

MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINALS - LONGVIEW

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENTS

MAIN MEETING ROOM

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SEPA 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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2 5:02 p.m.

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

5 EVENT HOST: Good afternoon. On behalf of
6 the Department of Ecology, Cowlitz County, and the US
7 Corps of Engineers I want to welcome you all to this
8 evening's meeting and I want to thank you for
9 investing your time with us.

10 My name is John White. I am one of your
11 event hosts this evening. We're recognized all by our
12 spiffy blue vests. I will also be facilitating this
13 proceeding so I'll be sitting up here on stage while
14 we do the -- while we provide the testimony.

15 The job of those of us in the blue vests is
16 pretty straightforward. It is to ensure that you have
17 a safe, secure, and unintimidating environment in
18 which to provide your remarks to these agencies. For
19 many of you, this will probably be the only
20 opportunity that you have to attend one of these
21 meetings and we want to make sure it's as comfortable
22 for you as possible.

23 We have a set of ground rules. Hopefully you
24 picked a copy up or your way in, but I will review
25 those in -- in some detail in a moment. But, again,

1 this is about keeping it safe for everybody. The
2 simple fact of the matter is the more cooperation we
3 get from everybody, the better the meeting will go,
4 the more people will have an opportunity to testify,
5 and we'll I think all feel better about it at the --
6 the end.

7 We're very well aware that passions run high
8 about this -- this issue, but we're going to ask you
9 to constructively channel those passions tonight. And
10 we'll give you a few ideas as to how that can be done.

11 This meeting is to seek your input to the
12 agencies as to the critical issues in the
13 Environmental Impact Statement that will be prepared
14 for the proposal of the Millennium coal project. An
15 EIS, environmental impact statement, is actually a
16 very analytical document that when completed will help
17 the regulators determine if or under what conditions
18 this project should be approved.

19 This meeting is not a public hearing meaning
20 that this isn't necessarily a thumbs up/thumbs down,
21 do I like it/not like it. What these agencies are
22 actually after is what environmental issues do you
23 believe should be analyzed in the environmental impact
24 statement.

25 There will be five of these meetings around

1 the state. Two of them will be structured as today's
2 is. From one to four we had the Corps of Engineers up
3 here as the lead agency and we had testimony directed
4 at the National Environmental Policy Act document, the
5 NEPA EIS. This evening we have the Corps and -- I'm
6 sorry, Ecology and the county up here and they will be
7 receiving comments on the SEPA, State Environmental
8 Policy Act, EIS. Bottom line, it doesn't really
9 matter which -- which you want to address, all the
10 comments will -- will be received.

11 There are multiple ways to comment. If
12 you're not fortunate enough to be called in our
13 lottery tonight, you can -- you can go to our web site
14 which is Millennium bulk EIS wa dot gov. And that
15 address is on the handout that you came in.

16 You can fill out a comment card. And we have
17 two dedicated comment areas. If you go out this door
18 and go to the left, there's a comment room on the
19 north side of the building and one on -- there's a
20 hallway and one on the south side. We've got comment
21 forms in there. We have staff in there to help you if
22 you need any direction.

23 You can talk in what we're calling a quiet
24 room to a court reporter. And that person is in the
25 north side room kind of around a corner. We have a

1 person stationed in that room to help organize that.
2 So that's if you want to talk to somebody but you're
3 not particularly interested in getting up in front of
4 2,000 of your friends to do so, then it gets -- gets
5 your testimony verbatim into the record. And you're
6 welcome to use that.

7 Finally, you can comment by E-mail and you
8 can comment by US mail. So if you just want to write
9 a letter and, again, the addresses are provided in the
10 handout, please feel free to do so.

11 The comment period for this project extends
12 until November 18th which means that all of these
13 three agencies will be accepting comments about the
14 scope of the EIS until that date. At the conclusion
15 of these five meetings, the Corps and Ecology and
16 Cowlitz County will each prepare a scoping document.
17 And that scoping document will detail the topical
18 areas that will be included in the EIS and that will
19 be published as soon as it's available. It will
20 probably be several months.

21 One more comment about your comments. It
22 doesn't matter whether you testify here, in the quiet
23 room, fill a form out, on the web site. All comments
24 are equally considered. So just because this is a
25 little more spot-lighted doesn't mean that it's going

1 to get any more weight than comments received
2 otherwise.

3 So we are providing commentary tonight by
4 lottery. And as I said a moment ago, if you did not
5 get a -- if you want to speak but you did not get a
6 blue lottery ticket, please proceed back out to the --
7 to the tables there and our staff will -- will help
8 you out.

9 So what we'll be doing is we'll be pulling
10 numbers out. Those numbers will appear on the screen
11 and they'll also be written up here. So if you have
12 your number called, we would ask that you come down
13 and sit in our queue line here. We've got ten chairs
14 set up so that we can make this as -- as expeditious
15 as possible.

16 When we call the numbers we're only calling
17 the last four numbers because the first two numbers
18 are the same for all the tickets. So I have 710338.
19 The only numbers you'll hear if this were to be called
20 is 0338.

21 The -- depending on demand, the first ten
22 minutes of each hour and the first ten minutes after
23 I'm done will be dedicated to testimony from public
24 officials and tribal officials. So -- so just be
25 prepared for that.

1 We're going to draw ten numbers initially.
2 And, as I said, if you're holding one of those, please
3 proceed forward. Once we cycle through three
4 commenters we'll draw three new numbers and those will
5 go up on the chart and on -- on the board.

6 When your turn comes, hopefully you're
7 sitting in our queue. We're going to ask you to walk
8 up these stairs, testify at this podium. I'll tell
9 you right now these stairs are a little rickety so
10 please use the handrail and be careful. We'll have a
11 staff member down here to assist you. If you cannot
12 come up on the stage, just let us know when you come
13 here and I will take this mic and ask you to stand out
14 here in front of the stage so you can address your
15 comments to the stage folks.

