, I want to reemphasize it, is
24 what is the military's role in this? We know it's coming
25 ashore at Kaneohe, we heard it might be Pearl Harbor,

1 then it was moved to Iwilei.

2 The military is one-third of HECO's
3 customer base in O'ahu. One-third of their customer base
4 is the military, so what is the military's role in this?
5 Is this going to be a Homeland Security project? Is this
6 electricity going to be for the military? We need to
7 know. And the transparency on that has been totally
8 avoided.

9 One of the things, another thing I'd like
10 to see clarified in the EIS draft is that the clean
11 energy goals are voluntarily. Let's be really clear,
12 we're always talking about these being mandated. They
13 are mandated but the penalties are completely waivable,
14 if that would be the word.

15 So we need some clarification in the EIS
16 about the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative's goals, being
17 about how HECO can avoid any penalty whatsoever for not
18 meeting them instead of telling everybody that they have
19 got to meet these.

20 Why does the EIS PN suggest only, quote,
21 limited fuel studies, end quote, of the impacted area?
22 Will this study rely primarily on a literature review
23 rather than a thorough analysis of the area, an area
24 known to be populated with Hawaiian cultural and
25 archeological sites?

1 A major omission in this section relates
2 to the documentation of traditional cultural properties
3 and cultural attachment of native peoples and historic
4 residents, attachments to the project area, so we need a
5 little, we need a lot more specificity in what the
6 cultural impact assessment will be for this next step.

7 Lastly, on the Programmatic EIS as a
8 whole, I am very troubled by this whole concept. How can
9 you have this cumulative study without looking at the
10 specific impacts? If we don't know what's going to
11 happen here, how can we talk about this project from this
12 macro helicopter level? I think this is backwards. I
13 think the EISs should have been done specifically and
14 then we should have had a cumulative impact study on
15 this.

16 Sorry, one other issue. There's been a
17 lot of talk about hydroelectric power and pump storage
18 and nowhere in the EIS is that raised and yet we've seen
19 recommendations for that on Lana'i that the company says
20 they didn't solicit. Who knows. But that study needs to
21 be, some reference to the pump storage issue needs to be
22 addressed for the storage.

23 I have a practical question. I'd like to
24 see the transcripts of these four meetings before the EIS
25 PN comes out in a year. These transcripts are going to

1 be completed probably fairly soon, if your hands hold
2 out, and I would like to have those, copies of those,
3 these public comments available.

4 You, Lana'i, would be very proud to have
5 heard the people in Moloka'i talk about us and our
6 communication around this project. They were using us as
7 an example of how a community can speak out and how a
8 community can say no. It was really very amazing.

9 One of the last things I want to leave you
10 with is a comment that came out of the Moloka'i
11 conversation that I thought was just stunning.

12 On Moloka'i one speaker said, We on
13 Moloka'i have a water challenge, we need more water, but
14 do we ask the state to build a pipe to bring us water
15 from O'ahu?

16 FACILITATOR: Mahalo, Robin.

17 The next person is Isaac Hall and then
18 after Isaac we have Uilani Romon.

19 ISAAC HALL: Good afternoon. My name is
20 Isaac Hall. I'm one of the attorneys for Friends of
21 Lana'i, and I attended the Maui meeting along with
22 Beverly, and the same sort of thing happened on Maui that
23 Robin just said happened on Moloka'i. There was a lot of
24 support for the same reasons here for the positions being
25 taken on Lana'i against this project. I would say

1 there's support by the outer islands against their
2 islands being destroyed in order to solve energy problems
3 on O'ahu.

4 The scope of this Programmatic EIS is
5 being dictated by factors that subvert its purpose. It's
6 being paid for with stimulus funds intended for
7 shovel-ready projects, which this one is not. It imposes
8 a deadline to complete the expenditure of the money,
9 hence a deadline to complete the Programmatic EIS. You
10 referred to these gentlemen, these gentlemen were saying
11 they had to, there was a deadline, but they didn't say
12 that it's an absolute deadline of April 2012 that they
13 have to spend this money by.

14 I don't know of any EIS that's had an
15 absolute deadline. And I would like to see their little
16 flow chart that they have given to their consultants that
17 says you better complete your study by X date or we are
18 going to lose our money, you better complete this by X
19 date or we are going to lose our money.

20 The problem with this is that this
21 requires haste and not the thoughtful, careful, detailed
22 study and analysis that's required by NEPA and HEPA. It
23 subverts that. Everybody is going to be rushing their
24 studies so they can get it done by this deadline so they
25 don't lose their money. That's not what NEPA and HEPA

1 are about.

