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BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

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In the Matter of:

Work Session
Town Board Meeting

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1 (On the record)

2 MS. ERIN HAZEN: Hi. Erin Hazen from GlidePath
3 is here.

4 MR. RICHARD MATERESE: Hi, Erin.

5 MS. HAZEN: Hi. We have others joining. They
6 are trying to marshal their forces right now.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

8 FEMALE VOICE: Erin couldn't get here from Iowa.
9 Too much snow.

10 MR. ALAN POPE: So, Rick, when you're ready,
11 what I thought we would do is maybe either bring every
12 party in do the lead, or I would do the lead, or we kind
13 of do it together. We kind of review with the board part
14 1 of the SEQR form. As the board knows, part 1 is filled
15 out or prepared by the applicant, you know, from the
16 applicant's view of the answers there. It doesn't
17 necessarily mean the board agrees, but if I wasn't going
18 to agree, review the part 1. And then either Marina or
19 Marina and I can review part 2. Part 2 is filled out as
20 everybody knows by the Town, and even Marina goes through
21 that. While she learned to just -- puts that together as
22 proposed to Anthony. But it's really the board that's got
23 to go through and kind of bless that.

24 And then part 3, as everybody knows, part 3 is
25 what is your decision at the end of working through part 1
26 and part 2 and determining whether there is no significant

1 impact or there is a significant impact kind of definitive
2 (sounds like). Or if there is significant impact, you
3 know, that might require further action. Rick, do you
4 want Marina to just kind of go through them?

5 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. Either one of you is fine.
6 I'm not going to stand in the way as long as the board is
7 okay with that.

8 MR. POPE: And if I could, because this is a
9 work session, so not to be rude or impolite to the
10 GlidePath people, but this is really Marina and I working
11 with the board. We got Sarah Campbell sitting right here
12 with us. So I think, if it's okay as we go through there,
13 I would suggest to the board that we first turn to Sarah
14 if we have any questions about anything. Especially with
15 part 1 that was put together by the applicant.

16 I mean, we all know Sarah. We see her a lot.
17 She represents a lot of developers, although she's still
18 in on this. I think, if there's a question, we can handle
19 it that way. But, I would suggest that we don't get into
20 a kind of a free for all discussion here with everybody,
21 and everybody that might be in trouble if they're here or
22 later on in the public hearing part. We should just keep
23 this somewhat controlled if that's okay.

24 MR. FRANK BERTONI: I know it sound like a
25 broken record but, as board members, we have received
26 complaints from residents that during the work sessions

1 and during the board meeting they have difficulty hearing
2 because of the masks and the location of the mics and all
3 that kind of stuff. So I hope everybody will make every
4 effort, especially during the public hearing, to just
5 speak as loudly as you can and as clearly so that the
6 residents that are on Zoom can hear what is occurring.
7 Okay?

8 MR. POPE: Yes, we'll attempt to do that.

9 MR. MATERESE: All right, Alan, why don't you
10 get started?

11 MR. POPE: All right. Well, I'm going to
12 delegate it to Marina. She's got the microphone. I'll
13 let you start with part 1, if that's okay with you.

14 MS. MARINA LANE: Sure. I think it's important
15 to read their description of the application so that the
16 public hears it.

17 MR. POPE: Okay.

18 MS. LANE: The name of the project is the
19 Oakdale Battery Storage project. It is currently proposed
20 on 4311 Watson Boulevard, at the north end, near or along
21 Robinson Hill Road. The proposed unlisted action involves
22 the planning and construction of a 120-megawatt commercial
23 battery storage system on a 9.66 acre portion along --

24 (Interposing)

25 MR. BERTONI: Marina? Marina?

26 MR. MATERESE: She's moving up, Frank.

1 MS. LANE: Yes. So can you hear me okay?

2 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

3 MS. LANE: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. BERTONI: Marina, change it to energy
5 storage instead of battery.

6 MS. LANE: I'm reading the applicant's
7 description of the project. It is an energy storage
8 project, okay, but they're going to be stored in
9 batteries. And this is the name of the application, the
10 name of the action. So let me continue.

11 It's proposed on a 9.66-acre portion of a
12 255.94-acre parcel identified as such parcel 126.04-1-
13 10.111 along Robinson Hill Road. The facility will
14 consist of the installation of approximately 116 steel
15 battery containers on a concrete pad or piers. The
16 containers will house racks of lithium-ion battery
17 modules, SCADA equipment for system monitoring protection
18 and control and electrical cabling. The dimensions of the
19 battery containers are approximately 8 feet x 50 feet deep
20 x 9 feet tall.

21 Each container includes integrated chiller
22 systems to provide ventilation. A substation comprised of
23 inverters and transformers will be constructed on site
24 that will connect the facility to the utility grid. A
25 fence will be constructed around the facility. An access
26 road will be constructed to access and maintain equipment.

1 Oakdale Battery Storage, LLC, is aware that
2 there is a pipeline traversing through the western edge of
3 the project area - the Buckeye Partners Pipeline which
4 carries non-highly volatile liquid products. This
5 pipeline and its right of way will be avoided.

6 The project involves a change in use to an
7 existing planning and development plan. Therefore, it
8 required a new PUD Homestead Village Community development
9 plan. I'm going to move to page 2. The remainder of that
10 is just the address information.

11 This project will require approvals from the
12 Town Board for the preliminary PUD plan and the SEQOR
13 review, which is what we're doing right now - State
14 Environmental Quality Review Act.

15 MR. BERTONI: Marina, if we have a question, you
16 want us to wait until the end?

17 MS. LANE: I don't mind if you ask me, Frank.
18 Do you have a question?

19 MR. BERTONI: I think I sent you an email that
20 I'm having some difficulty in the term battery storage. I
21 understand what you're reading to us about this project.
22 But separate from that, if we allow battery storage in the
23 PUD, what keeps someone else in the future from coming to
24 the PUD property and wanting to store a different kind of
25 battery in a warehouse?

26 MS. LANE: You know, Walmart stored a lot of

1 batteries.

2 MR. BERTONI: What?

3 MS. LANE: Walmart stores a lot of batteries. I
4 mean I'm not sure that battery storage is a concern.
5 Forgive me for making an assumption that maybe you are
6 thinking that some people might conclude that we're
7 talking about a battery recycling facility. That's not
8 what this is. This is a public utility. Daria Golazeski,
9 code enforcement officer or official, is here right now.
10 She can verify that's the interpretation, that it is a
11 public utility facility. Did that help you?

12 MR. BERTONI: For this project, I understand
13 that battery storage can be the proper term. But in
14 changing the PUD to allow battery storage, how does that
15 not allow for the battery storage, for example, that
16 Endicott was going to allow, that building across from
17 their facility --

18 MS. LANE: I can answer that very quickly,
19 Frank.

20 MR. BERTONI: What?

21 MS. LANE: I can answer that very quickly. You
22 are not approving a battery storage project. It's titled
23 battery storage, but you would be approving a public
24 utility facility use. That is what you're approving. And
25 I believe, in my memo to you, I would have explained that,
26 that that's the use that's being proposed. It is just

1 titled battery storage, but you are not approving just a
2 battery storage. You are and you may not approve - I'm
3 jumping there. But what's being presented to you is a
4 public utility facility use in this PUD.

5 MR. BERTONI: So changing the PUD to allow this
6 does not allow other battery storage somewhere else in the
7 PUD?

8 MS. LANE: That is correct. This is a public
9 utility facility.

10 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

11 MS. LANE: I'm just trying to find where I put
12 all my supporting documents so I could have it in my
13 folder. In my folder -- I mean, excuse me, in my report
14 to you, Frank, from the Planning Board, we wrote:

15 Homestead Village Development Group applied for
16 approval for the new Homestead Village PUD Development
17 Plan. The existing PUD consists of a town plus
18 development, hotel and conference center, a golf course,
19 and professional offices. The proposal is to include 12
20 Beech Street in the final Homestead Village PUD and for
21 the addition of a public utility facility on a 9.66-acre
22 lot to be partitioned from 4311 Watson Boulevard. The PUD
23 is 421.3 acres. Twenty-five percent of the land has been
24 dedicated as open space and all of the uses are permitted.

25 Does that help you?

26 MR. BERTONI: I think so, yes.

1 MS. LANE: Okay. So this is specifically
2 interpreted by Dee as a public utility facility. Not a
3 storage facility. Okay?

4 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. If you remember, I
5 objected to what was allowed at the PUD last time when we
6 went through the public hearing. Remember?

7 MS. LANE: Yes. And I don't mind you asking
8 those questions. Thank you for helping me clarify it for
9 everyone.

10 MR. BERTONI: The things we were told was the
11 PUD already allows for it. So we didn't really have a
12 say, I didn't think, in that we couldn't change the PUD
13 because the PUD already allowed for that type of facility.
14 And I just want to make sure that we are not allowing
15 something down the road to come in because of the wording
16 of the words battery storage in the PUD. That's one of my
17 concerns.

18 MS. LANE: That's just the name of the project.
19 But when you approve or not the PUD, you will be
20 considering the addition of a public utility facility.
21 Okay? That's the use that's being -- you vote on a use.
22 The Town Board votes on the use and then eventually,
23 should you approve it, the Planning Board will vote on a
24 site plan. But right now you will be considering the use
25 of adding a public utility facility. Let everyone know
26 that public utilities are permitted in every zoning

1 district. The only other districts that require a public
2 hearing from the Planning Board are residential districts.

3 MR. BERTONI: Are what?

4 MS. LANE: Residential zoning districts. But
5 all the commercial zoning districts and the industrial
6 zoning district would not even require a public hearing.
7 What you're doing is you're considering an amendment to
8 the PUD or - let me rephrase that - at a new PUD that
9 would include the public utility facility.

10 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

11 MS. LANE: The reason you're having a public
12 hearing at all is because it is in the Planned Unit
13 Development. Not because of the use so much. Okay?
14 Shall I go on with the EAF?

15 MR. BERTONI: Yeah.

16 MS. LANE: And I don't mind your questions,
17 Frank. So as I just mentioned, this requires first Town
18 Board approval of the use. And if approved, then it would
19 move on to the Planning Board for landscaping, screening,
20 lighting, et cetera. So I'm going to go to (C) Planning
21 and Zoning. Is that okay?

22 MR. BERTONI: Uh-hmm.

23 MS. LANE: The first question - and I'm going to
24 move quickly but don't hesitate to interrupt me - will
25 administrative and legislative adoption, or amendment of a
26 plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only

1 approval which must be granted to enable the proposed
2 action to proceed? And the response there is no. That
3 would be something like a change in zoning.

4 (C2) Adopted Land Use Plans. Do any
5 municipality-adopted comprehensive land use plans include
6 the site where the proposed action would be located? The
7 answer is yes. If yes, does the comprehensive plan
8 include specific recommendations for the site where the
9 proposed action would be located? And the answer is no.

10 B. Is the site of the proposed action within
11 any local or regional special planning district such as a
12 Brownfield Opportunity Area, et cetera? And the answer is
13 yes. It's in the upper Susquehanna River Basin. Sorry, I
14 turned my head away. Upper Susquehanna River Basin.

15 Is the proposed action located wholly or
16 partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal
17 open space plan? So that's clearly an open space plan.
18 And the answer is no.

19 (C3) Zoning. Is the site of the proposed
20 action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning
21 law or ordinance? The answer is yes. That ordinance is -
22 - that zoning district is a planned unit development.
23 Just for everyone's information, a planned unit
24 development must be at least 10 acres, must have at least
25 two uses, and must dedicate 25 percent of the open space
26 ID'd.

1 Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or
2 conditional use permit? The answer is yes. Is the zoning
3 change requested as a part of the proposed action? No.

4 (C4) Existing Community Services. In what
5 school district is the project site located? Johnson
6 City. What police or other public protection forces serve
7 the project site? That would be Broome County Sheriff's
8 Office and the New York State Police. Which fire
9 protection and emergency medical services serve the
10 project site? That would be the Johnson City Fire
11 Department. It should have included the Union Volunteer
12 Emergency Services (sic). Right? UVES.

13 What parks serve the project site? The
14 applicants put in (indiscernible) park in Johnson City.
15 Dee had thought that maybe (indiscernible) Park should
16 have been added. But since there are no children in this
17 facility, I was not overly worried.

18 (D) Project Details. Proposed and Potential
19 Development. What is the general nature of the proposed
20 action? The answer is electric utility services energy
21 storage. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action
22 is 9.66 acres. Total acreage to be physically disturbed,
23 9 acres. Total acreage owned or controlled by the
24 applicant or project sponsor? Since Homestead Village
25 Development Group submitted this project on behalf of the
26 PUD, the answer was 255.9 acres of that particular lot.

1 Is the proposed action an expansion of an
2 existing project or use? The answer is no. Is the
3 proposed action a subdivision or does it include a
4 subdivision? No. Will the proposed action be constructed
5 in multiple phases? No. It is anticipated to take 12
6 months.

7 (D1f) Does the project include new residential
8 uses? No. Does the proposed action include new non-
9 residential construction? The answer is yes.

10 Approximately 120 structures, 9 feet high x 8 feet wide x
11 53 feet long. The approximate extent of the building
12 space to be heated or cooled? That is not applicable.

13 Does the proposed action include construction or other
14 activities that will result in the impoundment of any
15 liquids, such as the creation of a water supply,
16 reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon, or other storage?
17 The answer is no.

18 Because it's no, we can jump down to (D2)
19 Project Operations. Does the proposed action include any
20 excavation, mining, or dredging during construction or
21 operations, or both? The answer is no.

22 (D2b) Would the proposed action cause or result
23 in an alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or
24 encroachment into an existing wetland, water body,
25 shoreline, beach or adjacent area? And the applicant put
26 in yes. The access road may cross a delineated non-state

1 regulated stream by utilizing culverts. They would like
2 that identified so they did --

3 I just want to make sure everyone knows that
4 this was run by the Army Corps of Engineers. Project area
5 contains four streams totaling 1,374 linear feet, all
6 unnamed tributaries of the Susquehanna River. Streams
7 one, three, and four are Class D streams and stream two is
8 a Class C stream. These are not state regulated streams,
9 but streams one and two are U.S. Army Corps jurisdictional
10 streams.

11 Describe how the proposed action would affect
12 that water body or wetland. The response is installation
13 of a culvert for stream crossing with total area of
14 disturbance to wetlands or water bodies at less than 0.1
15 acre. Let me clarify to everyone, and I do have it in
16 writing again from Erin, that actually no wetlands are on
17 the site. They just seem to do for whatever reason the
18 generic. Will the proposed action cause or result in
19 disturbance to bottom sediments? No. Will the proposed
20 action cause or result in the destruction or removal of
21 aquatic vegetation? No.