16 Each speaker's allotted two minutes. And
17 we're going to ask your cooperation to make sure you
18 keep it to two minutes. So when you come up here
19 you're going to see a device on the podium and you'll
20 also see Scott here with some colored cards. And
21 there's a green -- green light or green card which
22 means that you're -- you're good to go. That's your
23 first minute and 45 seconds. When the yellow light
24 comes on or the yellow card comes up, that means
25 you've got 15 seconds left. And then when the red

1 light comes up, your two minutes is up. So what I'd
2 encourage you to do is when the -- when the yellow
3 light starts coming up or comes up, start thinking
4 about concluding your remarks so you can stay
5 within -- in the two minutes.

6 We really would appreciate your cooperation
7 in this regard. Our objective here is to get as many
8 of you as we can to the podium so that these folks
9 have the benefit as many -- as many comments as
10 humanly possible.

11 So when you come up on the stage, I will be
12 up here. Scott will be up here.

13 Shannon is a court reporter. She will be up
14 here which means that she will be recording verbatim
15 what you say so it gets into the record accurately.
16 The court reporters are really good but they're not
17 super-people. So we had a couple folks in our first
18 session that I think were speed readers and were
19 really firing it out and we had to ask them to slow
20 down. So Shannon may at some point ask you simply to
21 slow down. We'd, again, appreciate your cooperation.

22 If you have your comments written and want to
23 provide those to us, that's great, too, so we make
24 sure we've got it both ways.

25 In addition, we have two agency

1 representatives on the stage. Paula Ehlers who is the
2 shoreline manager/program manager for Ecology for
3 Southwest Washington is with us, and then Elaine
4 Placido who is the director of Cowlitz County Building
5 Planning Department.

6 In addition, Muffy Walker from the U.S. Army
7 Corps of Engineers is off stage to your right. Muffy
8 was on the -- on the stage for the first session so
9 they've -- they've swapped -- swapped places. But,
10 again, all three agencies want the benefit of your
11 comments so that's why we're here.

12 So are we ready to pull numbers?

13 Okay. We're going to pull the first ten
14 numbers. I'm going to halt for a minute, we'll pull
15 the first ten numbers, and then we'll -- we'll wrap
16 this up.

17 MELISSA: 0371, 0563, 0472.

18 EVENT HOST: Again, if you're hearing your
19 number called, please come up and sit in the queue.

20 MELISSA: 0522, 0560, 0569, 0567, 0559, 0476,
21 0475.

22 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

23 Again, in order to have a safe, secure, and
24 unintimidating environment here today we've developed
25 a set of ground rules that hopefully you all picked up

1 on the way in.

2 Oh, by the way, I want -- I need to do one
3 housekeeping thing. We had a gentleman who misplaced
4 a teal green Samsung Galaxy cell phone in the rest
5 room. So if you happen to see that or know where it
6 is --

7 Can you raise your hand, sir? Yeah. It's
8 the guy waving his hat back there would appreciate
9 your cooperation.

10 So let's -- let's quickly go through the
11 ground rules. I'm sure you've read these but they're
12 very important so I want to go through them again.

13 First of all, we would prefer that we have no
14 intimidating behavior, that is blocking somebody,
15 confronting somebody. This isn't the place for that.
16 So we would ask you to refrain from that.

17 We are monitoring the number of people coming
18 into this room. We have an overflow room that has a
19 live video feed so you won't miss anything if you're
20 in the next room, but we are under some pretty strict
21 fire marshall restrictions in terms of occupancy so at
22 some point it is possible we will be directing people
23 down there and not letting them into the room.

24 As I said, speakers will be chosen by
25 lottery. The numbers will be randomly pulled out. We

1 are asking you for silent expressions of agreement or
2 disagreement. If we get into applause, cheering,
3 jeering, shouting, all it does is slow things down and
4 make it impossible to get the right number of people
5 to the podium.

6 So if you -- if I'm up here and I say
7 something that's whiz bag and you think that's a good
8 thing and you want give me a thumbs up or give me a
9 wave like that, that's great. If you've got a small
10 sign, the ten-by-ten signs, and you want to wave that
11 at me, that's great, too. If you disagree with it,
12 just give me a thumbs down. We don't need cheering,
13 we don't need applause, and we certainly don't need
14 jeering.

15 As I said, put yourself in the position of
16 the person up here. This is uncomfortable for most
17 people to begin with, but when you're in front of a
18 thousand or so people in this room it can be very
19 intimidating. And we will watch that very carefully
20 and we will ask people that don't want to play by
21 those rules to either stop or -- or leave the
22 facility.

23 Speakers can be stopped if they participate
24 in some kind of organized demonstration. For
25 instance, if they get up and -- and say, okay, strike

1 up the band and, you know, 15 people stand up with
2 instruments, we're going to halt things at that point
3 until -- until we get control again. I've never
4 actually seen that happen, but it's like my worst
5 nightmare.

6 And finally, and I -- I just -- you know, I
7 hate to say this, but we do reserve the right to close
8 this meeting if we think things are simply not under
9 control. We want it to be safe. We want everybody to
10 have a fair chance regardless of what your opinion is.
11 But if we do get out of control, I have the authority
12 to suspend the meeting either temporarily or call it a
13 night. I don't want to do that.

14 So pay attention to the ground rules, please.
15 And we'd actually ask for your all help. If you see
16 somebody that is applauding, just lean over and say,
17 you know what, they asked you not to do that, let's
18 just -- let's just play by the rules.

19 Okay. A few logistical items. In the -- in
20 the event we have to leave the building quickly, there
21 are four very large exits in this room, two in the
22 back, two on the side. So we would ask you just to
23 quickly and quietly move out those four doors if you
24 will.

25 We have on-site first aid assistance. If

1 anybody's having a medical emergency, let us know.
2 Either talk to a blue-vested person or police officer
3 or security officer. We have paramedics on standby on
4 the facility, so we'll be able to get you quickly
5 and -- and resolve that issue.

6 You may have noticed that we do have Longview
7 Police here. We want to thank them for their
8 participation. Not a intimidation thing, but just
9 making sure people are safe and secure.

10 The rest rooms, if you need them, are out the
11 door and to the right and then to your left again.
12 Please don't leave your cell phone in there.

13 Again, to remind you, the quiet room is
14 available so if you -- we had one person the first
15 meeting that didn't get through all of her comments
16 and so I just told her to go to the quiet room with
17 another court reporter, finish what she had to say and
18 then we'll -- we'll get the combination.

