4.1 ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Many of the public comments touch on common issues and themes. Responses to frequently raised issues are provided first. Frequent comment responses are used to respond to individual comments that address the topic by reference (see Section 4.2).

Individual comments and responses that were received in written form via e-mail, the online comment forms, or hard copy written letter are organized in alphabetical order by Last Name, First Name. Where a commenter has provided more than one communication, each is given a unique number, such as Last Name, First Name-#. Preceding the individual comments, there is a table with all commenters listed (see Exhibit 4–3 on page 4.29). Where a commenter submitted comments on behalf of an organization or group that is indicated in the table. Unique comments are numbered in the e-mail, letter or form, and responses are provided. The marked e-mails, letters and forms are provided at the end of the Chapter (see Section 4.5 on page 4.479). Responses to comments received verbally during the June 29th public hearing follow comments that were received in written form (see Section 4.4 on page 4.465 and Exhibit 4–4). Transcripts of the verbal public hearing comments are provided (see Section 4.5 on page 4.479).

Comments that state an opinion or preference are acknowledged with a response that indicates the comment is noted. Comments that ask questions, request clarification or corrections, or are related to the Draft EIS analysis are provided a response that explains the EIS approach, offers corrections, or provides other appropriate replies. Responses to individual comments are provided in Section 4.3 starting on page 4.29.