22 Under V, or 5 really, describe any proposed
23 reclamation/mitigation following disturbance. Best
24 management practices erosion and sediment controls will be
25 adhered to throughout project construction. Mitigation
26 will not be required as a result of this project.

1 Under C, will the proposed action use or create
2 a new demand for water? The answer is no. Under D, will
3 the proposed action generate liquid wastes? The answer is
4 no.

5 E. Will the proposed action disturb more than 1
6 acre and create stormwater runoff either from new point
7 sources such as ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutter or
8 other concentrated flows of stormwater, or non-point
9 source - sheet flow - during construction or post-
10 construction? The answer is yes. If yes, how much
11 impervious surface will the project create in relation to
12 total size of the project parcel? The response is 2.45
13 acres of impervious surface over a total of 9.66 acres.
14 Gravel access roads and 116 steel battery containers on a
15 concrete pad or piers would be the new point source of the
16 runoff.

17 Where will the stormwater runoff be directed?
18 It will go to access roads. Equipment pads will be
19 treated by a bio-retention basin. This feature will
20 capture and treat stormwater runoff and discharge prior to
21 leaving the project site. Erosion and sediment controls
22 will prevent runoff to streams in the project area.

23 Will the stormwater runoff flow to adjacent
24 properties? The answer is no. Does the proposed plan
25 minimize impervious surfaces, use impervious materials or
26 collect and reuse stormwater? The answer was yes.

1 F. Does the proposed action include or will it
2 use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions,
3 including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other
4 processes or operations? The answer is no.

5 G. Will any air emission sources identified in
6 D.2.f - which we had just read - require a New York State
7 air registration, air facility permit, or federal Clean
8 Air Act Title IV or Title V permit? The answer is no.

9 H. Will the proposed action generate or emit
10 methane? The answer is no.

11 I. Will the proposed action result in the
12 release of air pollutants from open air operations or
13 processes, such as a quarry or landfill operation? The
14 answer is no.

15 Will the proposed actions result in a
16 substantial increase in traffic above present levels or
17 generate substantial new demand for transportation
18 facilities or services? The answer is no. They expect
19 three to five trip generations during normal operations
20 per week.

21 K. Will the proposed action generate new or
22 additional demand for energy? The answer is no. Hours of
23 operation. During construction, they anticipate Monday
24 through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.
25 to 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m.; and holidays 9:00 a.m. to
26 7:00 p.m. During operations, it runs 24 hours.

1 MR. BERTONI: Marina.

2 MS. LANE: Yeah.

3 MR. BERTONI: So the questions that we are
4 answering right now only pertain to the facility that
5 we're looking at. Is that right? So for example, and
6 hypothetically, I don't have any data in front of me, but
7 to generate a certain amount of let's say lithium. And
8 they have to go to some place and get this lithium for a
9 battery. Let's say it requires an extraordinary amount of
10 energy to get that lithium. We're not talking about that
11 part. We're only talking about the part that we're
12 approving. Is that right?

13 MS. LANE: They have purchased the batteries.
14 They're already made from the supplier. So this does not
15 involve making the batteries at all.

16 MR. BERTONI: No. I know that. But in order to
17 purchase those batteries, somebody had to make that
18 battery and there has to be some energy. So we're not
19 talking about what has to happen in order to get that
20 stuff here. We're only talking about the facility itself.

21 MS. LANE: You are correct.

22 MR. BERTONI: Okay. All right. Because I think
23 there is energy that is required to supply these
24 facilities, but it's offsite (sounds like).

25 MS. LANE: I'm sure that when you have the
26 public hearing, you'll be able to ask Erin about that.

1 MR. BERTONI: Okay. All right.

2 MS. LANE: It's not really a part of what we're
3 considering at all. Okay?

4 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. LANE: Yes. You're welcome. So I'm on to M
6 now. On top of page 8. Will the proposed action produce
7 noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels
8 during construction, operation, or both? The answer is
9 yes. Providing details, temporary noise impacts in
10 certain construction equipment may occur. There is in
11 this report, attached in D, a noise analysis that was done
12 professionally. Let me see where I am. So basically
13 they're estimating an operational noise above 52 decibels
14 dBa. I'm not sure what dBa stands for.

15 MS. HEATHER STALEY: Decibel.

16 FEMALE VOICE: Decibel.

17 MS. LANE: That's what I said. Okay, it's
18 decibels. At the nearest sensitive receptor to the sound,
19 we shall comply with local ordinance and the New York
20 State NYSERDA model ordinance for BESS - Battery Energy
21 Storage Systems.

22 Then the next question was will the proposed
23 action remove existing natural barriers that would act as
24 a noise barrier or screen? They say no. They're going to
25 leave a 465-wide tree/vegetation buffer between the
26 project and nearest residence.

1 N. Will the proposed action have outdoor
2 lighting? The answer is, yes, motion-activated security
3 lighting designed with shields intended to eliminate light
4 trespass offsite. The project will include some tree
5 removal. However, a buffer of trees will remain on all
6 sides of the project which will continue to act as a light
7 barrier in addition to the shielded fixture design.

8 Question O, does the proposed action have the
9 potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?
10 The answer is no.

11 Will the proposed action include any bulk
12 storage of petroleum or chemical products in or above
13 ground? The answer is no. Will the proposed action use
14 pesticides during construction or operation? The answer
15 is yes. During operations, weed growth around the
16 facilities will be controlled via EPA-approved herbicides
17 applied by certified applicators. Pesticides will only be
18 used on an as-needed basis. They do not intend to use
19 integrated pest management practices. Are there going to
20 be any bugs (sounds like) released to go after the pest?
21 Okay.

22 R. Will the proposed action involve or require
23 the management or disposal of solid waste excluding
24 hazardous materials? The answer is yes. During the
25 construction period separate bins for recycling of metals
26 and paper will be provided to minimize waste. During

1 operation, normal operations are not expected to generate
2 solid waste. When maintenance or repairs will result in
3 packaging or other waste, bins will be placed as needed
4 with metals and paper separated where feasible. Proposed
5 disposal methods facilities for solid waste generated on-
6 site. Removal and disposal of construction and general
7 waste will be contracted through a local licensed waste
8 removal company. Recycling will be contracted through the
9 same route, if available, or a separate scrap metal
10 recycling company.

11 I'm going to page nine. Question S, does the
12 proposed action include construction or modification of a
13 solid waste management facility? The answer is no. Will
14 the proposed action at the site involve the commercial
15 generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous
16 waste? The answer is no.

17 We can now move on to E, Site and Setting of
18 Proposed Action. The first question is about land uses on
19 and surrounding the project site. The existing land uses
20 that are around or on the site are forest, industrial -
21 due to the NYSEG Oakdale Substation right across the road
22 - commercial, residential, and other open space, utility
23 subdivision. There is an adjoining residential property
24 south of the project site; a commercial nursery to the
25 north; a golf course to the south and west; a hotel to the
26 southwest; and a NYSEG substation to the east.

1 Now everybody bear with me for one second. I
2 just have to find a particular note here. In this chart
3 that follows, land uses and cover types on the project
4 site, I just need to mention that there was an oversight
5 when the GlidePath's engineering firm that they contracted
6 with filled this out. They had a typo right there under
7 the acreage after project completion. The first category
8 - roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces
9 - they had written in there incorrectly 8.6. I know how
10 that happens. You use the same forms over and over and
11 you mess up. They confirmed that the correct number is
12 2.45 acres of impervious area. Not the 8.6. So
13 basically, out of 9.66 acres, 2.45 will be impervious.

14 I'm going to switch to the next page. Page 10.

15 MR. MATERESE: Excuse me, Marina.

16 MS. LANE: Yes.

17 MR. MATERESE: Just a quick question. Go back
18 to page --

19 MS. LANE: Rick, I'm sorry. Go ahead, Rick.

20 MR. MATERESE: If you go back to page eight, it
21 says -- sorry. We stay right. Page eight at the top. It
22 says will the proposed action remove existing natural
23 barrier that could act as a noise barrier? It says the
24 project will leave a 465-wide tree/vegetation buffer
25 between the project and nearest residence. And this is
26 just in a weird situation, but is there a way to add the

1 words "and maintain" so that something doesn't go in and
2 kill off a 100 feet of that proposed buffer?

3 MS. LANE: Well, Rick, that's going to be coming
4 - function of the Planning Board site plan review. As you
5 probably are aware, because you do diligently attend our
6 meetings, we always have a clause. It's in the code book,
7 that when the Planning Board approves a landscaping plan,
8 the owners of that property must maintain that landscaping
9 as was approved. Generally, they have to replant within a
10 month weather permitting.

11 MR. MATERESE: Perfect. Thank you.

12 MS. LANE: You're welcome. I'm going to go to
13 the top of page 10. Question C, is the project site
14 presently used by members of the community for public
15 recreation? The answer is no. Are there any facilities
16 serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities,
17 et cetera, within 1,500 feet of the project site? The
18 answer is no. Does the project site contain an existing
19 dam? No.

20 Has the project site ever been used as a
21 municipal, commercial, or industrial solid waste
22 management facility, or does the project site adjoin
23 property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid
24 waste management facility? The answer is no.

25 Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated,
26 and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site

1 adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to
2 commercially treat, store, and/or dispose of hazardous
3 waste? The answer is no.

4 H. The Potential Contamination. Has there been
5 a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any
6 remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the
7 site? So the response here is that there was a spill
8 reported. There are two listed here. The DEC numbers are
9 9111294 and 9801021. They've identified that these were
10 recorded unmapped spills at the two substations on the
11 other side of Robinson Hill Road. The spills have been
12 remediated to DEC's satisfaction.

13 Then the next question they have corresponded to
14 is the project within 2,000 feet of any site in the New
15 York State DEC Environmental Site Remediation database?
16 The answer is no. Is the project site subject to an
17 institutional control limiting property uses? The answer
18 is no.

19 We can move on to E2, Natural Resources on or
20 Near the Project Site. What is the average depth to
21 bedrock on the project site? 4.5 feet. Are there bedrock
22 outcroppings on the project site? No. The predominant
23 soils present on the project site -- well, I'm sorry. I
24 didn't memorize this. LdC, BoB, and BoC. If anybody
25 wants to know what those mean, there is a soils map in the
26 booklet.

1 Let's see. Frank, while I try to open that
2 page, let me just remind you that you're not answering
3 these questions. These questions were answered by the
4 applicant.

5 So LdD is the Lordstown channery silt loam which
6 is found on 15 percent to 25 percent slopes. I don't see
7 -- oh. No, no, no. (Indiscernible) slopes. It's 95
8 percent hydric which will mean there's loads of water.
9 Alluvial land 55 percent of it. Beluga channery silt
10 loam, which we won't continue with what that implies.

11 What is the average depth to the water table on
12 the project site? The applicant has identified that as
13 2.6 feet. The drainage status of project site soils: 33
14 percent of the site is identified as being well-drained
15 and 67 percent of the site is poorly-drained. Approximate
16 proportion of proposed action site with slopes, 54 percent
17 of the site.

18 Well, I have to ask Erin and Lisa to make sure
19 that these numbers are correct. Because as I'm thinking
20 about it now, I want to make sure: 54 percent of the site
21 being 0 to 10 percent; 14 percent, 10 to 15 percent; and
22 32 percent at 15 percent flow. But I believe in another
23 section of this report - it's just occurring to me now, I
24 apologize - that there was a reference to that sloping -
25 pardon me, everybody - such that somewhere I came up with
26 the figure of about 92 percent, being 10 percent slope or

1 grade. Maybe Erin can address that later. Here we go.
2 Here we go. These pages aren't numbered.

3 In the beginning of your booklets, Town Board
4 Members, you'll see a page quickly, it's just about 83 and
5 4N (sounds like), you can see this page with the energy
6 storage sum, it just catches your eye quickly. On the
7 opposite page, at the center of creative use of land and
8 related physical development allowing an orderly
9 transition from one land use to another, this is where
10 there's a statement in the middle. At this project site,
11 41 percent of the site features slopes of 10 percent to 15
12 percent; and 51 percent of the site has slope in excess of
13 15 percent. So that's what I looked at when I was doing
14 my reporting.

15 FEMALE VOICE: (Inaudible)?

16 MALE VOICE: (Inaudible)

17 MS. LANE: Yeah. Okay. So I'm going to go back
18 to where we were. Basically, my assumption has been that
19 most of the property and looking at topographic mass, most
20 of the property is equally sloped. And so we can get a
21 (indiscernible) number, that specific number. Okay.

22 We're going onto G. Are there any unique
23 geologic features on the project site? And the answer is
24 no.

25 H. Surface water features. Does any portion of
26 the project contain wetlands or other water bodies

1 including streams, rivers, ponds, or lakes? And they had
2 written in here yes. Non-state regulated delineated
3 streams in the southeast portion of the project area.
4 Impact will be less than one-tenth of an acre. Do any
5 wetlands or other water bodies adjoin the project site?
6 No. And basically they just asked, again, for the same
7 delineated streams information. So we haven't
8 (inaudible). Are any of the above water bodies listed in
9 the most recent compilation of New York State water
10 quality-impaired water bodies? And the answer is no.

11 We can now move on to question I. Is the
12 project site in a designated floodway? No. Is the
13 project site in the 100-year floodplain? No. Is the
14 project site in the 500-year floodplain? No. Is the
15 project site located over or immediately adjoining a
16 primary, principal or sole source aquifer? And the answer
17 is yes, because the whole town is over the sole source
18 aquifer of the Clinton Street ballpark, the sole source
19 aquifer, which basically means the water down below the
20 ground.

21 Okay, we're getting near the end.

22 Page 12, M. Identify the predominant wildlife
23 species that occupy or use the project site. And that
24 would be deer, rabbits, and coyote. Does the project site
25 contain a designated significant natural community? That
26 would be something designated by the DEC, and the answer

1 is no. Does the project site contain any species of plant
2 or animal that is listed by the federal government or New
3 York State as endangered or threatened or does it contain
4 any areas identified as habitat for endangered or
5 threatened species? The answer is no. The applicant did
6 provide a statement from the New York State Office of
7 Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation that made that
8 determination.

9 Does the project site contain any species of
10 plant or animal that is listed by the New York -- oh, I
11 made a mistake under it. That was in the big part. They
12 provided the fish and wildlife's service (sounds like)
13 report that made that determination. Does the project
14 site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed
15 by New York State as rare, or as a species of special
16 concern? And the answer is no.

17 Q. Is the project site or adjoining area
18 currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing, or shell
19 fishing? And the answer is no.