19 And then, again, the comment tables, we've
20 got several tables. And I know many of you have been
21 in there filling out comments, but -- but we would
22 appreciate you doing that as well.

23 Again, the folks in the blue vests are your
24 event hosts. Our job is just to make sure this goes
25 well. You are free to come and go during the

1 proceeding. I know many of you are inboard and it may
2 be tough to get out. If you could come and go just
3 without major disruption, we would appreciate that. I
4 know three hours is a long time to -- to sit here in
5 one -- in one spot.

6 Okay. We are going to now officially
7 commence. And in keeping with our first ten minutes
8 of time for elected officials and I think we only had
9 one so actually it'll be just two minutes of our time.
10 Let me introduce Mike Wallin, City Council member
11 from the City of Longview. And as soon as he is done,
12 we will move to the numbers we have. And it looks
13 like we've got a pretty full rack here, so good.

14 Okay, Mike.

15 SPEAKER 1: So my comments are -- I'm going
16 to direct first to the review of the proposal. I
17 believe the proposal should review with limitation to
18 the impacts of the coal dust. It's the local rail
19 crossing times, to local street traffic congestion,
20 local emergency response times, and the effects of --
21 of -- on the environment locally. That in addition to
22 this limited review to our local concerns, I believe
23 that we should possibly look at the economic
24 multipliers and the benefits of the increased economic
25 activity and the increased jobs in our area.

1 Speaking as a small business owner and as a
2 Longview City Council member, I believe this is
3 exactly the type of private investment we need in our
4 community; good, family-wage and union jobs coupled
5 with the responsible cleanup of an old, derelict
6 aluminum smelter site. This is a win/win for our
7 community and the reason that so many of my friends
8 and family and neighbors have come behind and to
9 support Millennium in what they're trying to do at
10 this site.

11 Our local economy must grow. We need new
12 industries to grow. And we need to support the growth
13 so that we may prosper.

14 And that concludes my remarks.

15 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

16 See how well that works. That's very
17 effective. Thank you. He got it early.

18 We have a lot of people standing in the back
19 maybe because they want to do that, but if you have
20 seats in the middle of your row, if you wouldn't mind
21 squeezing in so those folks can -- can grab the end
22 seat, I would appreciate that.

23 Okay. Number 0371.

24 SPEAKER 2: Good afternoon. I'm honored to
25 be able to speak in front of you today.

1 My name is Dan Carpita. I'm the son of Dan
2 and Marvalyn Carpita, the grandson of Ed and Iris,
3 grandson of Cesar and Mary. And I bring you greetings
4 from the Lemhi Band Shoshone people of Northwestern
5 Montana, the Sacagawea people.

6 I come here today to speak for all those who
7 have no voice. I come here today to speak for the
8 great-grandchildren and their great-grandchildren who
9 have no voice. I ask you how shall they remember us?
10 How do we want to be remembered?

11 I'm reminded, when I hear the comments about
12 we need the jobs, of the bartender who continues to
13 serve an obviously-intoxicated patron because he needs
14 the money. I'm reminded of the parent who goes out
15 and buys drugs and alcohol for their children because
16 they're going to get it somewhere anyway. I'm
17 reminded that my responsibility today is to that
18 seventh generation, and I believe all of you carry
19 that same responsibility.

20 Thank you.

21 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

22 I'm sorry, I had an elected official that I
23 omitted, Steven Massey, City Council member from the
24 City of Rainier.

25 SPEAKER 3: Good afternoon.

1 I would like to relay one of the very, very
2 grave concerns that the City of Rainier has about this
3 project, and that is traffic. We'd really, really
4 like the traffic to be examined and how it will affect
5 our little city across the Lewis and Clark Bridge.

6 We have a fairly elderly population that
7 needs emergency care occasionally. And an ambulance
8 we -- is estimated could be held up as long as 35
9 minutes by a train crossing on the other side of the
10 bridge. We have people in Rainier that shop regularly
11 in Longview. It really is -- Longview is really
12 Rainier's city. We shop there. We see the doctor
13 there. We go to the emergency room there. We are
14 intertwined with Longview.

15 So it will absolutely be a disaster if it
16 comes to fruition and we are faced with 35-minute
17 delays coming across the bridge. I have no -- no idea
18 how this disaster would be accepted. And I'm afraid
19 that it will absolutely have terrible effects on our
20 small city.

21 Thank you very much.

22 EVENT HOST: Thank you, Councilman.
23 Appreciate it.

24 0563.

25 SPEAKER 4: Thank you.

1 My name is Jeff Washburn. I'm with Longview/
2 Kelso Building & Construction Trades Council. Thank
3 you very much for allowing me to speak.

4 I think on the -- the Environmental Impact
5 Statement, I think everybody hopes that the situation
6 is as the mayor was just talking -- councilman was
7 just talking about, these things do get figured out so
8 we do get it done right.

9 I am in favor of the coal export facility,
10 but I do want to make sure that the Environmental
11 Impact Statement is followed through. I don't want to
12 see -- I don't -- I wouldn't like to see any extra
13 things added to it. Just what you standardly do.

14 We'd like to thank you for getting it started
15 finally. We've been waiting a year and a half, so --
16 so that's good news. We're glad to see that.

17 And there are going to be a lot of good union
18 jobs that are going to take place not only during the
19 construction but after it's -- after it's completed as
20 well. And it will be a -- a real benefit to -- to
21 this local area that is situated very good for it
22 being in the export business and has an industrial
23 base since its beginning in the early '20s.

24 Thank you very much.

25 EVENT HOST: Okay. One thing I need to add.

1 Something when we were planning for this event that I
2 learned about court reporters is they not only listen
3 but they read lips, so when you're up here it's very
4 important for Shannon to be able to see your face. So
5 if you would keep that in mind. Besides the agency
6 people you want to be talking to are actually here,
7 not out there. So we'd appreciate that.

