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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON A PROPOSED PART 70 AIR OPERATING MAJOR
MODIFICATION, PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT
DETERIORATION (PSD) AND ACID RAIN PERMITS &
MODIFICATION, & THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT STATEMENT (EAS) FOR LOUISIANA
GENERATING, LLC, BIG CAJUN I POWER PLANT
NEW ROADS, POINTE COUPEE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Agency Interest (AI) No. 11917, 2260-00007-VI,
PER20040001

Agency Interest (AI) No. 11917, PSD-LA-660(1),
PER20040002

Agency Interest (AI) No. 11917, 2260-00007-IVI,
PER20040003

The public hearing in the above titled
matter was taken at the Pointe Coupee Parish
Courthouse Annex, Pointe Coupee Parish Police
Jury Meeting Room, 160 East Main Street, New
Roads, Louisiana, beginning at 6:05 p.m. on
July 12, 2007.

BEFORE: Mark LaCour, Certified Stenomask
Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana

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MR. THERIOT:

This is a public hearing that's going to be held. I'm going to go through a lot of points here in a few minutes that are required by law for me to put in. Sometimes if I drone on please try to say awake. It's 6:05. The public hearing was scheduled for six. So I'm going to hammer it into order now. Let the record reflect that it's 6:05. Good evening, my name is Perry Theriot and it's 6:05 p.m. I'm employed by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. I will be serving as the hearing officer this evening, Thursday, July 12th 2007. This hearing is scheduled to accept public comments concerning the proposed Part 70 Air major modification, Preventative of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Acid Rain permits and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) for Louisiana Generating, LLC for the Big Cajun Number One Power Plant. The

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permit for the Proposed 70 Air is PER20040001, permit activity number and permit number 2260-00007-V1. The

7 and sulfuric acid mist (H₂SO₄).
8 Therefore PSD requirements, including
9 best available control technology (BACT)
10 apply. The selection of BACT was based
11 on a top down approach; a more thorough
12 discussion of the BACT selection process
13 can be found in the proposed permit PSD-
14 LA-660(M 1). Neither the project nor
15 the general commercial, residential,
16 industrial, or other growth associated
17 with it is expected to have a
18 significant adverse impact on soil,
19 vegetation, visibility, or air quality
20 in the area of the facility or any Class
21 1 area. The Environmental Assessment
22 Statement (EAS) submitted by the
23 applicant addresses avoidance of
24 potential and real environmental
25 effects, balancing of social and

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1 economic benefits against environmental
2 impact costs, and alternative sites,
3 projects, and mitigative measures.

4 This hearing is not being
5 conducted in a question and answer
6 format. Please remember that the
7 purpose of the public hearing is for DEQ
8 to receive your comments concerning the
9 proposed Part 70 Air major modification,

10 PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
11 associated Environmental Assessment
12 Statement. This hearing is to provide
13 all individuals a chance to be heard
14 regardless of their position on the
15 proposed Part 70 Air major modification,
16 PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
17 associated Environmental Assessment
18 Statement. Courteous behavior is
19 expected of everyone at all times. You
20 may speak in support of the permits and
21 Environmental Assessment Statement; in
22 opposition to the permits and
23 Environmental Assessment Statement or
24 simply to provide additional
25 information. All interested parties

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1 will be given a reasonable opportunity
2 to comment, unless testimony is not
3 related to the purpose of the hearing.
4 Your comments will be evaluated and
5 addressed in the Department's written
6 response. A public notice advertising
7 this public hearing and request for
8 public comment on the proposed Part 70
9 Air major modification, PSD and Acid
10 Rain permits and the associated
11 Environmental Assessment Statement was
12 published in The Advocate and the Pointe

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1 facility involves what was the first
2 Cajun Electric gas power plant. This
3 plant which was built in 1972 with then
4 technology gas boilers is now
5 inefficient. Because of the high price
6 of gas the unit is simply never run.
7 What we are proposing to do is to
8 repower this currently unproducing unit
9 with a new 207 megawatt facility that
10 will use state of the art circulating
11 fluidize bed technology. The CFB
12 technology is a process by which
13 limestone is injected along with the
14 solid fuel into the boiler so that the
15 temperature essentially gets so high
16 that it reduces the SO2 and other
17 harmful constituents from what would
18 otherwise be poor quality sulfur fuel.
19 In this case the optimal fuel for the
20 unit will be Petroleum Coke or Pet Coke
21 as it's known from local refineries.
22 But the facility is also being designed
23 to be capable of burning coal as is done
24 currently in the Big Cajun II facilities
25 and will also be able to burn up to ten