20 E3. Designated public resources on or near
21 project site. Is the project site or any portion of it
22 located in a designated agricultural district? The answer
23 is no. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly
24 productive soils present? No. Does the project site
25 contain all or a part of, or is it substantially
26 contiguous to a registered natural landmark? The answer

1 is no. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a
2 state listed critical environmental area? The answer is
3 no again.

4 Page 13. Does the project site contain or is it
5 substantially contiguous to a building, archaeological
6 site, or district which is listed on the state or National
7 Register of Historic Places, or that's being determined by
8 the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks,
9 Recreation, and Historic Preservation to be eligible for
10 listing on the State Register of Historic Places? And the
11 answer is no. And that's the letter I was referring to
12 erroneously before.

13 Is the project site or any portion of it located
14 in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for
15 archeological sites in the New York State Historic
16 Preservation Office? No. Have additional archaeological
17 or historic sites or resources been identified on this
18 project site? No. Is the project site within five miles
19 of any officially designated and publicly accessible
20 federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource?
21 And the answer is no. And the final question - is this
22 project site located within a designated river corridor
23 under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program?
24 No.

25 So that is the conclusion of the Environmental
26 Assessment Form completed with substantial backup

1 information for the application. And then, next, we would
2 want to move on to Part 2. That was Part 1 completed by
3 the applicant. And then we can move on to Part 2 of the
4 Environmental Assessment Forms. And that is basically an
5 evaluation of the project. So we can move pretty quickly
6 through this.

7 Part 2 Identification of Potential Project
8 Impacts. The first question is about the impact on land.
9 And just so everybody in the audience is aware, on this
10 form, they refer you back to the sections of the first
11 part of the EAF that you can look at to evaluate the
12 responses on this Part 2.

13 So the first question is impact on land.
14 Proposed action may involve construction on or physical
15 alteration of the land surface of the proposed site. The
16 answer is yes.

17 Next, we evaluate whether there's a small or no
18 impact versus a moderate to large impact. So those
19 questions quickly are - the proposed action may involve
20 construction on land where depth of water table is less
21 than three feet. That is a yes, but it would be a very
22 small impact as these are inert structures.

23 B. The proposed action may involve construction
24 on slopes of 15 percent or greater. And the answer again
25 would be yes. But this would be a small impact because
26 the design of these containers are perfect for tiering or

1 terracing like a rice paddy down the slope. So I put that
2 as a small impact.

3 C. The proposed action may involve construction
4 on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within five
5 feet of existing ground surface - and, no. The proposed
6 action may involve the excavation or removal of more than
7 1,000 tons of natural material. And I put no. That will
8 be a small impact. The proposed action may involve
9 construction that continues for more than one year or in
10 multiple phases. They estimate one year of construction.
11 And that would be a small impact.

12 The proposed action may result in increased
13 erosion whether from physical disturbance or vegetation
14 removal. And the answer would be a small impact as they
15 will be grading the property and having the appropriate
16 swales and drainage structures to prevent that erosion.
17 And on top of that, once the structures are completely
18 built, they will have stabilized all the earth that's near
19 the part of the natural building.

20 G. The proposed action is or may be located
21 within the coastal erosion hazard area. The answer is no.

22 2. Impact on Geological Features. The proposed
23 action may result in modification or destruction of, or
24 inhibit access to any unique or unusual land forms on the
25 site such as cliffs or dunes, et cetera. And the answer
26 is no.

1 Impacts on Surface Water. The proposed action
2 may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water
3 bodies such as streams, or ponds, or lakes. And the
4 answer is yes. So we need to then evaluate whether that's
5 a small or a medium impact. The proposed action may
6 create a new water body, the answer is no. It may result
7 in the increase or decrease of over 10 percent or more
8 than a 10-acre increase or decrease -- excuse me, I'm
9 going to reread that. The proposed action may result in
10 an increase or decrease of over 10 percent or more than a
11 10-acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any
12 body of water. So that is no.

13 The proposed action may involve dredging more
14 than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water
15 body, no. The proposed action may involve construction
16 within or adjoining a freshwater tidal wetland. The
17 answer is no. The proposed action may create turbidity in
18 a water body either from upland erosion, runoff or by
19 disturbing bottom sediments. The answer is no.

20 The proposed action may include construction of
21 one or more intakes for withdrawal of water from surface
22 water, no. The proposed action may include construction
23 of one or more outfalls for discharge of wastewater to
24 surface water. The answer is no. The proposed action may
25 cause soil erosion or otherwise create a source of
26 stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other

1 degradation of receiving water bodies. So the answer
2 there is no.

3 The proposed action may affect the water quality
4 of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of
5 the proposed action, no. The proposed action may involve
6 the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around
7 any water body. The answer is no. And the proposed
8 action may require the construction of new or expansion of
9 existing wastewater treatment facilities. The answer is
10 no.

11 Question 4. Impact on groundwater. The
12 proposed action may result in new or additional use of
13 groundwater or may have the potential to introduce
14 contaminants to the groundwater or an aquifer. The answer
15 is no.

16 Number 5. Impact on flooding. The proposed
17 action may result in development on lands subject to
18 flooding. The answer is no.

19 Impacts on air. The proposed action may include
20 a state regulated air emission source. The answer is no.

21 Impact on plants and animals. The proposed
22 action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. The answer
23 is yes. The proposed action may cause reduction in
24 population or loss of any individuals or threatened or
25 endangered species. The answer is no. We are evaluating
26 the answer yes just so people know they don't have the

1 (inaudible).

2 The proposed action may result in a reduction or
3 degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or
4 endangered species. The answer is no. The proposed
5 action may cause a reduction in population or loss of
6 individuals of any species of special concern or
7 conservation. The answer is no. The proposed action may
8 result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used
9 by any species of special concern and conservation. The
10 answer there, again, is no.

11 The proposed action may diminish the capacity of
12 a registered national natural landmark to support the
13 biological community it was established to protect. The
14 answer is no. The proposed action may result in the
15 removal of, or ground disturbance in any portion of a
16 designated significant natural community. The answer is
17 no. The proposed action may substantially interfere with
18 nesting, breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for
19 the predominant species that occupy or use the project
20 site. That would be a minor impact.

21 And the proposed action requires the conversion
22 of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland, or other
23 regionally or locally important habitat. The answer is no
24 or minor. The proposed action involves use of herbicides
25 or pesticides. The answer there would be a minor impact.

26 Number 8. Impact on agricultural resources.

1 The proposed action may impact agricultural resources.

2 And the answer is no.

3 Impact on aesthetic resources. The land use of
4 the proposed action are obviously different from or are in
5 contrast to current land use patterns between the proposed
6 project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. The answer is
7 no.

8 Impact on historic and archaeological resources.
9 The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic
10 or archaeological resource. The answer is no. Again,
11 remember, as I'm turning the page, we are evaluating the
12 impacts for Part 1.

13 Number 11. Impact on open space and recreation.
14 The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational
15 opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as
16 designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. The
17 answer is no.

18 Impact on critical environmental areas. The
19 proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a
20 critical environmental area. The answer is no. Those are
21 designated by New York State.

22 13. Impact on transportation. The proposed
23 action may result in a change to existing transportation
24 systems. The answer is no.

25 Impact on energy. The proposed action may cause
26 an increase in the use of any form of energy. The answer

1 is no.

2 Impact on noise, odor, and light. The proposed
3 action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or
4 outdoor lighting. I clicked no. I realized here I
5 probably should have put yes, only because of minor
6 increases. So we'll pretend I said yes, and I'll fix
7 that. But let's go through the question associated with
8 it. So in evaluating impacts on noise, odor, and light,
9 the proposed action may produce sound above noise levels
10 established by local regulation. The answer is no. The
11 proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet
12 of any residence, hospital, school, licensed daycare
13 center, or nursing home. The answer would be no. And the
14 proposed action may result in routine odors for more than
15 one hour per day. The answer would be no.

16 And on page 9, the proposed action may result in
17 light shining onto adjoining properties. The answer there
18 would be no. And the proposed action may result in
19 lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area
20 conditions. The answer would be no.

21 Question number 16. Impact on human health.
22 The proposed action may have an impact on human health
23 from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants.
24 The answer is no.

25 Consistency with the community plans. The
26 proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use

1 plans. The response to that is no.

2 Number 18. Consistency with community
3 character. The proposed project is inconsistent with the
4 existing community character. The answer there is no
5 again.

6 So now, we've reached Part 3. Frank or Rick, do
7 either of you have any questions about those responses? I
8 will be doing a summary evaluation of that in Part 3. I
9 take it not. Okay.

10 So under the evaluation of the magnitude and
11 importance of project impacts and the determination of
12 significance, which is Part 3 of this Full Environmental
13 Assessment Form, you'll see after the bullets halfway
14 down, I did a summary here. Oakdale Battery Storage, LLC,
15 applied to construct a 9.66-acre batter array to provide
16 capacity and ancillary services to the electric grid by
17 storing and discharging electricity via the existing NYSEG
18 Oakdale Substation as directed by the New York Independent
19 System Operator, NYISO.

20 In looking at the different impacts, I have
21 addressed several of them. Impact on land - greater than
22 90 percent of the facility footprint is on a sloped land
23 greater than 10 percent. Bedrock is 4.5 feet deep and the
24 water table is on average 2.6 feet deep. These terrain
25 issues would make other types of development difficult but
26 would not significantly affect this project. The battery

1 storage structure is 8 feet by 53 feet, would be terraced
2 down a slope and provide a unique development opportunity
3 for the property.

4 Impacts on surface water. The project site has
5 no wetlands but has three small intermittent ephemeral
6 streams and one perennial stream. The intermittent
7 streams result from either rainfall or rising groundwater
8 and will not be impacted significantly by the project.
9 The perennial stream follows the soil along Robinson Hill
10 Road and a culvert would be installed at the point of
11 entrance to the property.

12 The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has confirmed
13 that two streams are under their jurisdiction and the
14 appropriate design and installation of the culvert must
15 comply with non-reporting nationwide permit standards.
16 Potential erosion and drainage issues would be addressed
17 by a soil system and a bio-retention pond to mitigate
18 stormwater runoff.

19 Impact on plants and animals. Here's where I
20 did not see this. I didn't correct it. I'm going to
21 correct it now. Adding 2.45 acres of impervious surface
22 to vacant land will disturb some animals and remove trees.
23 But, again, in the entire current parcel, 4311 Watson
24 Boulevard has approximately 240 acres of woods and a golf
25 course. The proposed development would not significantly
26 affect plants and animals. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1 found no rare, protected, or endangered animals or plants.
2 No New York State critical environmental area would be
3 affected.

4 In addition, the planned unit development has
5 1.95 acres of dedicated open space including wetlands,
6 forests, and recreational space. The proposed action will
7 not result in any adverse effects to existing air quality,
8 surface or groundwater quality or quantity. Noise related
9 to the battery array will be mitigated by trees and
10 distance. Screening trees would also mitigate potential
11 visual impacts from the nine-foot high structures.

12 Increased traffic during construction would be
13 temporary. Once constructed, the project would result in
14 three to five vehicle trips per week. Solid waste
15 production during construction would be recycled or
16 disposed of through a private waste disposal company.
17 There would be minimal waste produced during normal
18 operations. There would be no impacts to public water and
19 sanitary sewer systems.

20 The proposed action would not result in any
21 adverse effects to aesthetic, agricultural, or historic,
22 or other natural or cultural resources, nor the community
23 or neighborhood character being across from an existing
24 substation. The proposed action will not result in any
25 adverse effects on the community's existing plans or goals
26 as officially adopted.

1 The proposed action will not result in any
2 adverse effects from growth, subsequent development,
3 regulated activities likely to be induced by the proposed
4 action. The proposal would not result in any adverse
5 effects in either quantity or type of energy. And, in
6 fact, would be an asset by stabilizing the electric grid.
7 The proposed action would support renewable energy source
8 and reduce the grid's dependence on non-renewable energy
9 sources that negatively affect the environment. So I
10 recommend a negative declaration. Any questions?

11 MR. BERTONI: No.

12 MS. LANE: No questions. Okay. Well, we'll
13 have Erin and Sarah later to ask all your questions. And
14 thank you everybody for putting up with me.

15 MR. MATERESE: Well done, Marina.

16 MS. STALEY: Thank you.

17 MS. LANE: Okay. Thanks. Have a great night.

18 MS. BAUMAN: You too.

19 MR. MATERESE: Well done, Marina.

20 MS. LANE: Thank you so much. Thanks, Rick.

21 MR. POPE: Just a reminder to everybody on the
22 board, this comes up later in our meeting. So we're not
23 going to vote right now. We'll just wait until it comes
24 up, and then we can have more discussion if you want to
25 and then vote. So, Rick, I think you're running for
26 starting the regular meeting (inaudible).

1 MR. MATERESE: Let me add one thing. We got a
2 note from Julie that the (indiscernible) people wanted to
3 start planning. I have no problem with them to starting
4 to plan if the event is legal in Broome County. Does
5 anybody else have a problem with that?

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: No.

7 MS. BAUMAN: No.

8 MS. STALEY: No.

9 MR. MATERESE: Okay. And quickly, the phone
10 system is supposedly up and ready to go now. And Dog
11 Control is still in the air. Broome County is attempting
12 to do something coordinated, but we're not sure how that's
13 going to work. I guess that's all for now. So do we want
14 to go into our regular session? Is everybody good with
15 that? Or does anybody have any other questions?

16 MS. STALEY: I'm good.

17 MS. BAUMAN: I'm good.

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Let's stand for the Pledge
19 of Allegiance please.

20 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
21 United States of America and to the Republic for which it
22 stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
23 and justice for all.

24 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Remind me to stay right.
25 We would like to welcome everyone to this regular meeting
26 of the Town of Union of February 17, 2021. Copies of our

1 agenda have been provided online, so that you may follow
2 along with us. Mr. Perfetti, will you read the statement
3 and do a roll call?

4 MR. PERFETTI: Please take notice that in
5 accordance with the emergency order of the Governor of the
6 State of New York, notice is hereby given that a Town
7 Board Meeting and Public Hearing is scheduled for
8 Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 or thereafter in the
9 evening. In person attendance should not exceed 50
10 percent capacity of the Town Hall Board Room, less Town
11 Board Members, and Town Employees. It is anticipated that
12 the maximum number of the public who can be in attendance
13 at the Town Hall for this Town Board Meeting will be 17
14 persons. All persons in attendance must wear a face
15 covering to include their mouth and nose region. They
16 must hand sanitize upon entry to the meeting at the hand
17 sanitizer station provided for the Town right here. They
18 must adhere with social distancing guidelines and remain
19 six feet apart at all times. Alternatively, or in the
20 event that in person public attendance has met the maximum
21 capacity, the public hearing will also be accessible to
22 the public via Zoom virtual meeting software.