8 So 0472, sir.

9 SPEAKER 5: I'm Kevin Newell and I represent
10 my company, Total Fisherman Guide Service, as well as
11 the Northwest Guide & Anglers Association. And I'd
12 like to thank you folks for being here and listening
13 to this and thank all these passionate people for
14 taking the time out of their day to represent.

15 I don't think transporting coal on the
16 Columbia River or near the Columbia is good for
17 business. I think it jeopardizes our way of life.
18 And I think we deserve better and we should hold out
19 for something better and something cleaner.

20 I've been guiding on the Columbia for 14
21 years. My wife also has a boat. Our organization
22 consists of members in the Northwest Guides & Anglers
23 Association that primarily fish the Columbia River,
24 and so the main location of where we spend our time.

25 We're out on the Columbia River every year

1 enjoying time with our customers, friends, and family,
2 passing on the traditions that our fathers and
3 grandfathers passed on to us. All the while the
4 honking barges are a common site.

5 Folks, every year the Columbia River is
6 becoming a smaller place because more and more user
7 groups want to take advantage of its opportunities.
8 This trend isn't going to change. It's only going to
9 get worse. Decisions like this one put my way of
10 life, the fisherman's way of life, and livelihood at
11 risk.

12 More barges and rail traffic on or near the
13 Columbia River directly impacts both tribal and sport
14 fishermen up and down the river as well as other
15 recreational and commercial users. Our anchor and
16 troll fisheries are already seriously impacted by the
17 existing high level of commercial traffic.

18 And there's no way that increasing the barge
19 traffic to the proposed level would not eventually
20 lead to collisions and loss of life between commercial
21 barge traffic and recreational use. How many
22 collisions have occurred over the last 20 years
23 between barges and boaters? That's a question. And
24 this -- that studies needs to take place. There's no
25 acceptable level of impact when talking about the loss

1 of human life.

2 Increased railroad traffic will also
3 jeopardize angler safety when they have to cross
4 railroad lines to get to and from the river. This
5 impact needs to be measured.

6 Up to 50 coal barges per week will be staged
7 adjacent to Crims Island here on the Lower Columbia
8 River, a recently completed multi-million dollar
9 salmon habitat --

10 THE REPORTER: Wait a minute, wait a minute.
11 Hold it, hold.

12 SPEAKER 5 (CONTINUING): That's a new habit
13 restoration area on that island. How is this
14 additional barge activity near the island going to be
15 -- to impact this newly-developed habitat?

16 EVENT HOST: Your two minutes is up.

17 SPEAKER 5 (CONTINUING): All right.
18 Thank you very much.

19 EVENT HOST: Do you want to submit that
20 written testimony?

21 SPEAKER 5 (CONTINUING): Absolutely.

22 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

23 We had a little snafu, so 0472. And while
24 you're coming up, Melissa, would you draw three more
25 numbers.

1 SPEAKER 6: Everybody hold your cards up.
2 I'd like to get a shot for twitter.

3 MELISSA: 0451.

4 SPEAKER 6 (CONTINUING): Thank you.

5 EVENT HOST: Pay attention to the lady, too.

6 SPEAKER 6 (CONTINUING): Yes, ma'am.

7 Hi. My name is Rob Harris. I'm --

8 EVENT HOST: Rob, hang on just a sec, will
9 you. We've got to get two more numbers out and then
10 we'll turn you loose, okay.

11 SPEAKER 6 (CONTINUING): Sure.

12 MELISSA: 0971, 0439.

13 EVENT HOST: If you have those numbers,
14 please come this way.

15 Sorry.

16 SPEAKER 6 (CONTINUING): Thanks.

17 Hi. Name is Rob Harris. I'm a vice
18 president with JH Kelly. I live here at 1503 25th
19 Avenue in Longview, Washington.

20 I want to encourage the DOE, the Army Corps
21 to follow the processes and procedures that are in
22 place. Millennium has had an EIS statement submitted
23 for over a year which is now just getting attended to.
24 Difficult to sustain a business cycle for anyone
25 without getting some timely attention to what their

1 needs are so they can exist profitably and be part of
2 our community.

3 I've had the privilege over the last two
4 years of working with Millennium folks, got to know
5 them personally. Went back to Wyoming, saw the coal
6 mine, saw their environmental stewardship. I'm
7 encouraged by the quality of people that I'm dealing
8 with and look forward to the opportunity to
9 potentially construct a facility and put people to
10 work.

11 If we don't get the job, we don't get the
12 job. Someone else is going to build it and add value
13 to their community. But I encourage you do not self-
14 legislate. Let the process work. Let people follow
15 the rules that they need to follow for environmental
16 compliance, federal, state, and local, and they'll be
17 successful.

18 I think it's ironic the amount of people that
19 are from outside of this community that are here.
20 This is something that can add tremendous tax value
21 and base to our community by people that work and help
22 our city, our schools, and our county.

23 I know they're going to act responsibly. I'm
24 confident of that. I've spent two and a half years
25 with these people. And I look forward to the

1 opportunity to continue to work with them.

2 Thank you very much.

3 EVENT HOST: Please, please, no applause.

4 0522.

5 SPEAKER 7: Good evening. My name is Ted
6 Sprague. I'm the president of the Cowlitz Economic
7 Development Council.

8 We are asking today for a timely and
9 consistent permitting process. Millennium first
10 applied for permits for their project in February of
11 2012. It has been an overly-long process just to get
12 to this point. Now that scoping has begun, it is time
13 to move the process forward quickly so that the
14 community knows what uses will be permitted on the
15 site and what mitigation needs to occur.

16 The existing considerations for permitting
17 large projects in Washington state are strenuous and
18 extensive. Adding additional layers to the permitting
19 process to take on global implications are far too
20 reaching.

21 Other domestic and international companies we
22 have been working with are watching this process.
23 Based on the scoping and permitting requirements put
24 on other export facilities, some job-producing
25 projects will not -- will no longer consider looking

1 at Washington state. And just to reiterate, it's not
2 the coal that they fear. It's the permitting that
3 they fear. Some have already said our permitting is
4 irrational, untimely, and/or bends to political
5 pressure.

6 Our economic future depends on permitting
7 that is rational, timely, and certain. The EIS should
8 focus on the site and its impacts, not on the impacts
9 beyond the scope of the project.