2 Another issue is that this project
3 combines projects, some of which are ripe for study in
4 detail, and some of which are not ripe, they are
5 premature, they are not ready to be studied at all. It
6 combines a proposed Lana'i wind farm which is ripe for
7 study. We know the details of that project, we know
8 where it is, we know where the windmills are supposed to
9 be, where they are planned, we know lots about that, but
10 it combines that with a wind farm on Moloka'i, and there
11 is not even a site for that project yet. No one knows
12 who is going to be the developer necessarily, well, not
13 that, but nobody, there is not a site, nobody has a site
14 for that.

15 And then, as Robin said, the cable is not
16 really, the cable project is premature as well because
17 there is no applicant for that project. We don't know
18 who is going to apply, we don't know who has got the
19 money to come forward and pay for it. It's not even ripe
20 for analysis yet.

21 I strongly disagree with what has been
22 said by DOE representatives that we just, we're, this
23 Programmatic EIS can be a vague study and we will get to
24 the details when we do the site-specific studies. This
25 has had the impact of discouraging people from coming

1 forward with their comments on what their concerns are
2 and that subverts this scoping, what the whole scoping
3 process is about.

4 A programmatic EIS is intended to study
5 the cumulative impacts of every component of the project
6 as a whole, the wind farms on Lana'i, Moloka'i, Maui, the
7 cable from O'ahu to Moloka'i, Lana'i and Maui, and the
8 infrastructure on O'ahu, particularly when the state and
9 federal agencies know many of the details of this
10 project. It irks me when the representatives of the
11 state and federal government come up here and tell you
12 they don't know these facts when they do know these
13 facts.

14 I found the EIS PN, I could hardly get
15 past the first page of this document, I found it to be
16 very, very disingenuous. When you get to the project
17 summary, and let's just think about this in terms of the
18 Lana'i project, they say: Location, to be determined.
19 Tax map keys, to be determined. Parcels, to be
20 determined. State land use districts, to be determined.
21 County zoning, to be determined.

22 They know all of this and then they know
23 all of these details with respect to the location of the
24 cable. There's a chart showing the location of the
25 cable. In fact, Beverly was one of the people who talked

1 about a study that was done by Booz Allen that the state
2 would not allow anyone to look at.

3 Well, there is another study paid for by
4 the taxpayers of the alternative locations for the cable
5 that was done by UH that we asked for. We asked the
6 state for a copy of this document, they have already
7 studied alternative locations for the cable, and the
8 state said, You can't see that, even though we, as
9 taxpayers, paid for that.

10 And I think that the chart showing the
11 location of the cable that is attached to the EIS PN, as
12 other people have mentioned, shows particular landing
13 sites for the cable, and other people have said this, but
14 I will repeat it again, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base and
15 Pearl Harbor, and yet there is no mention anywhere of
16 what the military involvement is in this project.

17 And what is the military involvement in
18 this project? I think you gentlemen already know what
19 the military involvement in this project is. That should
20 have been disclosed a long, long time ago.

21 I don't think that this scoping process
22 can work until they satisfy their first obligation to
23 disclose what they know to us. Until they do that, we're
24 not in any position to truly comment on that.

25 They need to publish a new detailed EIS PN

1 in which they disclose to us everything that they already
2 know and not tell us, really, we don't know anything
3 about this, we don't know where the cable is going to go,
4 we don't know where the wind farms, no, publish in the
5 EIS PN where you tell us where the cable is going to go,
6 what you know about the wind farms, what you know about
7 the landing sites, what you know about the military
8 involvement in the project, and then have these scoping
9 sessions and we will then be able to perform our role in
10 this, which is to comment on that. Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: Next we have Uilani Romon,
12 and then after Uilani we have Sol.

13 And Sol is the last person, so if anybody
14 else is interested in providing a comment, please, if you
15 feel comfortable filling out a form, if not, just come
16 up.

17 UILANI ROMON: Okay. Good afternoon
18 everyone. Thank you for having this meeting and thank
19 you so much for sitting here patiently and listening to
20 all these comments.

21 Well, I decided to come here because I got
22 this little thing in the mail and it talks about all
23 these windmills, so that's why I'm here today, and it
24 said freely that we can give comments.

25 So I won't be long, I'll be three minutes,

1 but before I share my parts, I want to ask these little
2 children here, who is our future generation of Lana'i of
3 the Hawai'i islands and all around the world.