23 Now, I'll do a roll call. Staley?

24 MS. STALEY: Present.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

26 MS. BAUMAN: Present.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

2 MR. BERTONI: Present.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Present.

5 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

6 MR. MATERESE: Present. We have one public
7 hearing tonight. I would ask our town clerk to read the
8 notice of the public hearing.

9 MR. PERFETTI: A public hearing is called for on
10 February 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider input
11 concerning a new Homestead Village preliminary PUD
12 Development Plan incorporating the GlidePath Energy
13 Storage Project into the previously approved PUD Public
14 Development Plan. This was published (sounds like) and
15 posted on February 7, 2021.

16 MR. MATERESE: You have heard this notice to a
17 public hearing. At this time, we invite comments relative
18 to the particular hearing. Please note that there are two
19 places in our agenda where we offer a hearing of visitors
20 during which time we encourage comment on anything
21 relating to the Town of Union. At this time, however, we
22 would appreciate it if you would confine your comments to
23 this particular public hearing. If you wish to comment,
24 we ask that you use -- well, unmute yourself, sort of get
25 Mr. Perfetti's attention, and state your name and address
26 for the record. Is there anyone who wishes to speak at

1 this public hearing?

2 MR. ADAM FLINT: Yes. This is Adam Flint. I
3 wish to speak.

4 MR. PERFETTI: And your address, Adam.

5 MR. FLINT: Yeah. It's 1006 Powderhouse Road in
6 Vestal. May I go ahead?

7 MR. PERFETTI: Yes.

8 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

9 MR. FLINT: Great. So I want to thank the board
10 for this opportunity to speak at this public hearing. For
11 the record, I am the director of Clean Energy Programs at
12 the Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow. We're a small
13 nonprofit here in the Triple Cities that works on a
14 variety of sustainability issues. My role is working on
15 energy education, outreach, and basically supporting folks
16 in being able to do energy improvements.

17 I'm here today virtually to speak in favor of
18 the proposed project. This is a project that has a number
19 of positive impacts. It doesn't seem to really have any
20 negative ones. I'll go into that in a second. I am aware
21 of course, as I think all of us are, that there is a lot
22 of controversy around the SungEel project in the Village
23 of Endicott. I think, just to start, these are very, very
24 different projects. The SungEel project as a recycling
25 project was proposing to undergo an industrial process
26 whereby a lot of batteries, lithium-ion batteries, would

1 be trucked to the facility. These batteries would be
2 broken down through a mechanical process and eventually
3 would be subjected to high heat to help separate out the
4 substances that are worth money and would be subsequently
5 shipped to another place.

6 I and some others, after hearing a lot of
7 different things for and against this project, did due
8 diligence and contacted some experts in battery recycling.
9 They pointed out a number of issues. The one that is
10 easiest to understand regardless of what you think about
11 battery recycling is that there is going to be a lot of
12 diesel truck trips right across the street from a
13 residential neighborhood. It's very well established that
14 heavy diesel traffic and diesel fumes has very negative
15 impacts on human health causing asthma and other such
16 ailments.

17 There are also some issues regarding the
18 business model that I'm not going to go into here. That
19 led us to decide, along with the Sierra Club, to publicly
20 oppose this project. I raise this because I'm not going
21 to sit here and say all projects, just because they are
22 involving renewable technologies, are good projects. In
23 fact, I think that one of the things that has to be
24 different about the renewable energy transition is that we
25 have to change the rules. And I think those rules should
26 be changed for all forms of development.

1 That being said, all forms of energy have
2 impacts. Unless we're planning on radically scaling back
3 the way we live, it's our responsibility to do our part to
4 be able to do this transition about because the current
5 system is not serving us well to say the least.

6 Now to the specifics of the project. The
7 battery storage project that's being proposed is across
8 the street from the Oakdale substation, NYSEG substation.
9 As such, it will be able to provide both power quality
10 stabilization and it will also be able to provide short
11 term storage. Lithium-ion batteries can't store for days.
12 They store for hours. So if there is a relatively short
13 outage, this facility could help reduce the likelihood of
14 a brownout or a blackout.

15 As we go forward with other forms of storage
16 that are longer term, we should be able to withstand
17 somewhat longer term situations. Speaking of which we
18 know what's going on in Texas right now. That is an
19 example of a reason why our current grid and our current
20 way of feeding the grid needs to change, and battery
21 storage is critical.

22 Another reason why this is important I think is
23 image. We want to be able to demonstrate -- I'm saying we
24 which is a bit of a liberty because I do not live in the
25 Town of Union. So I should say you can show that, you
26 know, you're doing your part in terms of climate clean

1 energy. You probably don't need me to tell you that the
2 younger generations consider this a requirement in terms
3 of being in a community that is living by values that are
4 21st century values.

5 It's also going to have a modest but important
6 positive impact on the Town's economy. I will add to that
7 that it will be one step towards making the Triple Cities
8 area an important center of battery storage research
9 development, manufacturing, and deployment. Some of you
10 may be aware that Stan Whittingham received a Nobel Prize,
11 together with two other colleagues recently, for his work
12 in the basic development of this technology.

13 I will also say that, from looking into
14 GlidePath, this is not a new company. This is a company
15 that is well established. It's a U.S.-based company with
16 a long track record not only in energy storage but in wind
17 and solar. So it's not experimental technology. It's
18 established technology and this is not a company that is
19 new to the game.

20 The other thing that I will mention that I think
21 has already been mentioned by the company itself is that
22 there really aren't risks associated with this that are of
23 any significance. Obviously industrial development
24 involving electricity is not without risk, but there is
25 certainly no more risk involved in this project than there
26 is in the substation that's been living across the street

1 for several decades. Probably less so given that that
2 substation is old.

3 There is more that I could say fast, but I don't
4 want to take up too much of your time. I appreciate very
5 much the opportunity to speak. I hope the board will
6 decide in favor of the project. Thank you.

7 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you.

8 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Mr. Flint. Before we
9 continue, I would like to ask Erin Hazen if she likes to
10 speak towards this project and then go on with more
11 questions and more outside speakers. Erin?

12 MS. HAZEN: Thank you for the opportunity. If I
13 may, I could show my screen with some slides. This is
14 information the Town Board has seen, but we have a lot of
15 members of the public here. You know, I'll keep it brief.
16 Would that be all right?

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes.

18 MS. HAZEN: Okay. I'll request to share my
19 screen.

20 MR. BERTONI: Did you give your address, Erin?

21 MS. HAZEN: I'm sorry.

22 MR. MATERESE: We need your address.

23 MS. HAZEN: Yes. My address is 2181 Saint
24 Bridget's Road, Solan, Iowa 52333. Okay. The screen
25 sharing is disabled. Is there any way that could be
26 enabled for this moment?

1 MR. MATERESE: Lenny, can you do that?

2 MR. PERFETTI: Yup. Try again, Erin.

3 MS. HAZEN: Thank you. Okay. Can you see a
4 slideshow?

5 MS. BAUMAN: No. Not yet.

6 MR. MATERESE: Not yet.

7 MS. HAZEN: Okay. one moment.

8 MR. PERFETTI: There we go.

9 MR. MATERESE: There we go.

10 MS. HAZEN: Bingo. Okay. At any point I'm open
11 to questions or we can wait until the end. Whatever works
12 best. What I want to share with the community is a little
13 bit about energy storage. Adam Flint has done half my job
14 by describing very well some of the benefits and talked a
15 little bit about the environmental benefits of energy
16 storage. We'll talk about our project. I'll show you
17 some pictures. I have a team here helping me. Alex Urda
18 will talk through the PUD amendment which is being
19 requested, the plan amendment. Lisa Oliver is our
20 environmental professional. She can walk through just the
21 overview of the site plan. This meeting is not to
22 evaluate the site plan. That would come later if we are
23 blessed with approval to move forward from here. But you
24 may have curiosity about what the site plan looks like and
25 perhaps we can answer some quick questions. Okay.

26 The function of energy storage is best

1 understood as like a shock absorber on the grid. It
2 smooths out the lumps and bumps that occur where supply
3 and demand of electricity are mismatched. Texas is
4 feeling the extreme pain of that problem now. But all of
5 our grid is vulnerable and especially in the northeast.
6 Really everywhere. Our grid is aging and brittle. Energy
7 storage is a way to prolong the life of the existing
8 assets, kick the dirtiest generation off the grid. How
9 that works is when there is excess power on the grid
10 that's not being used, it will absorb that. It will
11 charge. Then when it's needed, it will discharge. Pretty
12 basic. This happens in like millisecond increments. It's
13 really quick. It's typically not, you know, all charging
14 all at once and all discharging all at once. At any given
15 moment on the site, these transactions will be happening
16 as just like a leveling or balancing function. While it
17 is doing that, it has no air emissions, no water usage,
18 and no pollution at all from the site.

19 Right now that job, that balancing job is being
20 done by peaker plants. Those are gas and sometimes coal-
21 fired power plants. Their sole job is just sit there
22 idling 24/7 and belching pollution just in case they're
23 needed to meet a sudden demand spike. They're going to
24 take 10 minutes to get up to speed. It's like drag racing
25 with a semi; whereas, batteries can do that same function
26 in milliseconds as I mentioned.

1 So in a very real way batteries in this facility
2 and other battery storage, energy storage facilities, are
3 going to help pick those peaker plants off the grid. They
4 are our worst contributor to pollution. They are the most
5 expensive assets to run. They would help increase the
6 cost as well.

7 I talked a little bit about the peaker plant. I
8 won't belabor that. But it is, to me, the most powerful
9 benefit of this project and what I'm most excited about.
10 These peaker plants disproportionately harm the
11 disadvantaged communities in our region and throughout the
12 country. We need to get them off the grid, and battery
13 storage is one step towards that.

14 Battery storage or energy storage has support
15 from leading environmental advocacy groups. You see on
16 the screen ACOR, Environment America, Environmental
17 Defense Fund, League of Conservation Voters, at the
18 national level Sierra Club, Audubon, et cetera. They see
19 the role that storage will play in enabling wind and solar
20 to be deployed in greater numbers. That is especially
21 true in New York where you are in the midst of modernizing
22 and revolutionizing your grid to clean energy sources.
23 Storage is going to be that enabling technology to get you
24 there.

25 Locally the New York chapter of the League of
26 Conservation Voters has reviewed our project carefully and

1 endorsed it. We're really proud to have earned their
2 support. In their words, it strengthens the electric
3 grid. It supports the clean energy and climate goals.
4 They recognize our project as being designed to minimize
5 impacts on the local community, which is really important
6 to us. GlidePath develops, owns, and operates our
7 projects. So we develop this with the eye of we're going
8 to be neighbors and it's important that the project
9 promotes a good fit with the community.

10 Here is a picture of an aerial of the project.
11 In a sense, where it's at. It's on Robinson Hill Road.
12 It's opposite a very large NYSEG substation and
13 immediately south of a nursery mulching commercial
14 enterprise. There is one home within a thousand feet.
15 The nearest home is about 530 feet from the nearest
16 facility on our property. We are bordered by an
17 underground pipeline on the western flank. We are
18 maintaining significant tree buffer around all sites of
19 the project to preserve the real beauty of this area which
20 we respect. There is no way around. We're clearing some
21 trees, but we're doing that as minimally as possible and
22 with an eye for preserving viewshed.

23 Project construction for approximately a year --

24 MR. VALDI WEIDERPASS: I'm sorry to interrupt.
25 I'm just wondering --

26 MS. HAZEN: Yes, sir, go ahead.

1 MR. WEIDERPASS: Sorry to interrupt. I'm just
2 wondering does somebody know what that pipeline carries?

3 MS. HAZEN: I don't have the specifics. I have
4 to look it up. I don't have it right at hand, so I don't
5 want to hazard something incorrect. I'll make a note.

6 FEMALE VOICE: I'll find it.

7 MS. HAZEN: Okay. We'll make a note --

8 (Interposing)

9 MR. BILL HUSTON: This is Bill Huston. I can
10 answer that question.

11 MR. MATERESE: Right now we're listening to Ms.
12 Hazen.

13 MR. HUSTON: Got it.

14 MR. MATERESE: Mr. Weiderpass, we'll get back to
15 you. Let her finish her presentation and then, when you'd
16 like to speak, you need to identify yourself and your
17 address. Okay, Mr. Weiderpass? Thank you.

18 MS. HAZEN: I've noted the question and we will
19 return to that.

20 MR. WEIDERPASS: Very good.

21 MS. HAZEN: So you have an aerial of the site.
22 As you can see, it's quite separated from any other
23 development. This is what the project construction period
24 might look like. It's about a year long. Probably less.
25 The batteries are housed in steel cabinets or containers.
26 Those would be placed on either concrete paths or,

1 depending on the geotechnical analysis that gets done
2 later, they may go on concrete tiers as you can see on the
3 upper right corner. A minimal change. Just two different
4 approaches based on what the Geotech tells us. We are
5 committed to using local and union labor wherever
6 possible. We've made that commitment at all of our New
7 York projects.

8 This is what the containers look like inside our
9 fence. There would be a security fence around the
10 facility and with slats for privacy. And again we have
11 the trees to maintain a visual buffer. So with this
12 typically, based on the viewshed analysis, we do not
13 believe the facility will be visible from most angles and,
14 even then, fleeting as you're going by the entrance kind
15 of thing. You may catch a glimpse, but for the most part
16 this should be well hidden from view.

17 This is what's inside those containers. What it
18 looks like, it looks a lot like a data server kind of
19 look. These batteries are housed in racks. They are
20 assembled into a string and monitored 24/7 at redundant
21 monitoring locations. With that, that concludes the
22 overview. I can turn this over to Alex Urda - Alex, if
23 you're on - to discuss the PUD plan and the change to it.
24 Alex, are you with us?

25 MR. ALEX URDA: I had a little trouble there.
26 Sorry about that. PUD is similar to what we had in the

1 past. It's plus or minus the 10 acres being developed.
2 If you have any questions on it, let me know. But it's
3 just adding that public utility facility to the location.

4 MS. HAZEN: Okay. And then this is the site
5 plan. Lisa Oliver is on the line. She is with Fisher and
6 Associates. Her firm has helped us develop the site and
7 do the environmental engineering. Lisa, can you talk
8 through the site plan a little bit and the bioretention
9 features?