10 Thank you.

11 EVENT HOST: 0560.

12 Do we have a 0560?

13 Okay. We don't.

14 0569.

15 Don't come up if that's not your number.

16 0567? Now we've got you? Okay.

17 SPEAKER 8: My name is Dawson Dunning. And I
18 come to Longview today all the way from Montana in the
19 wake of former Governor Brian Schweitzer who came in
20 2011 and boldly stated that Longview was the most
21 important town in Montana. I'm here to tell you he is
22 right, but for all the wrong reasons.

23 I grew up on Otter Creek in the Powder River
24 Basin where my family runs a small beef cattle
25 operation. We have ranched here for well over a

1 century. And I am the fifth generation who have been
2 raised in this beautiful, remote area of Southeastern
3 Montana.

4 My family's ranch is just south of where Arch
5 Coal is proposing to develop the largest new coal mine
6 in the US. The destruction and disruption of our
7 water resources by cutting through and depleting our
8 aquifers is our biggest concern and needs further
9 study.

10 Let me quickly tell you three ways in which
11 Longview is connected to the Otter Creek region where
12 my family's Montana ranch is located. One, Longview
13 terminal makes a yet to be permitted or developed mine
14 at Otter Creek viable for Arch Coal. They would strip
15 my well over 10,000 acres of prime historical
16 agricultural land that is very hard to reclaim in an
17 otherwise unindustrialized valley.

18 And, Number 2, Arch needs a railroad to get
19 their coal to the main line so they have bought into
20 the Tongue River Railroad Company which is proposing
21 an extremely unpopular railroad that would condemn our
22 neighbors' ranches without consent for 40 miles only
23 through the heavy-handed power of federal eminent
24 domain.

25 And, Number 3, Longview is connected to

1 Montana ranches because the coal that comes from our
2 back door ends up right here in a pile on your
3 doorstep, right here in Longview where Arch Coal has a
4 substantial 40 percent interest in Millennium.

5 Longview makes all this development happen
6 plain and simple. Longview is the most important town
7 in Montana today.

8 Arch needs it to happen here as this is their
9 mine, their railroad, and their interest in export
10 here in Longview that are on the table. The scope of
11 this EIS should consider impacts on ranches in every
12 small town and city from their mine to their terminal.
13 And that is what I impress -- request of you today.

14 Thank you very much.

15 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

16 0559.

17 No takers?

18 0476.

19 This is just a heads-up. We'll call a bunch
20 of numbers when this is done.

21 SPEAKER 9: Okay.

22 Thank you very much for the opportunity to
23 comment. My name is Theresa Percell and my family
24 moved to Longview in 1949. I was born here, and I
25 moved away for 26 years, and I moved back seven years

1 ago. And I love this community.

2 This community needs stable jobs and economic
3 growth. We need a cleaned-up Reynolds site. And we
4 have -- the opportunity that is provided by that is
5 something that's unprecedented. And we need to make
6 sure that we are building an economic future that
7 allows this community to thrive and not fail.

8 The proposed coal terminal threatens our
9 future. Please thoroughly review the traffic impacts,
10 the waterway impact, air and quality impact, the
11 health impacts on our community. That is just three
12 miles from our downtown area and our beautiful Lake
13 Sacagawea.

14 Please thoroughly understand the impacts on
15 our quality of life and not just the economics but
16 also the economic -- the opportunity costs of our
17 economics. We need to understand, as a community, all
18 of the economic costs of this proposed terminal. And
19 I appreciate the opportunity to speak today.

20 This community is at a tipping point. We can
21 go backwards, back to where my mom would have to check
22 the air quality before I could go out and play, or we
23 could go forwards and create clean, sustainable jobs
24 using the benefits of this beautiful community.

25 And I just want to say thank you for -- so

1 much for the opportunity to comment. I believe that
2 we can do better and I appreciate the opportunity to
3 comment today.

4 Thank you.

5 EVENT HOST: 045 -- 0475.

6 Okay. If you would give us just a moment
7 while we -- no, come on up. Just give us a moment
8 while we call more numbers.

9 SPEAKER 10: Okay.

10 MELISSA: 0458, 0972, 0958, 0968, 0326, 0329.

11 EVENT HOST: Okay, sir, come on up.

12 Sir.

13 SPEAKER 10 (CONTINUING): Good afternoon. My
14 name's Michael Titone and I'm the executive director
15 of the Columbia River Steamship Operators Association.

16 The association's mission is to facilitate
17 maritime trade and to promote operating policies and
18 practices that are safe, reliable, efficient, and cost
19 effective. The safe and efficient movement of cargo
20 in the Columbia River is critical both to our
21 membership and to the ports, cities, and communities
22 that are supported by the traffic.

23 Coal can move safely on the Lower Columbia
24 River. The Columbia River has seen an approximate 40
25 percent reduction in number of ship calls in the last

1 ten years which has had a direct impact on the
2 revenues of port service providers, and more
3 importantly on the cost incurred by the smaller number
4 of ships that are now visiting. Less ships translates
5 to higher costs for all service providers and
6 terminals for all cargos on the Lower Columbia River.

7 New facilities and cargos are important to
8 regaining some of the lost shipping activity and
9 ensuring that the Columbia River can remain cost
10 competitive with other Pacific Coast ports in the US,
11 Canada, and Mexico.

12 The development of Millennium's terminal is
13 additionally valuable as it provides year-round vessel
14 activity. We are concerned that an expanded EIS
15 process will not only impact Millennium project but
16 will send a negative message to other potential
17 investors in ocean terminal development.

18 While we recognize that it's important to
19 study the development location, we are suggesting that
20 the scope be limited to items and issues that are
21 directly related to the operations at Millennium site.

22 Thank you for allowing me to comment.

23 EVENT HOST: 0451.

24 SPEAKER 11: Hello. Thank you. And thank
25 you to all who I see, friends, neighbors, colleagues,

1 from our community here who have come to speak out
2 against the coal terminal.

3 My name is Leeann Gekas. I'm a physician.
4 And I have lived and practiced in Longview for 25
5 years. I raised my daughter here.

