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MR. HAYES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to start by echoing some of Doug's sentiments. I appreciate the consistent hard work of staff and other Council Members how much intentionality they brought to this process.

Particularly, I would like to thank the public for their consistent and passionate input into this process, and I want to assure you that we have considered it very seriously in our deliberations and hope they see some of those sentiments in the outcome of this process.

This has been, as was noted, a very complex application and process. I think the most important thing I would like to emphasize there was true diversity of opinions on the Council, and they were expressed in deliberations during the adjudicative process. We very carefully considered the complete record and all the public input that was given. There were -sort of - active and iterative discussions about could we recommend this project or not and how would we do that, and we considered our mandate to balance the objective of the Council very seriously.

In particular, there were many issues that were brought up during the adjudicative process and indeed are in the record. Discussions on the need for power and the state's renewable energy policy recognizing the need to minimize environmental impacts was heavily discussed. In addition, a discussion of visual impacts we had over several meetings, including a site visit and a detailed analysis on the part of the Council.

And, lastly, of particular significance to me was the careful consideration of potential wildlife impacts, given this is the first forested wind power facility considered by the Council; it's extremely important to assure that potential impacts to wildlife were minimized and mitigated for as much as possible. So with that, thank you very much.