4 Okay. So do you guys love living here on
5 Lana'i?

6 THREE CHILDREN: Yes.

7 UILANI ROMON: Yes?

8 CHILD A: Yes.

9 UILANI ROMON: Yes?

10 CHILD B: Yes.

11 UILANI ROMON: Yes?

12 CHILD C: Yes.

13 UILANI ROMON: Okay. Now, do you think
14 it's a good idea to have this wind farm on Lana'i, like
15 how we see that big turbine in the back, all on top of
16 Lana'i and the beautiful beach area there and the land,
17 do you think that's a good idea?

18 CHILD A: No.

19 CHILD B: No.

20 CHILD C: No.

21 UILANI ROMON: Now, these are little
22 voices. I would have rallied up more, but unfortunately
23 we have a coach clinic for Lana'i little league down at
24 the field there.

25 So we heard it from these little guys

1 here, and I just want to share that having this windmill
2 farm, I don't think it's a good idea, and I truly oppose
3 from it. And I speak from my generation that quite can't
4 be here because we all have little kids that we need to
5 take care of.

6 So I don't think it's a good idea. I've
7 been, I'm a resident of Lana'i four years so far, but
8 I've come here as a little child, ever since I was a
9 baby, because my family is and does live here. My family
10 comes from a line of fishermen and hunters who definitely
11 uses this island for food and to, just basic living and
12 food, and the deers that we have here, the fishes, and
13 that's what my family is about. And probably right now
14 they are probably hunting and fishing so they can have
15 dinner tonight.

16 And having this cable, underwire cable
17 with electricity, does not sound like a good idea to me
18 because think about all the impact it would make in the
19 marine life. And living in Hawai'i, we are all about
20 marine life. Who does not like to eat fish here?

21 Nobody raised their hands, so we all like
22 to eat fish. Don't you think this will definitely impact
23 the marine life?

24 Anyways, thank you for your time. God
25 bless you all.

1 FACILITATOR: The last speaker who signed
2 up is Sol Kaho'ohalahala. If there is anybody who would
3 like to speak after that, you may come up to the mic.

4 SOLOMON KAHO'OHALAHALA: Aloha kakou.

5 I want to at least acknowledge all of the
6 prior testifiers for all of the various things that have
7 been shared today. All of them have merit and they
8 should all be supported because they come from a lot of
9 different perspectives but they all have to do with this
10 one place.

11 So my name is Sol Kaho'ohalahala, and I
12 want to begin by saying that I would like to contribute
13 today by focusing in on our cultural resources of Lana'i.
14 And if you would bear with me, I'm trying to make a point
15 here.

16 So the culture of Lana'i is as important
17 as all of the environment is, is as important as the
18 natural history of this place is, is as important as the
19 practices of Lana'i, and I want to acknowledge the
20 Hawaiian cultural part of it, so let me begin with the
21 mo'o ku'auhau.

22 For so those of you who don't understand,
23 let me talk about the genealogies of our families that
24 are tied to this island.

25 So... (Speaking Hawaiian)

1 I'm the sixth of their ten children.

2 I wanted to give you a depth that this
3 mo'o ku'auhau, this genealogy that's tied to the island
4 of Lana'i goes back 700 years. So do we have something
5 to contribute to the cultural resources of Lana'i?
6 Absolutely.

7 I will have you know that today we have
8 celebrated the life of one of my cousins who just passed.
9 This too is her mo'o ku'auhau and the importance of
10 today's celebration of her passing is to recognize that
11 as these little keiki came up here to talk about their
12 responsibility looking forward into the future, these
13 keikis have to be tied to our past. And without that
14 link, there is no continuity.

15 So I would like to balance off what the
16 keikis futures are by bringing to you the past. We have
17 a Hawaiian 'olelo no'eau that says (Speaking Hawaiian) if
18 you are going to move forward, you need to know your
19 past.

20 So in terms of cultural resources wahipana
21 we all know the term, the story places, the important
22 places. I want to begin by saying that we know Kane and
23 Kanaloa are the gods of our Hawaiian people. In fact,
24 Kane is the most revered of the gods because Kane
25 represents life. Kane represents water. Kane represents

1 man.

2 But Kane and Kanaloa come to this island
3 Lana'i first. And it is said that before they step on
4 any other island, it is this island that they step foot
5 on. Important? Absolutely, because in our history, our
6 cultural history, the gods come here to Lana'i first.

7 So let's just tie that in the ahupua'a of
8 Kane, of which this map is showing here, the highest part
9 of Lana'i is Kanepu'u. So when you go out to the
10 northwest plateau of Lana'i, the highest elevation is the
11 pinnacle Kanepu'u. What is Kanepu'u? Well, if this is
12 where Kane comes first, one of the places that he is
13 named for is Kanepu'u.