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1 percent of bio mass which are products
2 such as wood chipping and bagasse. With

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3 regard to the environmental constituents
4 of this unit it is going to be designed
5 so that it will meet all best available
6 controlled technology requirements. The
7 CFB will be equipped with fabric filters
8 for particulate control, they will have
9 selective non-catalytic reduction for
10 addition control of nitrous oxide. It
11 will have a dry polishing scrubber to
12 remove SO₂. And sorbent such as
13 activated carbon will be injected to
14 reduce mercury emissions. Because this
15 is a repowering the existing turbine
16 generators will be used. We are simply
17 -- retearing down and reconstructing new
18 boiler facilities so that we can change
19 the fuel source to a much lower cost,
20 Pet Coke or coal, fuel as opposed to the
21 gas. So the existing generators will be
22 saved and used. But we will also build
23 a dedicated large unloading dock, a
24 conveyor system from the river to the
25 plant, transfer houses, and fuel and

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1 limestone storage silos to store the
2 fuel. With regard to the impact that
3 this facility will have on Pointe Coupee
4 and in the State of Louisiana we had a
5 study performed by LSU economist, Dr.

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6 James Richardson. Dr. Richardson's
7 report explains that over the
8 construction period of this facility,
9 which will take three years, we will
10 employ as many as 700 construction
11 workers. Upon completion of the
12 facility it will employ up to 38 full
13 time employees in the parish. The local
14 impact to Pointe Coupee will be an
15 increase in business sales of 68 million
16 dollars during the first year of
17 construction. The increased household
18 earnings in Pointe Coupee parish will be
19 21 million dollars and there will be 435
20 indirectly created new jobs as a result
21 of this development. With regard to the
22 state in general the increase of this
23 business activity will generate
24 approximately 102 million dollars, 706
25 new jobs, and household earnings of an

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1 additional 30 million dollars.

2 In closing, NRG and particularly
3 Louisiana Generating would like to thank
4 the parish of Pointe Coupee in which we
5 have been and will continue to be a
6 proud corporate citizen. We not only
7 look forward to developing this
8 facility, but we look forward to

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9 expanding our business with regard to
10 the sites that we have here and doing
11 even further business in this parish and
12 in this community. We thank this
13 community and its representatives that
14 have come out tonight but also for the
15 support that you have given us over the
16 years and particularly our customer,
17 Pointe Coupee Electric. We thank you
18 for our continued support of the
19 business and this project. Thank you.

20 MR. THERIOT:

21 Thank you, Mr. Baudier. At this
22 time I would under the statutory imposed
23 guidelines I would open the mike to any
24 citizens who live within a two-mile
25 radius of the location of the facility

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1 to get up and speak. I have only two
2 sign up sheets and both are public
3 officials. So either one can come up
4 and speak if they'd like.

5 MR. CAZAYOUX:

6 Thank you. I'm Don Cazayoux. I
7 represent District 18 which includes
8 Pointe Coupee Parish. I live here in
9 New Roads, Louisiana within an
10 approximate ten-mile radius of the
11 proposed facility. I have family living

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12 within the two-mile radius and I'm in
13 support of the project. First I want to
14 thank NRG for being a good corporate
15 citizen. They've been here for over 20
16 years and certainly their credibility
17 has been earned in the way they've dealt
18 with the community and acted in the
19 community. Again, thank them for that.
20 We hope that they will continue to honor
21 this project and future projects. This
22 project obviously as Mr. Baudier
23 expressed has a lot of positive side
24 affects. One it will reduce Louisiana's
25 dependence on the fuel sources such as

