

PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PROVIDES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES FOR DECEMBER 4 PUBLIC HEARING IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, ON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY APPLICATION TO BUILD 300-MILE RAIL LINE IN NEVADA

The Surface Transportation Board today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the Board's **December 4, 2008** public hearing, in **Las Vegas, Nevada**, on the U.S. Department of Energy's application for authority to build the proposed "Caliente Line," a 300-mile rail line that would connect an existing rail line near Caliente, NV, to a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV. The speakers' list for the hearing is attached.

The **Thursday, December 4** public hearing will begin at **9:00 a.m. at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Las Vegas Hearing Facility-Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building No. 1, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89120.**

All visitors to the NRC's facility must present a valid form of government-issued photo identification and pass security screening before being granted access into the building. Cameras are not permitted in the building.

The NRC's facility is located near several Southern Nevada Regional Transportation Commission public-transit lines, and visitors are encouraged to use public transportation. Parking on public streets near the building is very limited.

The Board announced the hearing by a notice issued to the public on October 31, 2008, and published in the November 5, 2008 *Federal Register* (73 FR 65922). The Board's schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided [in a decision issued today, November 21, 2008, in United States Department of Energy—Rail Construction and Operation—Caliente Rail Line in Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda Counties, NV, STB Finance Docket No. 35106](#). The decision is available for viewing and downloading on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, under "E-LIBRARY," then under "**Decisions & Notices**," beneath the date "**11/21/08**."

The hearing will not be webcast via the Board's Web site because of technical factors. However, the hearing will be recorded, archived, and at a later date made accessible via the home page of the agency's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, under "**Information Center/Past Meetings**."

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ATTACHMENT (speakers' list)

Attachment

Surface Transportation Board Public Hearing
United States Department of Energy—Rail Construction and Operation—Caliente Rail Line in Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda Counties, NV
STB Finance Docket No. 35106

December 4, 2008

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

Party / Speaker / Time Allotted (minutes)

Panel I(A): Government

The Honorable Shelley Berkley, U.S. House of Representatives / 10

Panel I(B): Government

State of Nevada, Agency for Nuclear Projects
Robert Halstead, Agency Transportation Advisor / 10

State of Nevada, Office of the Attorney General
Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General (or designated representative) / 10

State of California
Susan Durbin, Deputy Attorney General / 10

Panel I(C): Government

Clark County, NV
Susan Brager, Commissioner / 10

Nevada Counties of Nye, Churchill, Esmeralda, & Mineral
Jeffrey D. VanNiel, Counsel for Nye County / 10

Lincoln County, NV
Wade Poulson, Vice Chair of Lincoln County Commission / 10

White Pine County, NV
Dr. Mike Baughman, Consultant to the White Pine County Nuclear Waste Project Office /
10

Panel I(D): Government

City of Caliente, NV
Kevin Phillips, Mayor of Caliente / 10

City of Las Vegas, NV
Larry Brown, Councilman, or Brad Jerbic, City Attorney / 10

City of Henderson, NV
James Gibson, Mayor of Henderson, & Gerri Schroder, Councilwoman / 10

Panel II: Native American Interests

Western Shoshone National Council
Ian Zabarte, Secretary of State for the Western Shoshone National Council / 10

Native Community Action Council
Margene Bullcreek, President / 10

Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
Joe Kennedy, Chairman / 10

Panel III: Applicant

Department of Energy
Mary Neumayr, Deputy General Counsel for Environment & Nuclear Programs / 15

Panel IV: Nuclear Utilities

Nuclear Energy Institute

Paul Seidler, Senior Director, Nevada, & Everett Redmond II, Senior Project Manager / 10

Panel V: Businesses

Caliente Hot Springs Resort

John Huston / 5

John Uhalde Ranch

Gracian Uhalde / 5

Nevada Central Railroad

Robert Alan Kemp / 5

Triple Aught

Gene Kolkman / 5

Panel VI: Citizens & Community Groups

Citizen Alert

Peggy Maze Johnson / 5

Dia Art Foundation

(To be determined) / 5

9 Group

Jenna Morton / 5

Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force

Judy Treichel, Executive Director / 5

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

Lance Rake / 5

Rollin Kim Lee / 5

Moe Truman / 5

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