14 We just consider Kanepu'u as that dry land
15 forest area, but let's look at the place names, Hawai'i
16 pana. If you look at that model back there, you will see
17 that even though Kanepu'u is the highest pinnacle in the
18 northwest plateau of Lana'i, in fact, if you stand on
19 Kanepu'u, you can look 360 degrees and see everything,
20 from Lana'i City to Moloka'i to O'ahu and back to
21 Kahului. You can see the entire 360.

22 When you look at that model back there,
23 those windmills are going to tower over Kanepu'u.
24 Imagine that, when the highest pinnacle is given, at
25 least a place by the Hawaiian people by a given name,

1 Kanepu'u, what we propose in this here is to put
2 windmills that are now going to tower above the highest
3 space given honor to Kane.

4 Let's talk about Pele. If you know the
5 story of Pele and her travels, you will know that as she
6 is trying to find a home in our Hawaiian islands, she
7 passes through every one of the islands, and when she
8 comes to Lana'i, it is at Polihua. It is also said that
9 Pele at Polihua, she just enjoys the 'ai no'o honu, the
10 turtles of Lana'i.

11 So the proposed cable away goes right
12 through one of the places that our story of Lana'i,
13 perhaps, at Polihua, giving honor to Pele as she spends
14 her time here on Lana'i.

15 When Kamehameha was now proceeding to do
16 war with O'ahu to now concur O'ahu as an island, he stops
17 on Moloka'i during the makahiki. During that time
18 Kamehameha comes across from Moloka'i, straight across,
19 straight shot, to the ahupua'a of Ka'a. And where does
20 he go to? Hale o Lono here on Lana'i. And why does
21 Kamehameha come to Lana'i? Because he says I have to
22 commemorate the place where our gods first come, and it's
23 here on Lana'i. Where? Right across at Ka'a, at
24 Hale o Lono.

25 So, again, important? Very important.

1 Ka'a the ahupua'a, ever notice that Ka'a
2 is the largest ahupua'a of Lana'i? But look at what Ka'a
3 provided in resources culturally. It had the most
4 shoreline areas because it provided from the sea.

5 Donna, you talked about everybody loving
6 to fish. Well, Ka'a is the place that most of the
7 fishing was allowed to that ahupua'a.

8 With all those windmills up there, just
9 figure what your access will be to Ka'a the ahupua'a.

10 And then probably the other story place
11 that we should all consider is the story of Keahiakawelo
12 or Keahialoa. This, for me, is probably one of the most
13 important stories of Ka'a of ahupua'a because it not only
14 talks about Kawelo and his fire on Lana'i, it talks about
15 our relationship to Moloka'i, because it is there at
16 Keahialoa the fire, the perpetual fire, it is there
17 Keahiakawelo, the fire of Kawelo, is attached to
18 Lanikaula, the most famous kahuna of Moloka'i.

19 And imagine that we would place all of the
20 windmills there when we try to tell Kawelo's story that
21 instead of looking across the sea to Moloka'i where
22 Lanikaula's fire was, we would be looking through blades
23 of windmills to tell the famous story of how Kawelo
24 overcame Lanikaula of Moloka'i with his fire.

25 So does cultural information practices

1 have pertinence in this project? I think it is without a
2 doubt that for what I have been able to share with you
3 very briefly it ties all of our culture to this one
4 place, Ka'a.

5 So lastly I would say we have one story
6 that we all acknowledge on Lana'i, and that is of
7 Kaululaau. We always talk about Kaululaau being the
8 person who came to get rid of all of the lapu or the
9 spirits of Lana'i. Kaululaau's mo'o ku'auhau ties back
10 to Kamauaua.

11 So the families that I'm talking about
12 here today on Lana'i that go back 700 years are also the
13 same families that are tied to Kaululaau. And remember
14 the story of Kaululaau? He got rid of all of the lapu.
15 He got rid of all of the things that were not good for
16 Lana'i in order to allow the people to come and inhabit
17 our island home.

18 So since the genealogies of the
19 mo'o ku'auhau of Kaululaau are still here, perhaps it is
20 time to invoke those spirits to give a helping hand.

21 Mahalo.

22 FACILITATOR: Mahalo, Sol.

23 Joseph would like to speak. Is there
24 anybody else who would like to speak? Because we did
25 kind of say that we would let everybody speak once before

1 somebody spoke a second time. So would anybody else like
2 to speak? Okay.