6 I care about the community. I care about the
7 children here and their health. I'm concerned about
8 the effect that a coal export terminal would have on
9 health, both with the pollutants and the coal itself
10 getting into the air, as well as the diesel of the
11 multiple trains coming through every day.

12 The location of the terminal is going to be
13 very close to our neighborhoods where our children are
14 playing, where they're in their schools. And of
15 course the neighborhood that's going to be mostly
16 affected the closest is the Highlands neighborhood
17 which can least deal with such problems.

18 I see this as a short-sighted solution to the
19 economic issues that we have in Longview. I'm
20 concerned that the small number of jobs that would be
21 brought here are going to be more than compensated for
22 by the jobs that we lose from businesses leaving here.

23 We will not have a clean site which we would
24 otherwise have that could bring in a cleaner industry.
25 We're going to lose physicians, teachers, other people

1 who we would like to recruit to this area to be part
2 of our community. People don't want to live in an
3 area that is dirty by coal.

4 I think it's important to look at the bigger
5 picture with coal as far as further environmental
6 study. It's different than apples and wheat. And
7 that's why it's important to look at that with regards
8 to exports.

9 Please take this into account. Longview
10 deserves better than this. We need to move forward.
11 We need to have clean -- clean jobs and clean air. We
12 deserve better.

13 Thank you.

14 EVENT HOST: 0971. No?
15 0439.

16 SPEAKER 12: 0971.

17 EVENT HOST: 0971?

18 SPEAKER 12 (CONTINUING): Yes.

19 Hello. My name is Jake Whiteside. I'm the
20 president of ILW local 21.

21 I'm in favor of this coal project. What --
22 what -- I've lived here my whole life in Longview. I
23 know the dynamics of Longview. I care about this --
24 this city.

25 And this is a -- this is an industrial town.

1 You know, without industrial towns then, you know, we
2 wouldn't have industry; correct? So I mean, for --
3 for job -- for these jobs to go anywhere else, it's
4 just going to be very difficult. Longview is set up
5 like R.A. Long set it up for industry. And if we
6 drive out Industrial Way, that's what we see is
7 industry.

8 This -- this Millennium is doing good. It's
9 doing good in this community because they're cleaning
10 up a site that's been tainted for -- for a long, long
11 time. We -- we care at the ILWU about the
12 environment. Every -- every aspect we -- we take time
13 and look at every -- every detail with -- with our
14 environment and the impacts that we're -- we're
15 having.

16 There has to be some type of balance. And it
17 can work if we -- if we are very diligent at keeping
18 track of how we're doing that. So -- and I believe
19 that Millennium is -- it's a -- it's a standup company
20 that I've -- I've built a relationship with. And
21 it's -- it's time that somebody like Millennium came
22 to town to clean this place up to ship coal to
23 people --

24 EVENT HOST: Summarize, please. Your two
25 minutes is up.

1 SPEAKER 12 (CONTINUING): Okay.

2 -- overseas to people that don't have running
3 water and --

4 EVENT HOST: You're done. Thank you.

5 0439. Is that you?

6 Okay. Melissa -- while you come -- come on
7 up and get ready. Melissa, would you call two more
8 numbers, please.

9 Watch the stairs. Step right up there. If
10 you just give us a minute while we call a few more
11 numbers.

12 MELISSA: 0323, 0310, 0312.

13 EVENT HOST: One more please.

14 MELISSA: 0298.

15 EVENT HOST: Okay.

16 Ma'am.

17 SPEAKER 13: Hello. My name is Grace Ann
18 Byrd, and I'm a Nisqually tribal member.

19 And -- and I oppose exporting coal. And I'm
20 concerned about mercury runoff and derailments, air --
21 air quality and noise pollution. I'd ask that you
22 do -- please do an EIS scoping on the Nisqually Tribal
23 Organic Farm. It's on the railroad line. The
24 McCallister Springs puts dirty coal on the railroad
25 line. And scope the Nisqually Shell Fish Farm.

1 My Nisqually tribal treaty rights are being
2 infringed upon, as my wellbeing. I live 3.5 miles
3 from the railroad at 11935 Yelm Creek Court,
4 Southeast, Olympia, Washington 98513.

5 Along with other Nisqually tribal members, I
6 have asthma, my daughter has asthma. And the coal
7 trains are noisy and effects me at work at the
8 Nisqually Tribal Organic Farm.

9 And I just want to thank you. I was at
10 Chemawa Indian -- Chemawa Boarding School and I
11 traveled through Longview so I really appreciate the
12 -- Longview being as it is and not being a site for
13 exported coal.

14 Thank you.

15 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

16 0458.

17 SPEAKER 14: Hello. My name is Arthur
18 Llewellyn. I live in Portland and came up here to
19 testify today.

20 I did want to speak before the -- the crowd
21 because I think what I have to say is on the unusual
22 side and I wanted to be more than just a written
23 comment that -- where all of you wouldn't hear it.

24 I've been working on the Columbia River
25 Crossing project. And I do -- I believe that the West

1 Hayden Island Marine Terminal is going to be rejected.
2 It's not going to happen. And, therefore, the Panamax
3 class of shipping, in order for it to serve our
4 country's imports of automobile off-loading, that
5 contract I believe is going to go to Longview. So to
6 me that means Longview has a choice of what kind of
7 jobs to build.

8 Blue signs? Blue signs? Jobs.

9 May -- may I say one last thing about
10 automobiles of the future. I'm a promoter of the
11 plug-in hybrid. That is the -- with having the most
12 advantages over the all electric or the hydrogen fuel
13 cell, because it's a single suitcase-sized battery
14 pack in an electric car that would go to four --
15 three, four, five times as many people. And when you
16 have a smaller suitcase battery pack to charge up of
17 the solar array you're promoting the energy sources of
18 the future.

19 Longview, you can port as many plug-in
20 hybrids as you can. You just go for it.

21 Blue signs? Blue signs?

22 Thank you.

23 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

24 0972. Is that you?

25 SPEAKER 15: My name is Art Gardner from

1 Silver Lake.

2 I'm against this darn thing. 1150 jobs
3 versus 130? It's a piss-poor trade-off. 16 trains a
4 day in this town? Industrial area is going to be
5 gridlocked. There's no way to make an overpass with
6 Industrial Way, Oregon Way, and Rainier Bridge all so
7 close.

