

MR. ANDERSON: Good afternoon. My name's Rick Anderson, I've been asked to speak on behalf of Barney Trucking. For those of you that aren't familiar, most of you in this room know that Barney Trucking has been in business since 1947, hauling coal in the Salina area. I actually am in charge of the Alton haul and we haul coal from an Alton mine and we take it up through a power plant in Delta. One of the things we do is, in our particular part of the business, we have about 50 employees that we hire. And we're in an area where there's a lot of small towns. We go through a lot of small towns, Panguitch, Delta, I live in Beaver myself, and the Fillmore area. And we hire folks from these little towns that work for us. And when things are going good, we can have as many as 50 employees working full time. And the job that we have, it's a good-paying job. In our area -- I've lived there all my life. And in our area, these kind of jobs are good. Our guys can easily make \$50,000 a year, which is good money for our folks down there. And up until July, we had 50 employees working for us. Unfortunately, we were waiting nine months to get the lease on the new section at Alton and I ended up losing all but about 12 of them. Just couldn't afford to stay there anymore, they've left and gone other places. So some of the stuff affects us directly. Like I said, again, the jobs that we do have, we're in a position now where we're hiring more folks to start hauling down there for Alton again. They've got one lease done. And, you know, the thing is, we just want to be able to do our jobs and do what we do. We've done this all our lives. Like I said, the company 's been around since 1947 and, you know, to be -- Keith said this a little earlier. I understand you want to look at your business and understand -- you know, we do that ourselves, okay? Let's look at our business. What can we do better? I understand that, but not doing your job, I mean by just saying, "We're just going to quit doing leases." Like I said, if I tell Keith, "Well, I'm going to look at how to run my business, I think I'll shut the trucks down for a week," you know what's going to happen to me. I'll be in the unemployment line. So I just feel that the federal government should look at that and say, "Hey, what are we doing here? Are you just going to shut us down?" If that's what your plan is, let's just get after it and go there, but if -- that's understandable, don't shut it down, don't stop. You know, there's no reason that we can't still do this and just work and go along like every other business in the United States does. Basically, I just got one thing I'd like to say, that's -- and it's basically when you start with a faulty premise, you

reach faulty conclusions. And in my opinion, the climate change is a very faulty premise. I think people are up here just pulling stuff up and talking about it. At the end of the day, we just want to work. And to be honest with you, we just want to be left alone and let us do our stuff. Thanks, guys.