3 Oh, would you like to speak? Would you
4 like to come up?

5 MATTHEW MANO: I just went to the funeral
6 so.

7 FACILITATOR: Yeah, mahalo.

8 MATTHEW MANO: You no mind the glasses,
9 I'm blind, what's why.

10 My name is Matthew Mano, born and raised
11 on this island. My grandparents was, my grandfather was
12 a step grandfather, his name was Sidiako Pasqua (ph), my
13 grandmother is Esther Uio Kekahuna. My mom is Angeline
14 Kekahuna Uio. My dad is Lawrence Lino Mano (ph). Was
15 hanai'd by the Mano family. His name is now Paipai (ph),
16 his last name.

17 I'm here today because not of me but
18 because of my grandchildren. You know, a lot of times,
19 I've been living on this island since the day of birth.
20 I went to a war that I believed was the American way. I
21 went to Vietnam, spent 19 months in Vietnam. I was a
22 helicopter door guard, and thank God I came out alive
23 because most of my friends died.

24 I worked for Dole Plantation for 14 years,
25 started off as a laborer, I became a planter, harvester,

1 truck driver, machine operator, supervisor, in a chemical
2 plant that gave us no safety equipment. There was no
3 dust mask, there was nothing to protect us from any
4 insecticides, herbicides and anything they put in the
5 ground.

6 I was also a mouth sled worker, where we
7 worked in the back of the sled with no dust mask, just
8 handkerchief, and nobody cared if these things would
9 affect our health. Nobody warned us about these
10 chemicals being used on Lana'i that would affect our
11 health. All they cared about was making money.

12 That's the sad thing about Lana'i
13 incorporation. They come in and all they want to do is
14 make money, but they forget about the people who makes
15 the money for the corporation.

16 I heard about jobs, twenty. Whoop-ti-do.
17 350 people have no jobs right now. So tell me, is that
18 fair? Can you guarantee me that those 20 jobs need a
19 college education because they will be dealing with high
20 power but yet they say it's for Lana'i residents. I
21 don't think so.

22 I fished and hunt around this island. Let
23 me tell you, I know every, every stone unturned on this
24 island. I started hunting when I was 12 years old. I am
25 58 years old right now, and I know everything about this

1 island from mauka to makai, 360 degrees, because I've
2 hunted this place. I dove every area on this island, 360
3 degrees, because I love our boy.

4 My parents moved to O'ahu thinking that
5 O'ahu would give them a self-supporting life of money.
6 They moved us and they came to the point where by the
7 middle of the week we were eating rice and shoyu. Is
8 that progress? Is that how you take care of the people?
9 I don't think so.

10 I come to Lana'i because I love the
11 island. I was taught by my aunties, my grandparents, my
12 uncles, how to survive on this island. We were
13 sustainable before anybody else. If you can prove to me
14 O'ahu was sustainable, you look today. They've depleted
15 all their resources, now they want to deplete ours. Is
16 that fair to us who was born and raised here? No.

17 It upsets me to know that when people
18 complain about jobs, they forget that there is not much,
19 many that will happen. It upsets me to know that jobs
20 are temporary. Construction, temporary. If you can show
21 me a job that is permanent until these people can retire,
22 I will go along for it, but there is no guarantee.

23 From day one when this corporation came,
24 promises was made, never kept. I remember that. I sat
25 in the senior center when Mr. Murdock was sitting in the

1 back with his feet on the table, promises, Lana'i will
2 get the first jobs, promises, we'll have olympic size
3 pool, promises, we will have recreational activities,
4 promises that was never kept.

5 Today I'm hearing promises that will never
6 be kept because I know, I've seen it come and go. My
7 children, I brought them back from O'ahu because, number
8 one, O'ahu is crowded and dangerous. I brought my
9 mo'opunas back, I supported them even though we
10 struggled.

11 But I know how to live off the land and
12 the ocean, so I feed my family. I use these areas to
13 feed my family. Polihua, Ka'a, ahupua'a, Lapaiki, you
14 can find fish there known as moi. And how many of you
15 guys like to eat moi? It's abundant. I feed my family.

16 There's uiki, there is a'ama, there is
17 black crab, there is crustacean. I feed my family.

18 A lot of people come here, they have the
19 kala, the money. They can go, of course, go buy food,
20 but we cannot. It saddens me to know that people are for
21 something that is not guaranteed. It saddens me to know
22 that nobody who is for it ever went and researched. It
23 saddens me to know that there will be 90 feet slabs
24 square, 30 feet thick, three stories down in my 'aina,
25 and nobody cares.

1 It saddens me to know if this doesn't
2 work, we are looking like South Point. Opala that you
3 guys want to put up and leave it on our island.

4 It saddens me to know that the next
5 generation after me will not enjoy what I've enjoyed and
6 learned from my kupuna. I teach my children to fish, to
7 hunt, to dive, to live off the land. I teach my children
8 when there is no money in your pocket, our ice box is
9 makai to mauka. I teach my children to not depend on
10 anybody or any government funds because our resources are
11 still good.

