

1 area have said there might be five to eight years left
2 of coal mining in the State of Utah.

3 Kane County has 97 -- 96 or 97 percent of the
4 coal that's in the State of Utah. Now, if we could get
5 access to that -- and I know some of it's on federal
6 land, and some of it's locked up in the monument out
7 there.

8 But if we could get access to that coal for
9 our local power plants, I think that would do a lot in
10 keeping our electrical costs down.

11 Now, you talk about jobs. All the jobs that's
12 come into -- into Garfield County, probably most of 'em
13 happened on Cedar Mountain up around the lake, going --
14 going up that way.

15 I know there's a lot of building going up
16 there, but what does that do for us? Those jobs don't
17 do anything for the town of Alton. That doesn't do
18 anything for our kids to come back to the Town of Alton
19 and live and stay.

20 And I -- I understand the transportation costs
21 that you have, but there are other things. There are
22 other people who are affected by it, not only with the
23 transportation but with energy costs, with power costs.

24 And if we can use this coal to even make --
25 there -- there's some people around that have the

1 ability to do gasification, which makes diesel fuel out
2 of this stuff, gas out of this stuff.

3 Why not try and be energy sufficient right
4 here? If we can make diesel, if we can make gas, and we
5 can keep our electrical costs down, why not do it right
6 here?

7 I mean, there may be some things that we have
8 to -- that we have to live with. I mean, I'm not --
9 I -- I'm not thrilled about all of the trucks if they --
10 if we have to come through town. I understand that.

11 But there's some things that we have to do or
12 I don't know where our standard of living is going to go
13 if we keep buying fuel, buying oil, buying coal from
14 outside the country basically.

15 And it keeps -- I mean, how many of you like
16 the \$4 a gallon for gas, \$5 for diesel? I don't know
17 how many of you own diesel trucks, but I know a couple
18 who have gotten a diesel truck not too long ago, when it
19 was at \$3 a barrel -- or \$3 a gallon, and they basically
20 had to park their truck because they can't afford to
21 drive it anymore.

22 And if we can afford and have someone here in
23 this area that can make diesel out of coal, gas out of
24 coal, why not do it? Why not let it happen right here?

25 Thank you.

1 MR. BARON: Hi. My name is Erik Baron,
2 B-a-r-o-n, and I work in Kanab. I commute 48 -- or 84
3 miles a day to go to work in Kanab because there is no
4 job near here that will totally suffice to support me
5 and my family.

6 I was lucky enough to marry a girl from here,
7 and we were able to get some property.

8 On the trucking issue, working in Kanab, I
9 work at the Sheriff's Office in dispatch, and I work the
10 night shift.

11 And, just a different spin on things, at night
12 the trucks are the only ones going down the road most of
13 the time.

14 You know, we have accidents at night, and, a
15 lot of the times, the truckers see the accidents and
16 call in and report 'em.

17 Whereas, before we had the trucks coming
18 through from Page to Kanab to Hurricane, it was
19 sometimes eight hours before somebody was found lying on
20 the road who was thrown from their car. But these
21 truckers were able to stop, render first aid and get
22 medical attention.

23 Now, tourism in Kanab has not slowed down any,
24 and they have actually progressed and been able to open
25 more shops and more tourist attractions for the town.

1 And so there's been plenty of opportunities for
2 tourists.

3 Kanab has several historical places also that
4 were somewhat affected, but they've gone -- they've
5 overcome those things that have happened, and they've
6 moved on.

7 And, overall, the company that's hauling from
8 Page to Hurricane has helped -- excuse me, helped the
9 Kanab community numerous ways more than just, you know,
10 having traffic there.

11 There's a lot of other things that go with the
12 traffic. There are good sides of it. And so I'm quite
13 in favor of this.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BLACKWELL: Hi. My name is Rick
16 Blackwell, Paiute County Commissioner. I thought I
17 lived in the most beautiful little community in Southern
18 Utah until I drove into Alton, Utah.

19 And now I know why my children -- all of my
20 children have very good friends from Orderville and from
21 Alton. I have a son used to come here and stay and was
22 very good friends with the Heaton family.

23 But, beyond that, I think Alton and Southern
24 Utah has a great opportunity to do some wonderful things
25 with this coal mine.