

MR. WALLS: Good evening, almost evening now. I'm Jim Walls from Kanab, a Utah citizen. I had a comment sheet here. I think I will depart from it almost 100 percent, because everything that I can think that should be said has been said today. I, in particular, though, want to thank the members of the committee for this receptive patience in taking our comments. And in my mind, this is certainly an example of democracy at its consummate best, the people speak and the representatives of government listen, evaluate, and they collect the information before making an intelligent policy decision. What has come to my mind, though, is listening these last, what, six hours, is that I'm not sure what your object is. It seems as though it needs to be a broad view of our present energy situation. So it should be an evaluation of financial, societal, and environmental balance sheets. I'm not sure that that has been appreciated, because like has been made several times -- the point that's been made several times this afternoon is that there are hidden costs in all of these clean energy sources. If you make lithium batteries, you go through a horrendous process to purify the lithium. If you burn oil, you know, you've got to drill a hole in the ground and get rid of all the trash that comes out. It's the same way with coal. There's not only the costs that have been repeatedly evaluated here, but there's others that are probably not well incorporated in the model, such as the carbon tax that's been labeled here in the last few years. So I sincerely appreciate you being here, but I'm not sure that you've been given the wherewithal to cover the situation in a fair manner, because in order to evaluate your problem, you need to also -- boy, it goes fast, doesn't it? But I sincerely hope that you take into account costs that are not apparent. It's easy to figure out what a truck costs or shovel costs, but what does it cost to clean up the environment? Thank you.