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1 natural gas that are susceptible to
2 sudden cost volatility. At Peak
3 Construction here in Pointe Coupee it's
4 going to have an impact of 700 jobs with
5 approximately 38 permanent jobs,
6 operating jobs according to Mr. Baudier
7 as well as the economic impact analysis
8 that was performed by Dr. Richardson.
9 Dr. Richardson also talked about the
10 benefits of the new coal fire facility
11 that will be enjoyed across the state
12 because of the increase of availability
13 of electricity at competitive rates.
14 Finally, we're excited about the annual

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15 household earnings increasing across the
16 state to the tune of about 30 million
17 with a 21 million impact here in Pointe
18 Coupee Parish. So balancing these
19 positive impacts with the finding of DEQ
20 that there will not be an significant
21 adverse impacts on soil, vegetation,
22 visibility or air quality in the area of
23 the facility we are completely in
24 support of this project and I hope that
25 it can be completed successfully. Thank

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1 you.

2 MR. THERIOT:

3 Thank you, representative. At
4 this time we have only one other signed
5 up to speak. I'd like to offer the mike
6 to Mr. Frances Bartee.

7 MS. BARTEE:

8 Mrs.

9 MR. THERIOT:

10 Okay.

11 MS. BARTEE:

12 ES, E is for her and I is for him.
13 Thank you for asking me and allowing me
14 to be here tonight. My name is Frances
15 Bartee. I live at 315 Fairfield. I
16 live two blocks from the operation
17 center. I am in New Roads because of

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18 Big Cajun Number One. I was here when
19 they went operational commercially in
20 June of 1972 and have stayed in the
21 parish. At present I am president of
22 the Greater Pointe Coupee Chamber of
23 Commerce and I am in favor of the
24 proposed changes that LaGen is making on
25 the plant. I think that this will help

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1 our parish. It will help the people in
2 our parish with more jobs. We'll go
3 back to our -- the original number of
4 employees at the plant. It will not
5 only help the parish economically but it
6 will also help the people with their
7 economics and their utilities. So, yes,
8 the Chamber of Commerce is definitely in
9 favor of the proposed changes of the
10 Louisiana Generating Company. Thank you
11 for having me.

12 MR. THERIOT:

13 Thank you, Ms. Bartee. It seems
14 we've had a few new people that have
15 arrived. We are currently within the
16 category of citizens who speak -- who
17 live within the two-mile. No one was
18 here at the time. So we went ahead and
19 opened it to our last speaker who had
20 signed up. At this time I notice from

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21 the two sign-up sheets that neither of
22 you live within a two-mile radius of the
23 facility and that either of you work
24 within a two-mile radius of the
25 facility. Is there anyone here who

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1 wishes to speak who lives within two-
2 miles of the facility? Let the record
3 reflect that there are no speakers who
4 live within a two-mile radius of the
5 location of the facility. The next
6 group of speakers are those who work
7 within a two-mile radius of the location
8 of the facility. Are there any speakers
9 present who work within a two-mile
10 radius of the facility? Let the record
11 reflect that there are no speakers who
12 meet that category. So at this time
13 we'll move to the next category which
14 are citizen who live within the parish
15 or location of the facility. Is there
16 anybody wishing to speak who lives
17 within the parish of the location of the
18 facility?

19 MR. LAURENT:

20 I didn't sign up, but I will.

21 MR. THERIOT:

22 Do you live --

23 MR. LAURENT:

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Yes.

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Okay, we need you to go sign --

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He's also an elected official.

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MR. THERIOT:

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Oh, you are. Okay, at this time

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-- by law -- you weren't here when we

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read through the rules of the hearing,

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but since y'all are all late arrivals,

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public officials can request to speak at

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anytime. They're limited to the same

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amount of time as you would have. So at

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you to go ahead and fill it out before

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MR. LAURENT:

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I'll do so. Thank you very much.