10 MS. LISA OLIVER: Yeah, absolutely. As everyone
11 is aware, this site slope is from the north. Towards the
12 south, we're using an existing entrance that is at the --
13 hey, thank you. I was doing that same thing with my
14 mouse. We're utilizing the existing field entrance to
15 help minimize any impacts to the stream that runs parallel
16 to Robinson Road as that was a big concern of GlidePath.
17 As some people may be aware, we're going to be -- because
18 of the slope of the project, we'll be terracing it. And
19 then all of those, any of the storm water would be
20 gathered into the basin on the south side there. Then
21 eventually outlet it after the sediment has been dropped.

22 We've tried to design the site to balance the
23 earthworks as much as possible from the north to the south
24 even with all of that grading. As has been mentioned, I
25 mean the goal is to keep as much of the tree buffers as
26 possible. For the south part, we're pretty good on that.

1 Any place that we thought we were getting a little thin,
2 we had planned on planting coniferous trees to help with
3 sound and viewshed.

4 MS. HAZEN: Thank you.

5 MS. OLIVER: Yup.

6 MS. HAZEN: This is a look at the viewshed. We
7 had looked closely at this. As I mentioned, with the tree
8 buffer and given at these facilities the containers are
9 not tall, they will be largely hidden from view from any
10 angle that we could find. That's all we have to present.
11 I'll turn it back over to you, Rick. Thank you.

12 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Erin. Okay.

13 MR. BERTONI: We want to ask our questions now.

14 MR. MATERESE: Sure. Go ahead, Frank.

15 MR. BERTONI: Can you be more specific about the
16 sound? You said that you're going to plant trees to help
17 buffer the sound. What kind of sound comes out of a
18 battery?

19 MS. HAZEN: The batteries themselves are silent.
20 However, there are HVAC units. So there are chillers on
21 each container that will have typical fan noise. So we
22 have measured the sound from the nearest resident's wall
23 and found that the sound levels overall will be comparable
24 to ambient conditions. The maximum worst case expected we
25 modeled at 52 decibels. New York DEC standards rate that
26 as very quiet. Again, the trees, that does not even take

1 account. The trees that we're leaving certain -- I forgot
2 the distance. I don't have it right in front of me. I
3 think it's about 100 feet of trees between us and that
4 house. That can be expected to further attenuate the
5 sound by up to 3 to 6 decibels. So we do believe this
6 facility will pose no objectionable noise.

7 MR. BERTONI: A hundred feet of trees to the
8 road or to the nearest residence?

9 MS. HAZEN: Lisa, could you check that for me?
10 Lisa Oliver. I don't have the site plan up in front of
11 me, so I don't want to throw a number out.

12 MR. BERTONI: I thought Marina said it was 450
13 feet.

14 MS. HAZEN: Yeah. I don't have the site plan
15 up. I'm sorry. Let me call it up. But, Lisa, I don't
16 know if you can bail me out while I'm looking for the
17 slide.

18 MS. OLIVER: Yes, I think I can here. It looks
19 like we've got, yeah, at least 200 feet of existing fairly
20 dense forest before we even get to the property line. But
21 the total distance I think is what came up prior because
22 there is a clearing north of the house.

23 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. HUSTON: Rick, I have a question. Are we
25 allowed to ask questions of the applicant and not be
26 docked for our time during the -- I have a comment I want

1 to make during the public comment period, but I would also
2 like to ask the applicant a couple of questions.

3 MR. MATERESE: Who is speaking?

4 MR. HUSTON: This is Bill Huston. My address is
5 PO Box 22 in the Village of Endicott.

6 MR. MATERESE: You may. Your question has to be
7 quick. Then if you have something you'd like to speak to,
8 you can do that. You get your three minutes for that.

9 MR. HUSTON: Okay. Thank you very much, Rick.
10 So my one question that I have for the gentleman that was
11 talking about the PUD. I just have a general question. I
12 did speak with Erin earlier. I really appreciate your
13 time, Erin, and for you reaching out to me and just kind
14 of seeking consensus. I really appreciate that very much.
15 But my question is about -- I can't figure out the PUD. I
16 mean this project seems to have nothing to do with the
17 Homestead mixed use project. I can't see any benefit
18 adding this to the existing PUD. Why not just change the
19 boundaries of the PUD to exclude the GlidePath property?
20 It just seems like a more natural thing. I can't
21 understand why it's being included. Can anybody answer
22 that for me?

23 MR. MATERESE: Marina, are you still online?

24 MR. POPE: No, she's not. Rick.

25 MS. SARA ZUBALSKY-PEER: Marina is not online.

26 But if you want, I can jump in.

1 MR. MATERESE: Sure, Sara. Thank you.

2 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: The reason it has to be
3 included is because that parcel is zoned PUD. So that's
4 the actual zoning for that parcel. So whenever a new use
5 has to come in, it has to go through this PUD process for
6 the amendment to that PUD.

7 MR. HUSTON: Thank you, Erin. Or Sara. I'm
8 sorry.

9 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: That's okay.

10 MR. POPE: Rick, if I may? This is Alan. Just
11 to add on to what Sara is saying. Under PUD local law, it
12 permits multiple uses. That's one of the factors that the
13 board looks at, is the multiple uses that are permitted
14 and will they be generally compatible. So it doesn't have
15 to necessarily mean, you know, because this particular
16 project is not right next door to the hotel or to the
17 houses but doesn't generally fit in as one of the
18 acceptable uses that would fit into this large PUD. That
19 part the board has to decide.

20 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Alan.

21 MR. HUSTON: So, Rick, can I take my three
22 minutes now?

23 MR. MATERESE: Okay, three minutes. Let's go.

24 MR. HUSTON: Okay. Yeah. That just seems like
25 funny business to me. I can't explain it but it's just,
26 you know, a PUD is a group of -- really it's a massive --

1 it's a 400-acre development project and it's mixed use.
2 But it's a design thing. This battery storage facility
3 has nothing to do with the PUD. It baffles me why you're
4 trying to wrap this into the PUD. I have a big red flag
5 there. Just a question mark.

6 I'm very concerned about the close proximity of
7 the trailers to each other and the general energy density.
8 The density of these trailers. They are 10 feet apart,
9 and it is also on a hillside. It's a good slope there on
10 that property. So I'm imagining that fires that could
11 begin at the bottom of the hill could rapidly go up the
12 hill and spread from trailer to trailer just 10 feet
13 apart. And these fires, you can't stop lithium-ion
14 battery fires. Once they get going, they're unstoppable.
15 You just have to stand back. You just have to evacuate
16 people.

17 I understand that this is a non-jurisdictional
18 facility to the Public Service Commission. I have to
19 research that fully. That seems a little odd to me. I'm
20 going to look into that.

21 In my opinion, that Buckeye pipeline is a
22 showstopper. I initially thought that was a different
23 pipeline. An abandoned pipeline. That is an active, high
24 pressure, refined products pipeline. The close proximity
25 to that facility gives me goosebumps. I don't like that
26 idea at all. I think those two things should not be

1 adjacent to each other.

2 Getting back to the fire question, you know, we
3 all went through the SungEel thing just recently. A lot
4 of people were concerned about emissions and the DEC said,
5 oh, we got all these emission controls equipment. Well,
6 guess what? When you have an uncontrolled fire, there is
7 no emissions control. Whatever component is in those
8 batteries go right up into the atmosphere.

9 I am also concerned about this Army Corps of
10 Engineers nationwide permit. I think it's a 404 permit
11 under the Clean Water Act. The applicant wants to use
12 this nationwide permit because there's a stream crossing
13 there. My understanding is there's a court case in the
14 D.C. Appellate Court district. It's fairly recent where
15 it had to do with the Atlantic Coast pipeline. These
16 nationwide permits have been thrown out. They can't be
17 used.

18 The size of this facility is very large. It's
19 120 megawatts. It's five times larger than any of the
20 existing proposed projects. None of them have been built
21 yet. I do understand there's plenty -- I understand what
22 this facility is for and I agree they add grid
23 reliability. And I understand and agree, especially with
24 projects like Bluestone, we need storage because Bluestone
25 is not baseload capacity. Bluestone is intermittent.
26 It's an intermittent supply.

1 I understand these batteries are very important,
2 but I hope that we can do this in a safe way. And I do
3 understand that we're in the middle of this process here,
4 so I really -- I enjoyed talking with Erin today. I'm
5 going to look forward to continued dialogue. I hope that
6 we can resolve some of these questions that I have. Thank
7 you for letting me speak.

8 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Mr. Huston. Is there
9 anyone else who'd like to speak?

10 MS. DOROTHY BEYLO: Yes, I would like to speak.

11 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Identify yourself, please,
12 and your address.

13 MS. BEYLO: Dorothy Beylo. 1122 Case Road,
14 Johnson City, in the Town of Union. I appreciate the
15 slide presentation that Erin showed because that kind of
16 alleviated some of my concerns about aesthetics viewing
17 that from all different areas on Robinson Hill as well as
18 Case Road. I do have a question. It looked in the
19 drawings that the site itself is really not 100 feet set
20 back from the road. Maybe I have the wrong footage there.
21 She said it's not going to be seen from the road because
22 of the trees, the existing trees, and screening. My
23 question is: Is it possible to be put further back from
24 the road, from what I viewed in the drawing, so that there
25 is even less chance of visibility for people living and
26 traveling through that area? Thank you.

1 MR. MATERESE: Is there anyone else who'd like
2 to speak?

3 MR. STEVEN BARROWS: Yeah. Hi. My name is
4 Steven Barrows. You hear me okay?

5 MR. MATERESE: Yes. Please give an address.

6 MR. BARROWS: I live at 52 Zevan Road, Johnson
7 City. So we talk a lot about the site. There's power
8 coming in to be stored and power going out. How is that
9 going to impact the in and out of the (audio glitch).

10 MALE VOICE: (Indiscernible)

11 MR. BARROWS: How is that going to impact the
12 (audio glitch)?

13 MALE VOICE: (Inaudible)

14 MR. BARROWS: Well, there has to be power coming
15 in to be stored. And then the power that goes out to the
16 customers. So does that all go through the substation?
17 Is there going to be just a direct connection from the
18 substation to the storage facility? What does that look
19 like?

20 MS. HAZEN: Mr. Chairman, do you want me to
21 answer that?

22 MR. MATERESE: Yes. Please, Erin.

23 MS. HAZEN: That's a great question, Steven.
24 Yes, it will be directly connected to the substation
25 immediately opposite it. On the other side of the road.
26 So all power flows in and out through that substation.

1 MS. BEYLO: I have another question.

2 MR. MATERESE: Let's see if anyone else has a
3 question, then we can get back to you. But --

4 (Interposing)

5 MR. BARROWS: I'm sorry. This is still Steve
6 Barrows. So help me understand though what's going to go
7 over Robinson Hill Road from the substation to the plant.
8 It's got to be a pretty colossal connection there.

9 MS. HAZEN: No. There will be a 115-kV line
10 that connects -- that will be engineered by NSYEG later as
11 this project goes on. I don't have specifics on exactly
12 where the poles will go, but they would be poles that are
13 very similar to the existing equipment that you see along
14 the road. So we're not talking like H-frame steel type --

15 MR. BARROWS: Okay. So how is this going to
16 impact the power line north of the substation? Will those
17 poles and wires have to be increased capacity?

18 MS. HAZEN: No. This facility does not cause an
19 increase or decrease in power, overall power flow. Any
20 specific upgrades that are needed are engineered by NYSEG
21 again as part of the interconnection studies which are
22 further down the road. Typically, those take the form of
23 things like relays and switches and those kinds of
24 upgrades. There is no reason to expect any additional --
25 there would be no additional power lines needed in that
26 kind of stuff. Just that connection we need to get, you

1 know, to connect our site to their substation across the
2 road. But other than that, I do not expect any upgrades
3 that would be visible to the community.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Dorothy, I just
5 wanted to go back to you for a second. According to your
6 description of the project, the project will be the 465
7 wide tree vegetation buffer between the project and the
8 nearest resident.

9 MS. BEYLO: Correct. I was speaking from the
10 road, back from the road as well. Is there a possibility
11 for it to be moved further back from Robinson Hill Road?

12 MALE VOICE: The west.

13 MS. BEYLO: West?

14 MS. HAZEN: If I may, I'd like to defer to the
15 site plan. You know, if we move towards site plan
16 approval, we could address very specific questions like
17 this about the site plan in that meeting.

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Thank you, Erin.

19 MR. BERTONI: Erin, I have a question.

20 MR. MATERESE: Frank.

21 MS. HAZEN: Go ahead, Frank.

22 MR. BERTONI: So this is significantly different
23 from the project -- when I went to your website, a lot of
24 the projects are solar and wind generated to supply the
25 batteries with their energy. Then that energy is sited
26 off when it's needed, right? This is different in that

1 you're taking the energy from the substation when it
2 doesn't need it and then when it does need it you put it
3 back?

4 MS. HAZEN: So in our portfolio, we have
5 projects where storage is paired with renewable energy.
6 Wind and solar. You've seen some of those in our
7 operating portfolio.

8 MR. BERTONI: Right.

9 MS. HAZEN: The majority of our pipeline and our
10 focus is on standalone storage, which is what this project
11 represents. So there are two models of doing it. Both
12 have different roles. You don't have to co-locate the
13 storage with renewables in order to benefit renewables.
14 So it just depends on the site and what the needs are of
15 the grid at that site. In this case, standalone storage
16 is we believe the correct model.

17 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. MATERESE: Does anyone else have a question
19 or want to say a comment rather than a question?

20 MR. PETE BEYLO: Yeah. Pete Beylo here. The
21 same address as Dorothy. The battery electrolyte, is that
22 liquid?

23 MS. HAZEN: It is not. It is not a free flowing
24 liquid.

25 MR. BEYLO: Okay. So you don't have a
26 stormwater pollution prevention plan?

1 MS. HAZEN: We do, but not to -- so it's just
2 based on the area of disturbance. And Lisa can talk more
3 about the specific questions. But we do have a sweep
4 (sounds like). However, these batteries do not contain
5 free flowing liquid.

6 MR. BEYLO: Thank you.

7 MR. MATERESE: Anyone else have a comment?

8 MR. WEIDERPASS: Yes. My name is Valdi
9 Weiderpass. I live at 809 Madeline Drive in Endicott, New
10 York. So that is within the Town of Union. And just to
11 let people know, I am speaking on behalf of myself
12 although I am now the chair of the local Susquehanna Group
13 of Sierra Club.

14 I have spent time looking at these documents
15 although I will admit that I haven't been able to read
16 every single page. There's a lot of documentation here.
17 But in general, what I have seen, this seems to be an
18 appropriate project. The distance between the pipeline
19 and the battery cabinet seems to be -- I'm trying to
20 estimate from the project map. It seems to be roughly,
21 approximately, 75 to 100 feet. I have a little bit of a
22 concern with that.