12 What does O'ahu teach? Their resources is
13 depleted, so now they want to come to Lana'i and deplete
14 our resources. They want to take away from me and my
15 mo'opuna our resources. To me that is unfair, totally
16 unfair. My kupunas must be rolling in their graves right
17 now knowing that nobody is standing up to fight this,
18 especially as a Hawaiian.

19 I'm proud to be a Hawaiian. I stood up
20 when we wanted to take back Kaho'olawe. We paddled
21 across the ocean with nothing, no canvas, seven men in a
22 canoe crossing from Hulopoe Bay to Kaho'olawe. Pohnuana
23 Kahoohalahala (ph) was with us. Everybody say we
24 couldn't get it back. Today it's back.

25 When will people wake up. There is no

1 fear. The word of God says fear not for I am always with
2 thee and I will go before you as a fiery sword and I will
3 bring down the foe that is against thee.

4 Vietnam destroyed me, an 18-year-old kid
5 in war. I had no choice. No choice, I had to go, I was
6 number one on the draft in 1970. I chose to join so that
7 I could take an MOS that I believed would be good for me
8 in the outside world. Little did I know the war
9 destroyed me with a lot of anger, with a lot of hatred,
10 with a lot of hurts. It destroyed me, a war that I did
11 not choose.

12 And to me this is a war. I believe that
13 everybody should have a choice and not be intimidated. I
14 believe that everybody should be able to speak out, but
15 everyone is afraid. Well, I'm not afraid. I'll stand up
16 for what I believe is right for all, and not just for the
17 Hawaiian, for all, because a lot of the Filipinos my
18 grandfather knew was the first ones that ever came, and
19 to me, even though I was not a Filipino, I called every
20 one of them tata, nana, because that's how I was raised
21 up, to love them, like family, and now I see division.

22 We were never like that in Castle & Cooke
23 Dole Company. We took care each other. When there was a
24 strike, everybody took care each other, they pitched in.
25 Now there's division.

1 What happened to this community? There's
2 no love like how it used to be when the plantation was
3 running. Now people are afraid that they might get
4 kicked out of their home, lose their job because of the
5 threats.

6 I've heard these threats and anybody touch
7 my family is going to have to come through me.

8 Thank you.

9 FACILITATOR: Joseph? Would anybody else
10 like to speak? I know Joseph would like to speak.

11 JOSEPH FELIPE: I want to thank you all
12 for giving me the second chance to come up and express
13 some thoughts. I didn't know that the process was going
14 to take this particular way. I had expressed some
15 concerns and I felt that there were other things that I
16 would address later on in the process, but, however,
17 everyone seemed to just unload whatever their thoughts
18 were and, therefore, I'd like to qualify some of the
19 things that have been shared.

20 First of all, I appreciate everything that
21 has been shared by all the speakers. Definitely the
22 ILWU, which I am speaking for, have had a membership
23 approach and express very or the same concerns.

24 There were three speakers that came
25 forward and said, maybe four speakers that said they were

1 afraid to express themselves because retaliation or
2 probably loss of jobs or loss of security.

3 This has never come to my attention. I am
4 the unit chairman. I listen to all the grievances that
5 come about through all the workers in both resort. I
6 have never seen a grievance placed on my desk that state
7 I am afraid, I will not speak against Castle & Cooke
8 because of retaliation. So I want to clarify that, that
9 people who have come forward and said they are afraid to
10 speak up because of this, I feel that these comments are
11 not valid.

12 The other thing is I was fortunate to grow
13 up on Lana'i. I worked with Sol when the hotel first
14 opened and we both worked together. I was under his
15 tutorship to do a lot of sightseeing and story telling at
16 the hotel. I got a great tip (ph) with Kalani Opuu and
17 Kaulula'au. And we still have Kaulula'au, his portrait,
18 down at the Manele Bay to remind all of us that Lana'i is
19 a great place, it is safe, don't be afraid to come to
20 Lana'i because Kaulula'au has taken care of all the evil
21 spirits and have driven them away. So that's the whole,
22 I think this contributes to why Lana'i is so special.

23 Now, just to cut things a little quicker,
24 and I think most of my concerns I didn't express to this
25 committee here and which I thought that I should present

1 later, but I concur with many of the things that have
2 been spoken.

3 I also am very, very concerned about the
4 very near future. We have one contract that will expire,
5 in fact, have been expired, and is under negotiation for
6 the ILWU 2401, which takes care of all the maintenance
7 jobs that we have here. They do not have a contract,
8 they are negotiating that, and it is a very difficult
9 time.