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I'll introduce myself. I'm James

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Laurent, assessor of Pointe Coupee

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Parish. I apologize for being late. I

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was under the understanding this started

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at six o'clock -- at 6:30 and not six

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o'clock. I just would like to say that

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I am in favor of the addition to the

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Number One. It's going to be an

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economic boon for us as far as the

1 construction of it as well as the
2 employees that it will have after
3 construction. Louisiana Generating has
4 been an excellent corporate citizen, has
5 meant a lot to the parish. They
6 presently pay a very handsome property
7 tax. They are the largest property tax
8 payer in the parish. Our parish needs
9 it especially now with the closure of
10 the paper mill across the river from us.
11 A lot of our people were employed over
12 there and are now without employment.
13 So I think this will be a tremendous
14 economic aid to the parish. Thank you
15 very much.

16 MR. THERIOT:

17 Thank you, Mr. Laurent. I
18 appreciate it, and if you -- when you
19 get a chance. At this time are there --
20 I think we'll reopen it to those
21 citizens who live within the parish of
22 the location of the facility. Are there
23 any speakers here who would like to
24 speak who live within the parish, Pointe
25 Coupee Parish, who would like to speak?

4 used with the new clean coal technology.
5 It's using the old technology. So you
6 have to know that there really is no
7 clean coal. Coal like natural gas comes
8 with a price tag that we should think
9 twice about before we commit to it.
10 Coal comes with an environmental and a
11 humanitarian price tag. As we choose
12 our energy future we need to make sure
13 that we consider the full impact of each
14 decision. There are over 150 new coal
15 fired power plants proposed by the
16 United States and as you'll see as I
17 read some of this -- and I'm going to
18 present the entire report to DEQ to put
19 into the record, but I won't read all of
20 it. We really have to be concerned
21 about you future in using coal with
22 power plants. We need to shift from the
23 polluting fossil fuels of the past to
24 new sources of energy like clean fuels
25 and energy efficiencies that meet our

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1 energy needs and save us money, cut
2 pollution, improve public health, employ
3 new technologies, create new industries,
4 and jobs and put us on a path that will
5 stabilize our climate. About 90 percent
6 of the coal that's mined and produced in

7 the US is^{deq} destined for power plants.
8 Unfortunately from toxic air and waters
9 to global warming burning coal continues
10 to be one of the dirtiest sources of
11 electricity used today. The
12 consequences for human health are
13 staggering especially with regards to
14 particle pollution, one of the most
15 dangerous and deadly types of pollution
16 in our country. Particle pollution is
17 also known as soot and it can be
18 released directly from smoke stacks or
19 indirectly through other pollutants like
20 sulfur dioxide, which is released in
21 burning coal for power plants. It's
22 particularly dangerous to people because
23 it's inhaled deep into our lungs. It
24 can trigger heart attacks and strokes,
25 worsen asthma, cause irregular heart

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1 beats and lead to premature death. In
2 addition the same air pollution that
3 causes smog and soot also causes acid
4 rain. And acid rain occurs when the
5 power plant emissions like sulfur
6 dioxide and nitrogen oxides react with
7 water and oxygen in the air and then
8 they fall to the ground or into the
9 lakes and they kill fish and they kill

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plants and they make detrimental changes
11 to soil. Unfortunately repeated acid
12 rain over time suppresses our natural
13 systems and they can't recover from it
14 and we've seen this in the northeast.
15 There's been a lot of problems in the
16 northeast with acid rain.

17 The other issue with converting
18 the natural gas plant to coal fire plant
19 is mercury. Coal fire plants are the
20 largest source of manmade mercury and
21 pollution in the US. As most of you
22 probably know mercury accumulates in
23 fish and animals and people who eat them
24 and it causes brain damage, mental
25 retardation and other developmental

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1 problems. We've had a lot of problems
2 in this -- health problems in the state
3 that have been tied to industry. So
4 really it doesn't make a lot of sense
5 for us to continue to create new
6 polluting industries that increase our
7 risks of future cancers and retardation
8 and -- because right now in the United
9 States one in six women of childbearing
10 age has mercury levels in her blood high
11 enough to put her baby at risk.
12 Actually in the last legislative session

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there was some legislation passed to
14 protect us against mercury.

