

GARY MASON: Wow. I don't know where to start now. Better go home. My name is Gary Mason, and I'm a County Commissioner in Sevier County. We are coal. That's what we are. I want to say that the decisions that you have on your shoulders scare the hell out of me. 30 percent of the property tax paid in Sevier County comes from coal, and that's meaning the coal mines themselves and the major trucking companies that haul that coal. 30 percent of the property tax paid. If that coal -- if we don't get the leases that we desperately need right now, if that Sufco coal mine was to go down, it's not just 30 percent. I don't know what the percent would be. It's got to be close to 50 percent of our tax base is based on it because all of these guys are going to lose their homes because there's not other jobs in Sevier County, not to that measure. And you guys can't put together solar panels for the rest of your lives. We need the Greens Hollow lease in the worst way, and there's no reason we don't have it. One of the big problems that I think you need to address as you study your new program, your new requirements, you've got to shorten the time frame to get a lease. These guys have been working on it for 12 years and they still don't have it, and it's costing our county bigtime. We need that lease so bad. There's no reason it should take 12 years to get a lease through. I mean that's just ridiculous. The other thing I just want to say, some of the comments have been made are just crazy, you know, that the coal mine -- the coal companies aren't reclaiming land and being responsible. The Sufco mine is the biggest mine in the state of Utah and they have no bigger footprint than this Salt Palace that we're sitting in right now. I'm just sick and tired of just hearing how coal is so bad. It's not. They've cleaned up there, and now they are down to claiming it's the CO2 that's going to get us. Coal has been cleaned up. If we shut the coal-fired powered plants down in Utah, it wouldn't change the inversions here in Salt Lake City not one bit. It's automobiles that's causing that. It's not coal. Coal contributes, sure, but it's so minute we can't even measure it. I just want to end with saying this: I'm scared to death in my job as a county commissioner, if that lease does not go through. I have no idea what would happen in Sevier County. Coal is responsible. They take care of themselves. We need this lease bad, and I beg you to help us and make streamline these processes. Thank you. FACILITATOR BATTIS: Okay. It's just about 1:00. We're going to take a 30-minute break. We will start at 1:30. Again, if you have tickets 46 through 50, if you could please sit over on this side. If you have 51 to 55, come on up

over here. If you do leave to grab lunch, remember you will have to go back through the bag check, so please allow for that too.