

1 things that Kane County lacks is diversity in
2 employment.

3 And the coal mine definitely would bring some
4 of those. And we ought to consider those employment
5 needs because there are -- I grew up here but could not
6 stay here because of employment.

7 I was fortunate enough to find a job close in
8 Cedar City, Utah, but I have children from Hawaii to
9 Maryland who cannot be here because of employment
10 opportunity. And I think that ought to be considered
11 because we do need some employment.

12 It would be my preference if they could use
13 the coal on-site, but, as you all know, they proposed an
14 Alton project slurring the coal out 30 years ago.

15 And it was turned down because they didn't
16 want any power plants in the area. It was never built.
17 It was probably a wise decision, but the Alton project
18 never succeeded either.

19 And our nation faces some difficult energy
20 problems, and we need to address those one way or the
21 other.

22 So I think you need to consider employment and
23 what it would do for -- for the county and this end of
24 the state.

25 MR. THEVENIN: I'm Paul Thevenin, and I'm from

1 to do with a vehicle that big.

2 So I have -- having been around truckers most
3 of my life, really very few people ever get squashed by
4 commercial truckdrivers.

5 One the other things that was on my mind --
6 oh, as far as the relocation or restitution of the
7 property, this project came up, or discussions about it,
8 about four years ago or so.

9 And this time I was on the town council, and
10 they recommended we go up to Kemmerer, Wyoming to see
11 what's being done with redoing the property up there.

12 Having been in and through Kemmerer, Wyoming
13 many years ago, I will have to say that Kemmerer,
14 Wyoming never looked as good as it did after they did
15 the re- -- redoing of the property up there. It's a
16 much, much nicer place.

17 If any of you've ever been up around Kemmerer,
18 Wyoming, my advice is to go see what they're doing with
19 reclamation.

20 A lot of people, when they think of mining,
21 they think of the old days, the strip mining, where you
22 stripped it and ran off to somewhere else and left
23 everything alone. But there's so many safeguards now, I
24 don't think that'll happen.

25 Oh, the other thing is, being -- being from

1 Alton here. For those of you who drove in, I live in
2 the first house as you come into town. And I love this
3 community wonderfully well.

4 I think this is basically a local community
5 project, and I think the greatest weight should be given
6 to the people who live here locally.

7 They talked about the road and that. It's
8 going to be diverted out around. It really doesn't
9 affect the tourists that much, that particular road,
10 because it's a dirt road.

11 Very few people come in, go out -- and go out
12 through Johnson Canyon. And it's going to be replaced
13 by a dirt road. It's a gravel road, but it's basically
14 dirt. So that's one of the things. I think we don't
15 have a real problem with that.

16 One of the other things that was mentioned is
17 the pollution that's going to be up at Bryce. We're
18 here at about 7,000 feet; Bryce, I think, is about 9,000
19 feet. And I don't think that type of particulate is
20 going to get into the air and go up the 2,000 feet to
21 really inundate Bryce Canyon.

22 As far as the truckers go, I would really
23 rather trust my grandchildren to a truckdriver with a
24 CDL than somebody my age, 74, driving a big motor home
25 through town when he doesn't have the vaguest idea what

1 Alton, I think -- as this project is down here in the
2 Alton area, I think, probably the greatest weight of
3 concern for those who are making decisions should be the
4 feelings of the people here in Alton.

5 DIRECTOR BAZA: We have plenty of time if
6 there's anybody else who wants to comment.

7 MR. JUDD: Hi. My name is Brent Judd, and I
8 live here now since -- I have for about 10 years, 13
9 years. Born and raised in Kanab.

10 I love the red rocks of Kanab, and the white
11 ledges of Johnson Canyon and the pink cliffs of -- of
12 Bryce. It's a beautiful area.

13 But I also know that this country is in a
14 world of hurt when it comes to energy. We always want
15 somebody else to do it for us. We always want it to go
16 someplace else.

17 And I believe that we are stewards of the
18 land. And we need to take care of what we have, and I
19 believe that we can do it in a -- in a way that can be
20 helpful and friendly and be able to provide the
21 resources that we need in this country.

22 So I'm for the Alton Coal Project. I'm
23 concerned about the road out of here and how they're
24 going to get it through the town of Alton.

25 And I -- I expressed the same question that