15 Then after the coal is burned
16 there's another issue. The amount of
17 coal combustion waste that's produced
18 each year is staggering. More than 120
19 million tons of solid waste are produced
20 each year. So then you have the dilemma
21 of where is the waste going to go? Is
22 it going to go into the landfills?
23 Well, we already know after Katrina and
24 Rita that we have problems where we
25 didn't have enough landfill space in

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1 some areas and we didn't have the right
2 kinds of landfills. So we already have
3 issues with how we handle garbage in the
4 state. But now if we are creating
5 additional hazardous waste which was
6 what this combustion waste is where is
7 it going to go? Nobody wants a new
8 landfill in their backyard, right? So
9 that's another one of the issues.

10 So basically in conclusion the
11 Delta Chapter doesn't think that it
12 makes sense to use old dirty coal
13 technology, and it's the same technology
14 that causes black lung in miners,
15 increased asthma in children, because

19 MR. THERIOT:^{deg}
20 Okay. Well, I'll go ahead and
21 take yours and mark them as Exhibit One.
22 MS. MARCH:
23 Yes, thank you.
24 MR. THERIOT:
25 Thank you for appearing.

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1 MS. MARCH:
2 You're welcome.
3 MR. THERIOT:
4 At this time I have one more
5 speaker signed up. Would you like to
6 take the mike and please identify
7 yourself. That's the usual.
8 MS. WOOD:
9 Thank you. My name is Maura Wood.
10 I live in Baton Rouge and I am here
11 tonight representing the Alliance for
12 Affordable Energy. The Alliance for
13 Affordable Energy would like to thank
14 you for the opportunity to provide
15 public comment on the issue of granting
16 the Big Cajun One the right to convert
17 from being a natural gas fire plant to
18 one of Coke and Petroleum Coke. The
19 Alliance is a 21 year non-profit whose
20 mission is to provide fair, affordable,
21 and environmentally responsible energy

22 policy ^{deq} for Louisiana, for the nation,
23 and for New Orleans. The Alliance has
24 intervened in numerous rate cases at
25 both the Public Service Commission and

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1 the New Orleans City Counsel. The
2 Alliance respectfully suggests that the
3 Big Cajun One project turns the State of
4 Louisiana away from a modern progressive
5 approach to energy generation and firmly
6 places the State on a collision course
7 with federal and worldwide environmental
8 reforms that are certain to happen over
9 the next few decades. Rather than
10 looking to a future of modern, safe,
11 cheap energy solutions, i.e., through
12 efficiency and renewables, this project
13 will be a generation long investment in
14 dirty, outdated coal technology which
15 has not been significantly improved
16 since its invention during the
17 industrial revolution. The Alliance
18 submits that Louisiana must consider
19 efficiency and renewables as the future
20 and present of affordable energy
21 production as the best way to serve the
22 needs of its citizens. The state should
23 consider offshore wind, solar energy,
24 and reducing consumer need through

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efficient and green technologies that

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will save money for the state and for the citizens of Louisiana. The proposed Big Cajun One project will emit millions of tons of greenhouse gases per year. A move which will only contribute to the effects of global warming that are certain to harm particularly Southern Louisiana. Rather than add to this growing problem Louisiana must commit to being a world leader in energy reform and greenhouse gas reduction. The state and its citizens have a huge personal, political, and financial stake in the outcome of this global warming debate. The Alliance understands that the cost of using natural gas as a fuel source for producing electricity at Big Cajun is making the cost per kilowatt hour much more expensive. Though we wish to point out that Congress is planning to debate several carbon cap bills in the fall, and in the comments that I will submit there is a list attached of the upcoming carbon cap bill, which will make the conversion to coal and

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1 Petroleum Coke even more expensive.
2 Whether such a bill will pass and be
3 signed into law before President Bush
4 leaves office will not matter as it is
5 sure to happen under the next president.
6 We must not keep our heads in the sand
7 on this issue of carbon dioxide
8 emissions. The Alliance therefore
9 respectfully submits that a cost benefit
10 analysis of raising the rates for a
11 specified period of time, much shorter
12 than rate increases to be paid over the
13 lifetime of the proposal from Big Cajun
14 One, to allow the continued use of
15 natural gas, the least harmful to humans
16 and the environment of the fossil fuels
17 until an integrated resource plan or an
18 IRP can be established by the Public
19 Service Commission as the method for
20 determining need, costs, time lines, and
21 reliability for assessing the request
22 from utilities to engage in long term
23 commitments to provide electricity to
24 customers. A thorough venting of the
25 facts in a rate case using demand side