8 You can put the sales tax back on the
9 Oregonians 'cause there won't be any Oregonians coming
10 to Longview. Why would anyone want to sit and watch
11 trains?

12 This is also going to make a bigger mess out
13 of Ocean Beach because Storedahl is a huge rock pit
14 out there. They're not going to pay their drivers to
15 sit at the train tracks. Them and everybody else that
16 wants to get to the freeway is going to be going down
17 Ocean Beach now.

18 Any time a dump truck has a load that can
19 blow away they have to tarp it, but not this train
20 with 120 cars. Everything's all right with it.

21 Thank you.

22 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

23 0958. Oh, that was 0958. It was.

24 Jim, you've got to keep crossing those off
25 for me.

1 0968.

2 SPEAKER 16: Hello. My name is Jim Steiner.
3 I live in Longview. My son attends Olympic
4 Elementary.

5 Although I'm concerned about the health
6 implications for my family, I wish to discuss an -- a
7 study on a different topic. While researching
8 existing coal export terminals I heard several stories
9 about nearby homes having to be power washed due to
10 coal dust accumulating on the siding and trim work.

11 I manage a local painting company and this
12 could potentially mean more demand as homes do need to
13 be washed and painted more frequently. Unfortunately,
14 this extra work would come at the expense of local
15 homeowners and the city, most of whom do not have the
16 resources to do this. Collectively this could cost
17 hundreds of thousands in additional annual maintenance
18 and property devaluation. Who wants to live in or by
19 a home that's always dirty?

20 After these homes are washed, the
21 contaminated wastewater would fall into our flower
22 beds, our yards, our gardens. In addition to
23 contaminates, contaminated roof runoff from gutters
24 and downspouts, coal dust, and carcinogens would then
25 be present in high concentration around the perimeter

1 of homes, businesses, and schools.

2 Will Millennium cover the increase in cost to
3 wash and paint our homes? Will they hire teams to
4 annually remove contaminated soil from our gardens,
5 parks, homes, and schools? Will there be funds for
6 cleanup once the terminal is no longer in operation
7 20, 30, 40 years from now?

8 I urge the state EIS to consider these
9 increased property maintenance costs, long-term health
10 effects of residential soil degradation, and cost for
11 residential soil reclamation and replacement.

12 Thank you.

13 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

14 0326. You can come on up.

15 And, Melissa, would you go ahead and call
16 another four numbers.

17 MELISSA: 0327, 0303, 0653, 0343.

18 EVENT HOST: Again, if one of those numbers
19 is yours, please come down and join our group up here.

20 Thank you, sir.

21 SPEAKER 17: Good evening. My name is Kyle
22 Mackey.

23 I'm representing the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Labor
24 Council tonight. And I've come here to tell everybody
25 that at our last regular meeting delegates

1 representing thousands of area union members voted to
2 support this project and the jobs it will bring. I
3 respect all the -- all the comments from both sides
4 tonight.

5 I'd just like to remind the panel here
6 tonight that here in Longview we're not mining coal.
7 We're not burning coal. We're shipping coal. And
8 please scope and have your review accordingly.

9 Thank you.

10 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

11 0329.

12 0329? No takers?

13 0323.

14 SPEAKER 18: Good evening. Thank you for
15 your patience with all these comments. I'm
16 particularly addressing my remarks tonight to our
17 county commissioners. Thank you for hearing us.

18 My name is Kathleen Patton. I've served as
19 an Episcopal priest here at St. Stephen's in Longview
20 for 13 years. And I love my town.

21 I've never been an activist. Though I've
22 always cared about the health of the planet and the
23 health of my community, as a garden variety pastor
24 it's my work to care for the spiritual health of all
25 members of my congregation and also to be concerned

1 about our economic health. So I tend to avoid taking
2 a public stance on issues.

3 Until now. Until my own community of
4 Longview was threatened, until the vision of more than
5 ten miles of dirty coal trains every day cutting up
6 and polluting our town came roaring up. And that's
7 when I started to see red.

8 Millennium is promising us what we hunger
9 for, good, family-wage jobs. I'm concerned that the
10 opposite will be the case. I want to know how this is
11 going to impact us. For every job provided how many
12 will be lost as 16 1.3-mile-long trains a day bisect
13 four intersections at a time each one for seven
14 minutes? How many established good, local businesses
15 will be threatened by that? How many jobs will be
16 lost if that train traffic harms our health and
17 reputation as a community and people leave this town?
18 How many jobs will be lost as train-related traffic
19 congestion and dirty coal discourage people from sit
20 -- siting their businesses here? How many good, clean
21 jobs will never come to this town because they would
22 be blocked by the trains and their toxic payload?

23 I'm concerned that we the people of Longview
24 are not the beneficiaries of this proposed terminal,
25 and that it is not a win for us or our planet. I

1 believe we deserve better.

2 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

3 0310.

4 SPEAKER 19: Hi. My name is Shelly. I'm 32
5 years old. I grew up 500 yards from a rail line in a
6 coal train corridor. I went to high school half a
7 mile from a coal terminal. I now live less than 500
8 yards from a coal terminal.

9 I have no health issues. Quite the opposite.
10 This includes my husband and my eight-month-old
11 daughter. I live in Carrington, Newcastle. Next --
12 my next-door neighbor is the largest coal export
13 terminal in the world. My house is not black. It's
14 cream in fact.

15 Carrington has been increasing in value as
16 the coal terminal expands. It's not directly related,
17 but growth hasn't been affected. We bought our house
18 12 years ago for \$160,000. It's now worth \$500,000.
19 This is similar for all in our area.

20 Newcastle is a thriving town, full of cafes
21 and artists, local designers. And it continues to
22 grow as property values increase. Newcastle is the
23 second largest city in New South Wales, Australia.
24 Population has increased by 48 percent in the last ten
25 years, in the actual city which is where the coal

1 terminal is located.

