

P R O C E E D I N G S

MARGARET PARDUE: If you could introduce everyone.

JOY HUNTINGTON: Okay. Thank you, Margaret.

Margaret is just welcoming us to the community on behalf of the Native Village of Nuiqsut and --

MARGARET PARDUE: I don't think they heard her, so --

JOY HUNTINGTON: Did you -- did you hear? We'll give it to Martha.

MARTHA ITTA: Good afternoon, everyone. We would like to thank you all for coming to this meeting on be -- on the Army Corps and Armstrong. For you residents, we have Army Corps of Engineers who are the lead on this project, and we also have Armstrong and DOWL here for this meeting.

We'd like to apologize. We were supposed to have more agencies, but they had cancelled out and we're working on getting them here for the community at a different -- later time. So we'd like to thank you all for coming to -- for this public meeting and voicing your concerns, questions that you have for the agencies. I'm going to give it to Joy.

JOY HUNTINGTON: Thank you, Martha, and thank you Margaret. So I would just like to say welcome to everybody for being here. My name is Joy Huntington. Is everyone having an easy time hearing in the back? Okay.

And if you have any trouble at all, it doesn't

1 really help if no one can hear what we're saying. So if any  
2 of the speakers tonight aren't speaking loud like me -- I'm a  
3 pretty loud person -- just like raise your hand and let  
4 everyone know, so that we can speak clearly.

5 So as I said, my name is Joy and I'll be  
6 facilitating tonight. My objectives are really to make sure  
7 that our conversation together tonight is as productive and  
8 informative as it can be. So we're here to learn something  
9 about a project, a proposed project, and to talk to one  
10 another. So that's my role. I'll be getting the meeting  
11 started and I'll also be facilitating the question-and-answer  
12 period.

13 So, again, if we're for speaking too fast --  
14 sometimes I talk fast -- or you can't hear someone, just raise  
15 your hand and we'll make sure that we're speaking very clearly  
16 and that we're speaking loud enough, as well.

17 We wanted to thank Armstrong Energy, LLC for  
18 providing the food tonight, so we could all have a bite to  
19 eat. So thank you to them for feeding folks that are here.

20 And I just wanted to share, I'm a part of the DOWL  
21 team doing the third-party EIS. And so you'll hear a lot from  
22 our project manager this evening. I'm going to be handing it  
23 over to Ellen Lyons very quickly here. She's with the Army  
24 Corps of Engineers. She's our project manager. And DOWL --  
25 yes?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you (indiscernible - away  
2 from mic)?

3 JOY HUNTINGTON: Yeah, Ellen has --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - away from  
5 mic).

6 JOY HUNTINGTON: Yep, yep.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - away from  
8 mic).

9 JOY HUNTINGTON: Yep, Ellen is going to be  
10 introducing folks, so I'm going to kind of get us situated  
11 here, and then Ellen will go through and do all the  
12 introductions. So that will be just in about five minutes or  
13 so here.

14 And there's also copies of the PowerPoint  
15 presentation in the back. And so our goals for this  
16 meeting -- and we'll talk more about them -- we are going to  
17 provide information, give an overview of the process, and talk  
18 about the key findings. You're going to get a lot of  
19 information provided this evening, and you can also take the  
20 PowerPoint home.

21 And so tonight, if there's comments that you have  
22 based on what you've seen so far, this is the draft EIS; it's  
23 still in a draft phase. Definitely provide the comments you  
24 have this evening. We'll be taking them down. We have a  
25 lovely lady here named Marci, and she is our court reporter.

1 So this is all going to be on the public record. So these  
2 comments that you make tonight will be taken into account of  
3 the whole process.

4 But, also, the process is open until November 14th.  
5 That's the comment period on this draft. And so I just wanted  
6 to let folks know that it -- this is a lot to process. And  
7 even for me, just hearing the different areas, the key  
8 findings, the process that has happened to come to the key  
9 findings, and learning about the different alternatives, it's  
10 a lot of information to process. So if you need some time and  
11 you'd like to provide written comments or call in and make  
12 comments between now and November 17th, you have time. So the  
13 pressure for tonight, don't worry about this being your one  
14 opportunity to comment on this draft EIS.

15 But before I get too much further, of course, this  
16 is the proposed Nanushuk project draft environmental impact  
17 statement, and we wanted to come out and share this with you  
18 in person. As often as is possible, we want to be here in the  
19 community and talk to you about your concerns and hear from  
20 you. And as you see, there's a lot of faces here of people  
21 that are anxious to hear from you, and Ellen will introduce  
22 them very quickly here.

23 And if we can possibly hold questions until the end,  
24 because you may get the answer to your question before -- you  
25 know, before the presentation is over; however, if you have