10 Two years from now the contract for 2509,
11 which is the resorts, will expire. Next year we will
12 begin to negotiate. Now, what will be, as we go through
13 the process, the really conditions that we will be
14 working at. There will be tremendous pressure from the
15 employer and from the working people. These are
16 considerations that I feel should be also addressed by
17 your committee since you are working for the future of
18 Lana'i.

19 Our present conditions are and what do we
20 envision in the near future and throughout the life of
21 the windmill, because the survival and the jobs that we
22 currently have must continue to exist if, if we are to be
23 able to live here, otherwise Lana'i will turn into a
24 ghost town and where will all of the businesses expect to
25 get, you know, income or business. If the hotel don't

1 exist, then jobs will be lost.

2 So with that, I hope that we are provided
3 with informations that have been requested throughout
4 this hearing today, and it should not, again, I feel
5 also, I concur with many that it should not be addressed
6 later, we need to have these informations here and now to
7 address the future. Thank you.

8 FACILITATOR: Was there anybody else who
9 would like -- if you feel comfortable, you can state your
10 name. If not, please.

11 MICHELLE FUJII: My name is Michelle Fujii
12 (ph), and I am a teacher here at Lana'i High and
13 Elementary School. I originally came just to listen, but
14 as I was sitting down my body started to tremble and I
15 started to listen to the testimony and I started to get
16 really emotional.

17 Part of the reason why I decided to talk
18 is because seeing the younger generation on Lana'i, and
19 if I look in the crowd, there isn't anybody younger than
20 me besides the kids, and I'm thinking to myself, somebody
21 needs to speak out and somebody needs to tell you no, we
22 no like. Simple as that.

23 I used to work for Lana'i Trucking, which
24 is the only private trucking company here on Lana'i.
25 I've worked there for three years and that company has

1 eight employees, and I asked the people at Lana'i
2 Trucking, you know, do you think this windmill project is
3 good. And one of the guy, one of the eight guys said,
4 yeah, because when create jobs for us. And I said, you
5 get the same mentality as everybody else thinking, yes,
6 please windmill project because it will create jobs, but
7 in reality, the seven of the other eight employees said,
8 no, we no like them. I don't care if that thing will put
9 extra money in my pocket because we're hunters and
10 fishers and that will not outweigh the cost that they
11 will do to Lana'i.

12 I still shaking. I can't get rid of all
13 of these nerves. But as you can see, you know, this is a
14 very emotionally-heated debate. All of the people on
15 Lana'i, regardless if they show up at these meetings,
16 have similar views. And, you know, we were talking just
17 amongst friends and, you know, like a group of five of us
18 were saying, okay, similar age to me, and we all said,
19 you know, what can we do.

20 Yeah, we may not have time to show up to
21 the meetings, yeah, you know, it doesn't look like
22 everybody is involved. I said, okay, we will do a
23 petition. We could get everybody to sign. And if your
24 petition shows that the whole entire island, or majority
25 of the island, does not want it, then what are you going

1 to do? Are you going to say we are still going to put
2 the windmills up because we still want to build a profit,
3 and we still want to make the hotel sustainable?

4 Castle & Cooke, we want to make Castle & Cooke
5 sustainable?

6 Castle & Cooke owns so much land. And
7 even Murdock himself, he is one of the richest people. I
8 saw him on Oprah the other day and he was talking to
9 people about how to live healthy, and he said how to live
10 healthy is you eat natural, you eat natural, all fruits,
11 all vegetables, and he makes his own fancy shakes. He
12 was showing all of his, you know, ponos that he could
13 buy.

14 For Lana'i people eating natural is eating
15 off of the land. You know, I admit I don't eat off of
16 the land, but, you know, I have, I have uncles that hunt
17 and fish and drop off deer and fish to my house, but
18 that's about it. But, you know, I think that the younger
19 generation is becoming too dependent on other people.

20 In my class I have, I have about 60
21 students, and not, I would say maybe out of those 60
22 students only two of them do not have cell phones. We
23 are so dependent on technology it's ridiculous.

24 And, you know, people are saying, okay,
25 well, you know, if Castle & Cooke isn't able to build

1 this wind farm, then we're not going to be able to have
2 the companies here. I say that's a whole lot of BS. If
3 the company wants to go, if the company wants to shut
4 down, let them go.

5 You know, Uncle Matt Mano was saying that,
6 you know, they used to live off the land. What is so
7 hard about that, you know. Lana'i is a small community
8 and we are going to pull together. We did it when the
9 plantation shut down and we did it through all of this
10 transition.