23 But I think overall, based on my discussions
24 with Erin Hazen -- I appreciate the phone call I had
25 earlier this afternoon. She pointed out that there is
26 individual monitoring of these battery cells for various

1 conditions, including voltage and temperature. It's going
2 to have an automated disconnect ability. So if there is a
3 fault detected in a cell, that can be isolated. And
4 there's also going to be a fire suppression system
5 available onsite that's automatically activated as well.

6 So they have thought about this in advance.
7 This isn't the first time that somebody is building a
8 battery energy storage system. Lithium-ion battery
9 technology is fairly established now and it continues to
10 improve week by week, month by month. This is, as was
11 mentioned earlier, a very important project. New York
12 State has put into law that we need to transition to
13 renewable energy. We need to do that to save a habitable
14 climate.

15 Our area, our valley here at Susquehanna River,
16 has flooded here. A hundred-year flood. Five years later
17 a 500-year flood. We've lost a lot of homes and
18 businesses from the last flood, including the place I used
19 to work at which is now demolished. Air Force Plant 59.
20 So this overall problem of climate change, we do need to
21 address it urgently. New York State is encouraging this,
22 as is the new administration at the federal level. So we
23 do need to do this.

24 This technology, as what was pointed out, is an
25 enabling technology to allow more incorporation of
26 renewable energy as it is intermittent. Solar and wind is

1 intermittent. I did calculations to verify what Erin
2 Hazen told me. She told me, ballpark, that this project
3 can provide the equivalent energy to supply 120,000 homes.
4 I looked up on an Energy Information Administration data,
5 if you'll look for a more accurate figure, it turns out
6 it's about 98,400 homes. That energy can be supplied for
7 four hours based on the 120-megawatt peak power delivery
8 capability.

9 With four hours and the typical usage of U.S.
10 homes, so this is a significant amount of power. It's a
11 significant amount of storage to supply and stabilize the
12 grid. It's going to help in the long run to do what we
13 need to do. It's going to enable the reduction of air
14 pollution due to the air emissions from fossil fuels as
15 well as contamination of water.

16 Just recently I found out through a study that
17 was done by Harvard University, that was published in *The*
18 *Guardian*, that one out of eight deaths worldwide are the
19 result of just air emissions from fossil fuels. And for
20 the U.S., that's about 350,000 deaths. Now imagine, if
21 the public generally knew about that, what they would do.
22 Nobody knows about this still. So to move away from
23 fossil fuels, it will help us save a habitable climate as
24 well as reduce asthma, cancer, heart disease, and other
25 illnesses that result in deaths and lost time.

26 There's about \$2.9 trillion of cost worldwide

1 associated with the use of fossil fuels due to health
2 effects and deaths. There's also lost time at work that
3 isn't factored into that and from, I think it was 2010 to
4 2018, on average every 11 days of fossil fuel pipeline
5 ruptured or exploded.

6 So this is a great project. I'm in favor of it.
7 I hope that you approve it and that you'll have good luck
8 in continuing to work on this project and you end up being
9 able to build it. Thank you very much for your
10 presentation and for allowing me to speak.

11 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Mr. Weiderpass. Is
12 there anyone else who wish to speak?

13 MALE VOICE: Go ahead, Carol.

14 MR. MATERESE: Carol?

15 MS. CAROL LAYTON: Yes. I'm with Bill Huston as
16 far as being concerned about --

17 MR. MATERESE: Carol, can you give your name and
18 address please.

19 MS.LAYTON: Sure. My name is Carol Layton. I
20 live at 123 Wilson Avenue in Endwell in the Town of Union.
21 I'm concerned about fire, as Bill Huston has stated,
22 because of the amount of lithium-ion batteries that are
23 going to be stored in these units. From what we learned
24 from the SungEel project, if these batteries burn, it can
25 put serious toxins into the air.

26 So what is in place to safeguard against a fire

1 happening in any of these units? I mean is there
2 something in place that would stop the fire immediately so
3 that no toxins will go in the air and in the ground? I'm
4 concerned about fires because of the amount of batteries
5 that are going to be stored together.

6 MS. HAZEN: I can jump in and answer that. So
7 fire concerns, fire safety is a paramount concern for us
8 of course. I'm glad you brought this up. The containers
9 themselves are all equipped with fire suppression. But
10 before even getting to need that, they are equipped with
11 24/7 monitoring that will detect down to the individual
12 battery cell level any deviation from normal conditions
13 and, as needed, disconnected automatically from the grid.
14 So it doesn't need an operator to intervene. It will see
15 it automatically. So these conditions might be voltage
16 irregularities, or temperature rise, or humidity changes
17 that might indicate there's a pierce in a seal somewhere.

18 All of those things are monitored 24/7 at
19 redundant centers. So it's not just one set of eyes on
20 this. And again there are the fire suppression systems.
21 Further, the containers and the racks and the cells are
22 all designed with the idea of limiting propagation so that
23 even if worst case scenario there's a fire in one cell,
24 the system is designed to limit propagations that the
25 others do not get involved. And that's been tested and
26 certified by UL standards.

1 So all of the equipment that we would be using
2 is certified by UL standards, and propagation limits are a
3 key part of those standards. Those standards cover not
4 only the components but the installation methods, you
5 know, the larger facility as it works as a system. Does
6 that answer your question?

7 MS. LAYTON: So there is something there that
8 will put a fire out immediately if it's detected. I mean
9 you have a system there that will stop the fire so it
10 won't spread?

11 MS. HAZEN: Yes. So the systems are designed to
12 both prevent the fire from ever happening; to limit
13 propagation so that, if there is a fire, it can't spread;
14 and, fire suppression to address a fire that would occur.
15 So it's sort of a three-level approach to protection.

16 I want to circle back. You had a concern about
17 toxicity. All smoke is bad. There's no such thing as
18 safe smoke of course. Tests have shown, however, that
19 these constituents of the smoke from one of these
20 components would be similar to a Class A fire. So it has
21 plastics. There are toxic elements to smoke, but it's not
22 exotic. It's a Class A fire. It doesn't require
23 specialized equipment from the fire department.

24 As part of our site plan and prior to
25 operations, we would be hosting onsite training with all
26 first responders that would be affected to make sure

1 everyone understands what's in the systems and what the
2 suppression system is like. The fire suppression agents
3 will be dictated by the specific battery chemistry, so I
4 don't have that yet. But obviously that would be we'd
5 have MSTs onsite. A typical example of one of the
6 suppression agents is called Stat-X. It's a clean agent
7 and it's well tested.

8 MS. LAYTON: Will there be any employees at the
9 facility itself or are you talking about offsite
10 monitoring?

11 MS. HAZEN: Offsite monitoring. This is a
12 remote operated facility. It's similar to a substation.
13 It doesn't require someone onsite with knobs and buttons.
14 It is monitored and operated remotely.

15 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Erin. Is there anyone
16 else who wishes to make a comment?

17 MR. KENNEY GARDNER: Yes. Kenny Gardner.

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

19 MR. GARDNER: Can you hear me?

20 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

21 MR. GARDNER: Okay. My name is Kenney Gardner.
22 I'm a member of IBEW Local 325 in Binghamton, New York. I
23 am speaking on behalf of the local union. We're at 142
24 Corporate Drive, Binghamton, New York. I live in Chenango
25 County. I just want to say that the IBEW covers five
26 counties and I'm speaking on behalf of our members.

1 One of the things that hasn't come up tonight is
2 the opportunities for jobs. This battery storage facility
3 is going to create some very good jobs for our local
4 members and for the local construction industry. Also it
5 will provide our apprentices an opportunity to work with a
6 new technology. Our apprentices learn green energy
7 technology in our apprentice program and classes.

8 One of the other things, New York State does not
9 produce a lot of power anymore. With the supplement of
10 wind and solar and these battery storage units, it will
11 even out in times of need and create some back up for our
12 utility industry. Thank you very much.

13 Again I want to emphasize this is going to
14 provide some very good jobs, some very needed jobs in this
15 area. It's not just for electricians, but it's for the
16 other construction trades also. Thank you very much and
17 thank you for letting me speak.

18 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Kenney. Can you just
19 give us your address so that we have it on the record?

20 MR. GARDNER: My home address is 572 Round Pond
21 Road, Smithville Flats, New York.

22 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Is there anyone else
23 who wishes to speak or comment?

24 MR. BARROWS: This is Mr. Barrows.

25 MR. ROBERT AIKENS: Yeah. I'd like to speak.

26 MR. BARROWS: I'd like to make a comment on --

1 MR. MATERESE: I'm sorry. We have two people
2 trying to speak. Mr. Barrows, I believe you've spoken
3 already. Who's the other person?

4 MALE VOICE: We've got Robert and we have Terri.

5 MR. AIKENS: This is Robert Aikens. I'm the
6 president of the Building Trades in Binghamton, in
7 Oneonta. I'd like to speak on behalf of labor also.

8 MR. MATERESE: Do you have an address that you
9 can give us please?

10 MR. AIKENS: I do. It's 514 Gifford Hill Road,
11 Oneonta, New York.

12 MR. MATERESE: Thank you.

13 MR. AIKENS: 11 Oneonta. I'm president of the
14 Building Trades. I've been the president there for about
15 five years. You know, I speak on behalf of the same
16 things Kenney said. We have a lot of members that need to
17 go to work in the Southern Tier. A lot of members that
18 live in Endicott, you know, we deal with a lot of energy
19 projects. We deal with pipeline, and wind energy, green
20 energy. That's what the governor wants. We have been
21 involved in a lot of green energy projects. I think
22 they're fantastic.

23 So we support local labor. We support people
24 going to work, members going to work. And these green
25 energy projects have been fantastic. I agree with Valdi.
26 I listened to what he said. I think it's a great project.

1 I just want to say we support it. The operating engineers
2 supports it and local labor supports it. So thank you for
3 your time. That's all I have to say.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, sir. Mr. Barrows?

5 MR. BARROWS: Yeah. I just want to make a final
6 comment, if I may. Let's not fool ourselves. We need to
7 understand where the power is coming from to be stored in
8 this facility. I doubt highly it's coming from renewable
9 energy, so let's not get hung up on that.

10 The second thing I would say is, as you (audio
11 glitch) the Town of Union, let's not give away the score.
12 We've got way too many subsidiarized projects in doing
13 pilot programs. So at the end of the day the Town of
14 Union, in the school districts, they lose that tax
15 revenue. With that, thank you.

16 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Is there anyone else
17 who would like to comment or speak at this time?

18 MALE VOICE: We've got Terri. Unmute, Terri.

19 MR. MATERESE: Terri, did you want to speak?

20 MS. TERRI FARRELL: I'm sorry. I couldn't --
21 thank you so much. Thank you for an opportunity to speak.
22 My name is Terri Ferrell and I live at 404 Hazel Avenue in
23 Endicott.

24 I first want to say I really appreciate the
25 communication here today. I feel that this company is
26 going above and beyond to give us all the positives of

1 having it come here. And of course there's always going
2 to be red flags and concerns. You know, being somebody
3 who has a background in environmental science and policy
4 and management because of an experience that I had while
5 working at IBM with trichloroethylene while being told
6 that it was safe. And, yes, it created a lot of jobs.
7 But in the end we all know the history of IBM and what
8 happened there.

9 So, for us, it's really important that we're
10 learning from our past mistakes to protect our future.
11 For me, I'd like to listen to both sides of the story.
12 Get all the information. I'm not quite familiar with all
13 of the aspects of the project yet. Is there a state
14 environmental quality review being done with the full
15 environmental impact statement so our stakeholders are
16 able to weigh in on this project?

17 Because I recently was part of the group that
18 was involved with the SungEel MCC Americas. After almost
19 a year of involvement in that project, we learned that the
20 processes did involve incineration. It wasn't a great
21 place to put that in a residential neighborhood. So I
22 just want to know are we going to be a state environmental
23 quality review. Is that in the works currently? Just to
24 weigh in on any potential dangers like storage. You know
25 what I mean?

26 MS. HAZEN: So, yeah, we have completed a full

1 environmental assessment form as part of the SEQR process.
2 I should mention, when I did my presentation, all of our
3 permitting documents are available for you to see on our
4 project website. It's oakdaleenergy.com. There's a page
5 called Environment and Community.

6 MR. MATERESE: And, Terri, during our work
7 session, we went through much of that SEQR.

8 MS. FARRELL: Thank you, Rick. Thank you.

9 MS. HAZEN: Yeah. So the Environment and
10 Community page on our website has all of our permitting
11 documents, including the EAF.

12 MS. FARRELL: Okay. And, again, that was
13 Oakdale --?

14 MS. HAZEN: oakdaleenergy.com.

15 MS. FARRELL: Oh. Okay. Thank you so much.

16 MS. HAZEN: Welcome.

17 MR. MATERESE: Is there anyone else who wishes
18 to comment?

19 MALE VOICE: Calvin. Calvin.

20 MR. KALVIN HERRILLA: My name is Calvin
21 Herrilla. I live at 679 South Main Street, Nichols, New
22 York. I would like to comment in favor of this project.
23 I have made my living as an electrician since 1985. We're
24 moving forward with the governor, you know, on clean
25 energy. We do not have enough electricity. We need the
26 storage. We need green electricity. Our power systems

1 are antiquated in distribution. There should be a lot
2 more coming. We use a lot of power and we don't make a
3 lot of power. And these battery systems are very good.
4 They complement not only the wind but the solar for the
5 peak demand.

6 If you look at like what's going on in Texas,
7 you know, the demand is going to go up for power as we get
8 away from fossil fuels. A lot of people heat their homes
9 with natural gas. You can hear the commercials switching
10 the heat pump with your electric, which is going to make
11 more load on what we have.

12 So realistically we're going to have to go fast
13 and furious to even make the projections of being clean.
14 That's out there because we're really moving at a snail's
15 pace in one small project. But we need to start some
16 place and I think this is a very good project. GlidePath
17 has done the study. They're very forthcoming. I listened
18 to the pre-meeting. You know, a lot of the questions
19 answered. The impact, I think it's going to be a good
20 healthy project that we need to get going. We need more
21 around the area so that people can have power and we're
22 not in full county-wide brownouts or blackouts.

23 So thank you for letting me speak. I hope the
24 town supports this and move forward.

25 MR. MATERESE: Thank you very much. Is there
26 anyone else who would like to speak or comment at this

1 point?