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1 versus supply side methods for energy
2 delivery would be part of any IRP rate

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3 making. Given the strides in research
4 and development of new formulas and
5 technologies for meeting demand for the
6 Public Service Commission to have rate
7 payers pay for a long term commitment to
8 coal and any of its derivatives would
9 unnecessarily burn an entire generation
10 of Louisiana -- Louisiana's
11 pocketbooks, health, and welfare. We
12 urge you to consider these proposals in
13 that light. Better solutions exist. In
14 addition to our general concerns the
15 Alliance specifically requests
16 information as to the length of time
17 phases one and two of the proposed
18 project, for phases one and two, a cost
19 analysis of the increase in cost of this
20 project when federal law requires the
21 cap. If increasing the amount of carbon
22 dioxide emissions will be calculated as
23 acceptable due to reductions in carbon
24 emissions elsewhere, i.e., trading, we
25 would respectively request that the

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1 actual source of the reductions be
2 stated for the public per project as the
3 commission votes to accept them on
4 behalf of the rate payers. Thank you.
5 I will give you these comments.

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6 MR. THERIOT:

7 Let the record reflect that we are
8 accepting Exhibit Two from Ms. Wood.
9 I'd like to thank you for speaking. Are
10 there anymore speakers? I have no more
11 speaker -- side speaker forms, in the
12 event that one is still out in the
13 front. Are there any speakers who would
14 be willing to sign a form who would wish
15 to speak in favor or in opposition to
16 the permits? Let the record reflect
17 that there are no further speakers who
18 are in attendance.

19 At this time I usually deviate
20 from our closing remarks that we'll put
21 in at the end just to thank everybody
22 who came here today. I have a usual
23 spill that I give at these public
24 hearings. We come here -- this is a
25 uniquely American thing. You will not

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1 find public hearings like this held
2 anywhere else. We welcome comments from
3 both people in support and in opposition
4 to a governmental decision. We don't
5 shoot each other. We don't get out and
6 blow up street bombs when we don't agree
7 with another side. That is one thing
8 that's unique to the Americans, that we

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9 don't do that. We come and speak. We
10 give our comments. We vote for our
11 elections. I think everybody should
12 keep in mind when we do this that this
13 is an American thing, and along with
14 voting and jury service makes us
15 different than other people. We settle
16 our differences in a civilized manner.
17 For that I'm always as a lawyer I feel
18 appreciative. It is unique. You won't
19 find it in most places. Most places the
20 government makes their decision. If you
21 don't like it if you're in a democracy
22 you get to vote for somebody else. If
23 you do like it you can vote for the same
24 person. These public hearings are to
25 accept comments from the public and I

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1 think that that is -- we need to make
2 sure that people show up to these things
3 and continue to participate. So when I
4 do that I like to thank everybody here
5 who comes and remember that we have
6 servicemen that fight everyday to keep
7 it like it is here. So whether you
8 agree with decisions or not at least it
9 is an American thing to be able to
10 express yourself. So with that I'll go
11 ahead and close out and remind you that

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12 the comment period for the proposed Part
13 70 air major modification, PSD and Acid
14 Rain permits and the Associated
15 Environmental Assessment Statement for
16 Louisiana Generating, LLC, Big Cajun One
17 Power Plant, ends at 12:30 p.m. Monday,
18 July 16th. I've received a total of two
19 exhibits from this hearing. If there
20 are any -- without any other comments
21 I'd like to thank you for your
22 participation. Let the record reflect
23 it is 6:55 p.m. and that we are now
24 closing the hearing but I will keep the
25 mike and the ability to submit any

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1 exhibit until seven o'clock. So we can
2 reopen the hearing. I'm official
3 closing it, but we will reopen it should
4 anyone show up and wish to submit an
5 exhibit or anything else until seven
6 o'clock. We appreciate your comment.

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8 WHEREUPON, AT 6:55 P.M. THE HEARING ENDED

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18 Also, any words and/or names which could
19 not be verified through reference material
20 have been denoted with the phrase
21 "(inaudible)."

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