11 And then another thing about Four Seasons.
12 You know, a lot of people are saying that people are
13 scared to speak up. I have never worked for them. I
14 have always had my own thing going on or working for
15 other people besides the company, and there's a reason
16 for that. I refuse to be a part of a company that brings
17 in mainland people, pay them high salary jobs, then ships
18 them out of here. We at Lana'i Trucking we call them the
19 tidal wave. They come in, they do their thing, they get
20 their training, then they ship them out.

21 They don't care about the people. You
22 hear of all of these employees, the regular employees,
23 talking about, excuse my language, A-hole people coming
24 in and not caring about the locals, and it's true, you
25 know.

1 And, I don't know, Lana'i is so valuable
2 to me. My grandma was an educator here for over 40
3 years, and my grandpa used to work the plantation fields,
4 and I feel it's my responsibility to carry on the Fujii
5 name to be able to express this to you.

6 Another thing that I, that I've done when
7 I was on the Big Island going to college is that I
8 brought over about 20 students from the Big Island to
9 work at Kanepu'u. This is before Kanepu'u had cleared
10 out their trails. This is when Uncle Joe, Uncle Bob and
11 all of his people were still, you know, trying to clear
12 the area.

13 And you would be shocked, and those
14 volunteers from the Big Island were from all over the
15 world. You know, I had some from Korea, from just all
16 over, and when they came to Lana'i they were amazed.
17 They were amazed at how untouched Lana'i was. Every day
18 we would drive out to Kanepu'u and they insisted that
19 they wanted to sit on the back of the truck so that they
20 could see the views, and nowhere else did they say they
21 ever saw anything like this on island.

22 And I feel that that's important, you
23 know. I feel that to have the windmills here in order to
24 provide a future for Lana'i's employees is, it's not a
25 good enough excuse. It's not.

1 And last but not least, this little note
2 card, my daughter actually wrote it, and this is her
3 message to you guys. Well, I put my notes on here so I
4 wouldn't forget, but her message to you is no. She tells
5 me all the time, mommy, no. And my son can still say no.
6 If younger generations can say no, then I hope that this
7 encourages other people in the community to step up.

8 FACILITATOR: Thank you very much.

9 Is there anybody else who would like to
10 say anything, have a comment?

11 We're going to be here until 3:00, so if
12 you feel more comfortable giving your comment to Patty,
13 please come up.

14 Tony, would you like to say some final
15 words?

16 Again, we are not going to close the
17 meeting as a meeting, we need to be here by three, but
18 the formal part of the meeting we are going to close very
19 shortly.

20 TONY COMO: Thanks, Dawn.

21 I really just want to thank everyone for
22 allowing us to come here and conduct this meeting, and
23 taking the time out from everything else you would
24 probably rather do on a Saturday. I understand there was
25 another event on the island and a funeral, and that was,

1 we are sorry about that. The fact that some of you are
2 still here is just extraordinary.

3 So thank everyone for participating in
4 this thing. We got some tremendous comments. We are not
5 closed, we're just sort of taking a little pause over
6 here. If you want to say anything else, you could go up
7 to the reporter, if you want to do this in a more public
8 forum, just come up and ask Dawn or myself, we will
9 reconvene in this more formal setting so if you want all
10 your friends to hear what you have to say.

11 But I want to thank all of you. Thank
12 you.

13 FACILITATOR: Before you leave, we are
14 going to take comments until March 1st, but we will
15 continue and we will consider all of those comments.

16 I think if you look at this board, that
17 first banner says public comment. There is seven ways
18 upon which you can give your comments, again, through
19 here publicly, to the court reporter, you can fax,
20 e-mail, I think there's a website, as well as you can
21 call.

22 So it's really important that we hear what
23 you have to say. This is the beginning of a process. I
24 have greatly appreciated all of the courtesies that you
25 have extended to each other in all of our meetings,

1 everybody. This is not easy. We haven't had a lot of
2 people standing up and saying, you know, we support, but
3 people have been very constructive. They have given us
4 very, very, very good information for us to begin to
5 prepare the draft EIS.

6 I really want to let -- this is not a done
7 deal. Okay. We will be back. There will be other
8 opportunities. We will be doing consultation on the
9 Section 106 as well as the cultural impact assessment.

10 So mahalo for a lot of the information
11 that we will input into that, and we will follow up with
12 many of you in the community.

13 But at this point in time, again, we
14 cannot formally close the meeting. Our notice said until
15 three, so we will be here until 3:00. Please stay. If
16 not, you are free to go, and if there are other people
17 who want to make a comment to the court reporter, please
18 feel free to do so.

19 Again, Mahalo.

20 (Proceedings concluded at 3:00 p.m.)

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