2 MR. HUSTON: I would like to make a final
3 comment if I could, Rick?

4 MR. MATERESE: You are?

5 MR. HUSTON: This is Bill Huston.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay. A quick one.

7 MR. HUSTON: Okay. I'm sorry. So this is
8 really quick. I believe that we need to have an
9 environmental impact statement on this thing, so I'm
10 asking for a positive declaration. I have concerns about
11 -- the fire concerns. I have concerns about that active
12 pipeline that's adjacent to the property. I have concerns
13 about this Army Corps of Engineers' permit that they're
14 claiming is good to go. I think that needs some
15 investigation. There needs to be an emergency response
16 plan.

17 And I hope that as part of the site plan review,
18 that will trigger a 239 Review. We need a 239 Review on
19 this because we need the connected agencies, like the
20 Broome County EMS, to have a look at this thing. So
21 please find a positive declaration and let's do an EIS on
22 this facility. Thank you very much.

23 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Is there anyone else
24 who wishes to speak or comment? Erin, do you have any
25 further comments or you're good?

26 MS. HAZEN: I'm good. Thank you very much.

1 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Seeing that there is no
2 one else --

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: Is the Town Board -- can I just
4 have a minute? I have a few questions. I didn't know if
5 that was --

6 MR. MATERESE: Sure, Tom. Go ahead.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: And these are for Erin. Erin,
8 what's the capital investment for this project?

9 MS. HAZEN: The capital investment is still
10 being calculated, but somewhere in the neighborhood of
11 \$150 to \$170 million.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: And of that, how much is labor?

13 MS. HAZEN: I don't have the exact breakdowns.
14 I can get that for you.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Just a ballpark or an estimate.
16 Even if it's a percentage of what would be paid on wages.

17 MS. HAZEN: Again I don't have a number. I can
18 tell you the lion share of capital cost for a battery
19 energy storage project is in the components.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. In the material portion
21 of it?

22 MS. HAZEN: I'm sorry. It's hard to hear you.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: In the material as I understand.

24 MS. HAZEN: Correct.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. And then you had stated
26 earlier that you had commitment to using local labor. How

1 do you make that commitment beyond a verbal commitment?

2 MS. HAZEN: Sure. In prior projects, we had
3 executed an MOU with the local trades council. So we're
4 open to doing that here as well.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: So when you say that, when you
6 say you're willing to enter into an agreement, who would
7 you do that with? Mr. Aikens or the gentleman from the
8 IBEW?

9 MS. HAZEN: We'd have to figure out what the
10 right answer is.

11 MR. AIKENS: I can answer that question.

12 MS. HAZEN: But in prior projects, we would
13 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the trades
14 council and us representing the various trades.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Got you.

16 MR. AIKENS: I can answer that question. They would have an
17 agreement with an MOU, a memorandum of understanding, with the
18 trades council through me. We would negotiate that through the
19 trades council. And that's how we would do that. That's
20 typically how it works. That's typically how it works.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: Got you. So that is your
22 (interposing) --

23 MR. MATERESE: I missed that Tom, could you
24 repeat that?

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: So then my follow-up would be to
26 Mr. Aikens. So then once you have that agreement, then

1 you would branch out to the different trade groups?

2 MR. AIKENS: Correct, they would be involved in
3 that agreement.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

5 MR. AIKENS: And we look forward to working with
6 GlidePath to get some sort of MOU and, you know, I think
7 then talk to -- we've had with Erin, I think we can get
8 that done.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. AIKENS: So that we can let you know when we
11 have that. That's the thing.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. So then, Erin we got 120
13 kilowatts, then each container stores roughly one
14 kilowatt? Does it work out equally like that?

15 MS. HAZEN: The unit is megawatt actually, not
16 kilowatt. That's fine. So for the people who are energy
17 geeks like me, one megawatt is 1000 kilowatts. Yeah,
18 they're modular, but roughly a megawatt per container,
19 give or take.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. And then one megawatt can
21 really supply power for like 400 residential homes. Is
22 that accurate?

23 MS. HAZEN: Yeah, the rule of thumb is 1,000
24 homes per megawatt. So one of the commenters from the
25 community had said 120,000 homes; that's a bit much. It's
26 more 12,000 homes is what the facility would support. And

1 that's just a rule of thumb.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay, and then just to clear
3 your point, you are not regulated by the New York State
4 Public Service Commission?

5 MS. HAZEN: Correct. We are not. We don't
6 operate as utility.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. And then is your closest,
8 similar to the facility the one in New Paltz?

9 MS. HAZEN: So we have four in the Hudson
10 Valley. So yeah, I think the closest would be in
11 Highland, in the Town of Lloyd. But they're not
12 constructed yet. They are permitted but not built yet.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

14 MS. HAZEN: We have operating facilities in
15 Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Texas.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: And the ones in the Hudson
17 Valley area, is that still the NYSEG service area, or is
18 that different?

19 MS. HAZEN: No, those are Central Hudson Gas and
20 Electric.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

22 MR. BERTONI: Can I ask you a question?

23 MS. HAZEN: Of course.

24 MR. BERTONI: So, here in the Town of Union and
25 in the Village of Endicott we just went through this
26 battery incinerator issue for about a year. And I think

1 one of the major concerns by the residents were that their
2 questions were not being answered.

3 So as a board member, when I'm asked to make a
4 decision on what you present, I don't want to have a
5 situation where people have asked you questions tonight,
6 and then we make sort of a decision or a judgment without
7 those questions being answered. So is there some
8 assurance we can get that the questions that were asked
9 tonight will be addressed at some point? Or, you know,
10 because I don't want to make a decision and then have
11 those people say, you know, what was the point of asking a
12 question if what we're going to do is just go right past
13 it?

14 MS. HAZEN: Yeah, I think that's a great point.
15 One of the -- kind of the things about the way we're doing
16 this process is by doing it in two stages of at this
17 meeting, we're seeking a negative declaration and the PUD
18 amendment, the plan amendment. And if successful, we then
19 would move on to a site plan approval. And I'd take a
20 note of all the questions and I know it's recorded. So
21 we'll go back through them and make sure we've gotten
22 everything. Majority of the questions that have been
23 raised more properly relate to the site plan process
24 anyway, and the specifics of exactly where things go, and
25 what are the fire safety plans, et cetera. All of that,
26 we have another opportunity to present for your review.

1 And we have a project website, as I mentioned,
2 and we're committed to maintaining all of our documents on
3 there. So that, hopefully, it will take a lot of workload
4 off of the town board so you don't have to try and
5 summarize all the information. You can just point
6 constituents to that website, and they'll see what you
7 see.

8 MR. BERTONI: Thank you. There was a question
9 about the permitting process that was presented, that
10 there's some national permit. And one of the residents
11 said that they didn't think there was a national permit.

12 MS. HAZEN: You know, I disagree with that, with
13 Mr. Huston's assessment there. We did confirm our
14 permitting approach with the U.S. Army Corps with Steven
15 Metivier. He's the chief of the New York permit
16 evaluation section in the Buffalo District of the U.S.
17 Army Corps of Engineers. So he's the head of the regional
18 permitting, and he agrees with our approach, and he's
19 looked at our site plans.

20 MR. BERTONI: Okay, thank you. I have to ask
21 those questions, you know, so --

22 MR. MATERESE: And pretty much Frank from what I
23 listened to, most of the questions are going to go back to
24 our Planning Board, and our Planning Board is going to
25 say, you know, yea or nay. So this is not a done deal.

26 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

1 MR. MATERESE: Tom, do you have anything else?

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah, just so here, the
3 facilities that you're proposing in the Hudson Valley
4 area, are those similar like in size, investment, are
5 those similar to what you're proposing on Robinson Hill
6 Road?

7 MS. HAZEN: All Hudson Valley projects are
8 smaller because their interconnection to the grid is at a
9 distribution level voltage. So they are all connecting at
10 like a 13, 7kV. It's getting beyond the point. The short
11 answer is they are smaller because they are connecting to
12 smaller power lines. This project, because it's
13 connecting at the transmission level voltage of this
14 substation which is 115 kV, it supports a larger project.

15 The larger project is more efficient. It
16 functions very much the same. The equipment is the same.
17 These things are scalable, right. So it's not like this
18 project is drastically different. It just has more
19 batteries and a higher voltage connection.

20 Someone had commented earlier that, you know,
21 this is larger than any other project. It's true these
22 are larger than those four Central Hudson projects that
23 GlidePath has developed. It is not at all our largest
24 project that we've developed. And there are at least 15
25 or 18 larger projects than this developed by parties other
26 than GlidePath in the queue in New York, in the

1 development queue. So it's not exotic or unusually large.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay, thank you. Rick, so just
3 to highlight, and Erin had mentioned this before, and I
4 think the Beylos are still on the call. And to others who
5 had questions related to how this site looks is to really
6 encourage them to attend - if it gets to the Planning
7 Board - is to attend those Planning Board meetings and
8 submit your comments or make your thoughts known at the
9 Planning Board meeting. There's a site review if and when
10 it gets to that stage.

11 MR. MATERESE: Yes, thank you, Tom. That's a
12 good point. And most of the comments that we have tonight
13 should already be going to the Planning Board, but it
14 wouldn't hurt to double check it.

15 MR. BERTONI: Rick, stay to the right.

16 MS. STALEY: I have a question for Erin. Okay,
17 Erin, someone was just asking me - a resident - is all of
18 the stored power coming from renewable energy sources?

19 MS. HAZEN: No, no. The facility is agnostic to
20 the power source. It's taking what's on the grid.

21 MS. STALEY: Okay.

22 MS. HAZEN: We referenced wind and solar because
23 it will benefit wind and solar and help more wind and
24 solar be interconnected. But it is, like I said,
25 agnostic. It takes whatever electron is coming across the
26 wire without, you know, weeding it out.

1 MS. STALEY: Okay. A lot of people were asking
2 me too, does this have something to do with the Bluestone
3 Wind Farm that's coming along? People thought for some
4 reason the two projects were connected.

5 MS. HAZEN: No connection whatsoever to any
6 other project in the area.

7 MS. STALEY: That's what I thought as well, so I
8 just wanted to confirm that. Actually, all through the
9 public hearing, I think every 30 seconds my cell phone has
10 been going off because people are texting, emailing me,
11 instant messaging through Facebook Messenger. So the
12 public does have a lot of questions on the project,
13 definitely so. So if you see me looking at my cell phone
14 often, that's what I'm doing. People are asking
15 questions, but thank you, Erin.

16 MS. HAZEN: Thank you. We welcome their
17 questions.

18 MS. BAUMAN: Erin, one last comment or question.
19 This is Sandy from the town board. In regard to what
20 Heather had to say about people's questions, you mentioned
21 a website. I think it was Oakdale --

22 MS. HAZEN: Energy dot com.

23 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah, oakdaleenergy.com. Is there
24 a place down there that you have like a Q&A section? Or
25 is there, you know, a place where they could go, and if
26 they have questions that we did have tonight, or whatever

1 you could ask them there?

2 MS. HAZEN: Yeah, absolutely.

3 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

4 MS. HAZEN: So their website includes a contact
5 us where you can type your comments directly into the
6 website, and it will be sent to our team. There is a
7 phone number and an email address.

8 MS. BAUMAN: So anything that wasn't answered
9 tonight or still is unclear for people, that's an avenue
10 for them to get their answers?

11 MS. HAZEN: Absolutely.

12 MS. BAUMAN: People even can go to any of our
13 planning meetings. Thank you. Thank you very much, Erin.

14 MS. HAZEN: Thank you.

15 MR. MATERESE: Hey, board, are you all set? Or
16 do you have more questions?

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. Just one last comment
18 because I think there was a question that the Town didn't
19 see the 239 Review for the council. I'll just read a
20 section of that. The planning department has to review
21 the above site in the case, the project that is being
22 discussed. We do not anticipate any significant county-
23 wide or intercommunity impacts associated with the project
24 provided there's compliance with all of the applicable
25 codes, regulations and industry standards. So there was a
26 239 Review done.

1 MR. MATERESE: Right. We went through that
2 before. Thank you, Tom. Anyone else? All right.

3 MR. WEIDERPASS: Yeah, so I have one follow-up
4 question. I'm sorry to interrupt. This is Valdi
5 Weiderpass again. And just a clarification, if you're
6 saying 1,000 homes per megawatt is the rough usage, isn't
7 the project 120 megawatts? So you multiply 120 by 1000?

8 MS. HAZEN: I'm sorry. Your math is better than
9 mine, as I was speaking off the cuff. You're right. It's
10 about 1,000 homes per megawatt and it is a 120 megawatt
11 facility. So thank you, I was trying to read from notes
12 quickly. And you are correct, sir.

13 MR. WEIDERPASS: Okay, so yes, this is, I mean,
14 there's a huge difference between the ability to store
15 energy for 12,000 homes for four hours versus 120,000
16 homes for four hours, that's --

17 MS. HAZEN: I apologize.

18 MR. WEIDERPASS: Yeah.

19 MS. HAZEN: I guess, I was trying to take notes
20 and speak at the same time. And thank you for correcting
21 me.

22 MR. WEIDERPASS: Very good. Thank you. And
23 because our Triple Cities valley here of Binghamton,
24 Johnson City, and Endicott is roughly a population of
25 100,000 so that's actually less homes. So this would
26 supply more than the population of the valley because

1 household is bigger than population. So thank you.

2 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. All right. I'm going
3 to call this public hearing to a close. Mr. Augostini,
4 bids.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: There are no bids tonight.

6 MR. MATERESE: Approval of minutes.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to approve the minutes of
8 the regular Town of Union board meeting held on Wednesday,
9 February 3, 2021, and the special meeting held on
10 Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

11 MR. BERTONI: Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.
13 Augostini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni to approve the minutes
14 of the regular Town of Union board meeting held on
15 Wednesday, February 3, 2021 and the special meeting held
16 on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Are there any additions,
17 deletions or corrections? Hearing none, we'll call for a
18 vote. All those in favor say, aye.

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MR. MATERESE: Opposed, nay? None. Okay. The
21 minutes are approved. All right. So now, we come to our
22 Hearing of Visitors. We have come to the part of our
23 agenda where we have our first of two Hearings of
24 Visitors. We ask that you limit your comments to three
25 minutes. Speak only once at each hearing. And please do
26 not repeat information that has already been presented.

1 Most importantly, please remember that this time is not
2 set aside to debate the town board, but rather to offer
3 you an opportunity to respectfully share your comments.
4 Is there anyone who wishes to speak? Lenny, got anything?

5 MR. HUSTON: Rick?

6 MR. MATERESE: Yes?

7 MR. HUSTON: Okay, this is a -- hold on. This
8 is Bill Huston.

9 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

10 MR. HUSTON: Okay, echo.

11 MR. MATERESE: Address again?

12 MR. HUSTON: P.O. Box 22, Endicott. So my
13 general comment is that, you know, I'm just really very
14 impressed with the professionalism of how the Town of
15 Union meetings are conducted. So I really appreciate
16 that. And I just want to say, in general, I am very
17 favorable of this GlidePath facility. And I'm really
18 hopeful that we can -- I don't think I'm restating it, I
19 think I'm saying something I haven't said before. I'm
20 really favorable. I really think there are a lot of
21 pluses for a facility like this. I understand the need
22 for it and how it functions. So I'm hopeful that we can
23 work out through this process. I understand this is an
24 ongoing process. That it's still going before the
25 Planning Board, there's still a lot of input that we can
26 provide into this thing.

1 And I'm very impressed with Erin with her
2 ability to answer questions. She's extremely
3 knowledgeable and extremely engaging. So I appreciate
4 Erin's outreach to me and it looks like she's talked to
5 other people in the community. That's very impressive,
6 considering the recent experience that we had with a
7 different company that everybody knows what we're talking
8 about here. So this whole thing is proceeding a lot
9 differently.

10 I'm very favorable. I just hope we can, you
11 know, I would like -- the reason why I think we need an
12 environmental impact statement relates to the fires. I
13 want to see demonstrated evidence of this fire suppression
14 system. And I want to see evidence that we can put these
15 trailers ten feet apart. These fires are unstoppable and
16 they're massive. And this pipeline is a very serious
17 concern. I hope we can get a positive declaration and an
18 environmental impact statement. Thank you again for
19 letting me speak.

20 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Is there anyone else
21 who wishes to speak at this Hearing of Visitors?

22 MR. BERTONI: Didn't we say that we already have
23 an environmental impact statement?

24 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

25 MR. BERTONI: Or does he want one from someone
26 else?

1 MR. MATERESE: I think we're going to go make
2 sure that we have everything. But we went through the
3 environmental impact statement at the work session.

4 Okay. Hearing no one else wishing to speak,
5 we'll call this Hearing of Visitors to a close.
6 Communications for Filing.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that
8 communications for filing 1 and 2 be accepted and put on
9 file.

10 MR. BERTONI: Second.

11 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.
12 Augostini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni to receive and file
13 Communications 1 and 2, communications for filing. Are
14 there any comments?

15 MR. BERTONI: Yes. Rick, because I'm on Zoom, I
16 don't have my book in front of me with the actual letter.
17 What does revoked mean after number 1?

18 MR. POPE: (Inaudible)

19 MR. MATERESE: Yes. Did you hear that, Frank?

20 MR. BERTONI: No.

21 MR. MATERESE: Alan?

22 MR. POPE: The project that was being sought
23 after by CSI (phonetic) never went through. So that
24 needed to be taken out of the PUD.

25 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

26 MR. MATERESE: Anything else? All right. So,

1 if there are no more comments, all those in favor say,
2 aye.

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed say nay. None.
5 Communications for filing have been received and filed.
6 Communications for action.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that
8 communications for action 1, 2 and 3 be referred to the
9 town attorney to the town comptroller and the town
10 planning director.

11 MR. BERTONI: Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: A motion has been made by Mr.
13 Augustini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni to refer actions 1, 2
14 and 3, to the town attorney, to the town comptroller, and
15 to the planning -- what's that, Tom?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes. Town planning director.

17 MR. MATERESE: Town planning director. Are
18 there any comments? Hearing none, call for a vote. All
19 those in favor say, aye.

20 ALL: Aye.

21 MR. MATERESE: Opposed say nay. It is referred
22 or they are referred. Petitions.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: No petitions tonight.

24 MR. MATERESE: No petitions tonight. All right.
25 Committee Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions, the
26 following committee items are referenced to a motion or

1 resolution and are simply potential items after due
2 consideration and environmental laws and legislation in a
3 government committee. Mr. Bertoni?

4 MR. BERTONI: So I have nothing tonight but
5 could I ask a question from one of the communications for
6 actions?

7 MR. MATERESE: Certainly.

8 MR. BERTONI: Alan, is 2309 Main Street the
9 (audio glitch) we have a lien on?

10 MR. POPE: Yes, there is an administrative
11 (inaudible).

12 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

13 MR. MATERESE: Okay, thanks Mr. Bertoni.
14 Finance, Capital Projects and Public Works. Ms. Staley?

15 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to approve the
16 amended plan document for the deferred compensation plan
17 for the employees of the Town of Union and the updated
18 Schedule A and Schedule B to enact provisions of the
19 SECURE Act of 2019 and CARES Act of 2020, which were
20 previously board approved on June 17, 2020, and filed as
21 required with the New York State Civil Service Commission.
22 Cerity Partners has reviewed, stating it appears that the
23 amendment covers all of the referenced changes.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

25 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
26 resolution as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.

1 Augostini. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
2 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

4 MS. STALEY: Aye.

5 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

6 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

7 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

8 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

12 MR. MATERESE: Aye. Ms. Staley?

13 MS. STALEY: I have a motion to approve the
14 following 2021 budget transfer. We're going to decrease
15 calcium chloride by \$12,000 and increase rock salt by
16 \$12,000.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

18 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed motion
19 as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini,
20 are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a
21 vote. All those in favor say, aye.

22 ALL: Aye.

23 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed say nay. None.
24 The motion is approved. Ms. Staley?

25 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to approve the
26 supplemental agreement between the Town of Union and

1 Shumaker Engineering for the Hooper Road at Watson
2 Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project and for
3 Supervisor Materese to execute the necessary documents.
4 This supplemental agreement will increase the contract
5 amount for construction inspection from \$50,000 to
6 \$75,000. The increase is requested to provide the
7 required construction inspection and closeout of this
8 federally funded project. Note that the additional
9 \$25,000 is being funded by the FHWA and New York State
10 Department of Transportation.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

12 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
13 resolution as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.
14 Augostini. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
15 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti?

16 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

17 MS. STALEY: Aye.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

19 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

20 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

21 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

22 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

24 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

25 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
26 Employee's Safety and Parks and Recreation. Ms. Bauman?

1 MS. BAUMAN: Nothing tonight, sir.

2 MR. MATERESE: Thank you Ms. Bauman. Planning,
3 Zoning, Economic Development Committee, Mr. Augostini?

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: A resolution to approve the
5 Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance
6 and Evaluation Report and authorize the supervisor, deputy
7 supervisor and the planning director to sign any and all
8 documentation required for submission of the CAPER to HUD.

9 MR. BERTONI: Second.

10 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
11 resolution as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by
12 Mr. Bertoni, are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
13 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti?

14 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

15 MS. STALEY: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

17 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

19 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

20 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

22 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

23 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: A resolution to make a negative
25 declaration under SEQRA per evaluation of the submitted
26 Full Environmental Assessment Form, Broome County 239

1 Review comments, and the Town Planning Board's advisory
2 opinion.

3 MR. BERTONI: Second.

4 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
5 resolution as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by
6 Mr. Bertoni. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
7 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti?

8 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

9 MS. STALEY: Aye.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

11 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

13 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

17 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

18 Mr. Augostini?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: A resolution to approve the new
20 Homestead Village PUD Preliminary Development Plan.

21 MR. BERTONI: Second.

22 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
23 resolution as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by
24 Mr. Bertoni. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
25 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti?

26 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

1 MS. STALEY: Aye.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

3 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

5 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

9 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
10 Okay.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. I have that one other
12 resolution that we discussed earlier about the lease for
13 the digital sign.

14 MR. MATERESE: Oh, I apologize. I forgot that.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: So a resolution to enter into a
16 lease subject to town attorney approval with Park Outdoors
17 for an off premise digital sign located at 3608 George F.
18 Highway, a town owned property, in addition to a town
19 owned property on Argonne Street.

20 MR. BERTONI: Second.

21 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the proposed
22 resolution as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by
23 Mr. Bertoni. Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll
24 have a roll call vote please, Mr. Perfetti?

25 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Staley?

26 MS. STALEY: Aye.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Ms. Bauman?

2 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Bertoni?

4 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

5 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Augostini?

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

7 MR. PERFETTI: Mr. Materese?

8 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

9 Okay. We're at our Second Hearing of Visitors. Same
10 rules apply. We ask that you be respectful; confine your
11 comments to three minutes; one time only speaking, please;
12 and no repetition. Are there any people wishing to speak
13 at this hearing of visitors? Lenny?

14 MR. PERFETTI: None.

15 MR. HUSTON: Rick.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Hello.

17 MR. HUSTON: Yeah. Hello. I would like to
18 speak, Bill Huston, P.O. Box 22 Endicott. It's more of a
19 question or maybe a clarification. So I heard the
20 discussion that the SEQR for this project, the SEQR for
21 the GlidePath project was done during the work session.
22 Since the Town of Union is the lead agency, doesn't the
23 board have to approve this? I understand it was a --
24 well, actually, when I spoke to Erin earlier today, she
25 said the SEQR wasn't completed. I guess, maybe it was
26 completed. But don't you have to adopt? I guess what

1 happened, I'm assuming what happened there was a negative
2 declaration. Doesn't the full board have to approve that?

3 MR. MATERESE: We just did.

4 MR. HUSTON: Oh, I didn't hear that you approved
5 the SEQR. I'm sorry about that. Okay. All right. Thank
6 you. That's all I have.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay, anyone else wishing to
8 speak? All right. I call this hearing -- what? I call
9 this hearing of visitors to a close. Department Reports
10 on File in the Town Clerk's Office.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that department
12 reports 1 through 7 be accepted and placed on file in the
13 Town Clerk's Office.

14 MR. BERTONI: Second.

15 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the motion by Mr.
16 Augustini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni, to receive and file
17 the department reports 1 through 7. Are there any
18 comments? Hearing none, call for a vote. All those in
19 favor say, aye.

20 ALL: Aye.

21 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed say nay. The
22 motion is approved. Council Comments. Oh, wait, before
23 we get to that, I would just like to thank Erin for her
24 presentation tonight, being here and doing an excellent
25 job, I think, in explaining what was going on. Other than
26 that, Council Comments.

1 FEMALE VOICE: (Indiscernible) there?

2 VOICES: Yes.

3 MS. HAZEN: Would there be an opportunity for
4 you to sign this document? Oh, okay, right. Thank you
5 very much.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

7 MR. BERTONI: I didn't hear that.

8 MR. MATERESE: She needed the document signed
9 tonight because they're on a deadline. And so Mr.
10 Augustini is going to sign that for us.

11 MS. HAZEN: Thank you very much.

12 MR. MATERESE: You're welcome. Thank you.
13 Okay, Council Comments, anybody?

14 MR. BERTONI: Yes, I have one.

15 MR. MATERESE: Yes, Frank?

16 MR. BERTONI: I'd like to recognize Danny
17 Parretta, who turned 100 years old yesterday. I think
18 that, if you know, Danny is just the best guy in the world
19 and is active as he can be. I think I'm not sure, but I
20 think he still plays golf, I think, anyway. And by far,
21 just a wonderful couple and I'm happy to see Danny reach
22 that milestone of 100 years old.

23 MR. MATERESE: Outstanding. Thank you, Frank.
24 Anyone else?

25 MS. STALEY: Yes, I had a comment. I just
26 wanted to share some good news that this week, Terri

1 Farrell from the Endicott Tree Committee, she reached out
2 to myself, Councilwoman Bauman, and Ray Vanderpoel, our
3 parks manager. And to commemorate Arbor Day this year,
4 the Tree Committee will be gifting the Town of Union a
5 tree to replace some of the ones that we lost at Glendale
6 Park over the years. So, it's some really good news. And
7 the Tree Committee it's made up of Endicott residents, the
8 superintendent of the U-E schools, Nicole Wolfe, a science
9 teacher, and several students from the high school are all
10 involved in this. So it's a really good opportunity for
11 the town to celebrate Arbor Day this year.

12 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Heather.

13 MS. STALEY: Thank you.

14 MR. MATERESE: Sandy?

15 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you. I just wanted to make
16 another positive comment. I was listening to Jason Garner
17 this afternoon, as I do, you know, most days when he's on
18 Facebook, talking to us about the pandemic. And I just
19 want to put a shout out there to our Endwell pharmacies -
20 Rite Aid and CVS - have been doing a wonderful job of
21 immunizing our people. And the turnaround time, getting
22 an appointment, having your appointment fulfilled or
23 whatever, and making your second appointment have been
24 very easy. I'm getting a lot of positive comments from
25 people. And I just think they're doing a great job, kudos
26 to them. We hear too much bad news all the time. We're

1 turning this around. Thank you.

2 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Sandy. Tom?

3 MR. BERTONI: I got my second shot yesterday,
4 and when I turned all the lights off, I didn't glow in the
5 dark. So, I'm pretty happy.

6 MR. MATERESE: That's tomorrow, Frank.

7 MR. BERTONI: No, I'm still not glowing. So I'm
8 good.

9 MR. MATERESE: Mr. Augostini.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I just want to thank everyone
11 for attending tonight's meeting. Most of the people
12 virtually, I thank them for their comments. Most
13 importantly, I thank them for their civility as to their
14 willingness to provide input. And the discussion will
15 continue through the Planning Board. We encourage
16 everyone who still have questions or comments or
17 suggestions or ideas to follow up through the Planning
18 Board meetings.

19 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Tom. I'd like to
20 commemorate a couple of people. Just recently within the
21 last couple of days, Marilyn Schafer passed away - Mike
22 Schafer's wife - we celebrated their anniversary earlier
23 last year. And I just wanted to celebrate her life.

24 And then one of our employees Melissa Opeka, her
25 grandmother passed away. She was the mother-in-law of
26 Judge Thomas. So we wish their families comfort. And I

1 apologize if you guys did this, I don't know if you did
2 this because I missed the last meeting. Father Thomas
3 Hobbes, did anybody remember Father Hobbes?

4 VOICES: Yeah.

5 MR. MATERESE: Okay, good because a priest for
6 almost 65 years, he's just an outstanding person. I just
7 wanted to make sure we remembered him. All right. Thank
8 you everybody, again, as Tom said, thanks to all the
9 people who participated. We do appreciate the civility of
10 what we do. Adjournment, Mr. Augostini.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion to adjourn at
12 8:54 p.m.

13 MR. BERTONI: Second.

14 MR. MATERESE: We have a motion to adjourn by
15 Mr. Augostini, seconded by Mr. Bertoni. All those in
16 favor say, aye.

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MR. MATERESE: All those opposed say nay. We're
19 good to go. Thank you, everyone.

20 (Off the record)

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24 proceedings in the Town of Union Work Session and Board
25 Meeting, Broome County, State of New York, was prepared using
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