2 I'm very health conscious, especially since
3 the birth of my baby. Studies have been completed in
4 Newcastle to look at the link between children with
5 asthma and their proximity to the coal terminal. No
6 concentration of asthma was found around the terminal.
7 The only common denominator was having a parent who
8 smoked.

9 Also, we grow an organic community garden
10 less than 500 yards from the terminal.

11 In conclusion, I've not experienced any of
12 the issues that I had had concerns about or have heard
13 others have concerns about connected to living the
14 majority of my life near a coal terminal or in a coal
15 train corridor. Coal terminals can obviously be
16 managed well.

17 I would urge regulators to look at my
18 community in Newcastle and don't waste time here
19 studying things that aren't a problem in a city that
20 for the last 40 years has lived with the largest
21 operating coal terminal in the world.

22 Thank you for your time.

23 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

24 323.

25 SPEAKER 20: Yes.

1 EVENT HOST: Okay, sir. Would you come up?
2 And, Melissa, would you put --
3 Come on up. Get ready.
4 Melissa, would you call another five numbers,
5 please.

6 MELISSA: 0547, 0343, 0606, 0478.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

8 It's all yours, sir.

9 SPEAKER 20 (CONTINUING): A number of years
10 ago the Daily News had a survey where Longview was
11 rated Number 3 in being the dirtiest city this side of
12 the Mississippi. It looks to me like Mike Wallin
13 wants us to be Number 1.

14 I think we should leave the coal where it is:
15 Wyoming, Montana, wherever it's coming from. It is a
16 energy source that cannot be safe.

17 We are building -- the United States is
18 building a plant in West Virginia to turn coal into
19 gasoline, like the Germans did during World War II and
20 South Africa has been doing for decades. I understand
21 there's another one being built in Wyoming or Montana.
22 I'm sorry I can't give you more information on that.

23 But if we leave the coal there, if we don't
24 drag it through all these states down along the
25 Columbia River, we can keep this country much cleaner.

1 Thank you.

2 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

3 It is the top of the hour and we have one
4 elected official who wishes to speak.

5 Tom Hutchinson from the City of Longview,
6 City Council member. Correct?

7 SPEAKER 21: Yes.

8 EVENT HOST: Go ahead.

9 SPEAKER 21 (CONTINUING): Good afternoon --
10 good evening. My name is Tom Hutchinson. I live in
11 Longview.

12 Just yesterday I returned from a trip to
13 China where the government just announced its plan to
14 reduce the amount of energy generated by coal to less
15 than 65 percent or in fact reduce the amount of
16 particulate matter in the air across Chinese cities.
17 My firsthand observation of being in Beijing is that
18 this is badly need.

19 As a Longview City Council member I request
20 that the lead agencies consider and study any issues
21 that have the potential to affect the Longview
22 citizens in an adverse way. Our council will be
23 holding a workshop on October 3rd to explore issues
24 and be directing staff on making formal scoping
25 comments on behalf of the city.

1 I expect the transportation system of
2 Longview -- Longview will be affected by unit trains
3 coming in and out of a proposed coal terminal. I want
4 to be certain people can get to their jobs, our Oregon
5 neighbors are able to come to Longview to shop, and
6 that emergency vehicles are able to do their job and
7 protect our citizens.

8 As has been committed to do in Bellingham,
9 the lead agency should review how coal train traffic
10 will impact Longview and how these impacts would be
11 mitigated. The City of Longview needs the same level
12 of engagement and review from the SEPA agencies that
13 we saw for the Bellingham proposal. Because these
14 transportation issues are far too big for us to solve
15 on our own.

16 If there's already a plan to solve these
17 transportation issues, it is not currently public
18 knowledge. Lack of transparency on this issue impairs
19 the value of the scope and process.

20 Our council of course is concerned with the
21 health, welfare, and quality of life of all of our
22 citizens, and I expect our October workshop to be a
23 thorough and broad review to anticipate the needs of
24 our citizens which we will convey to you before
25 scoping period is closed.

1 Thank you for your consideration.

2 EVENT HOST: Thank you, Council Member.

3 Jim, now back to 313?

4 JIM: Yes.

5 EVENT HOST: Okay.

6 SPEAKER 22: I will give -- I'll give my
7 written.

8 SCOTT: Yes.

9 EVENT HOST: Great, thank you.

10 SPEAKER 22 (CONTINUING): I wasn't born here.
11 My name is Mary Lyon. I didn't grow up here. I moved
12 here as a tax-paying adult because I was attracted to
13 the people and natural environment of this part of the
14 state.

15 A few years ago Kelso and Longview went
16 through a series of community meetings attempting to
17 identify a distinct brand for ourselves. The economic
18 downturn squashed that endeavor, but I've been
19 thinking about it ever since. And not once has
20 polluted coal town come to mind.

21 It's not easy to change directions once a
22 routine has been established. The bust/boom pattern
23 of this region has left it worse off after every boom.
24 Jobs have been promised, profits have been made, and
25 all through the last 100 years a polluted environment

1 and a diminished education system have remained with
2 the citizens fighting tooth and nail to repair it.

3 But I believe the people of this region are
4 smarter now and know that no company is too big to be
5 challenged. No PR department can convince it that a
6 polluted, depressed economy is inevitable and we
7 should just give up and let it happen.

8 I want the State Department of Ecology to
9 hold Alcoa accountable and restore our waterfront to a
10 marketable, shovel-ready site. I want Ecology to
11 stand for all the citizens of this state and study the
12 recently published effects of local and worldwide
13 diesel and coal consumption on the crab and fishing
14 industry.

15 I want Washington to model an educated and
16 fearless examination of the coal industry from the
17 start to finish as it crosses our state boundaries and
18 invades our state's lungs. This region deserves a
19 comprehensive health impact statement, and I want the
20 state to give us one.

21 We love our children here and we cherish the
22 beauty of this state even more as climate changes
23 threatens our world. We can do better. We can hold
24 firm to the rudder as we chart a course together in a
25 cleaner, job-creating economy that doesn't require us

1 to sacrifice community health for corporate wealth.

2 Thank you.

3 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

4 03 -- no, sorry. 0298.

5 SPEAKER 23: My name is Gary Lindstrom. I
6 own Lindship Maritime Services and I am the former
7 director of marketing for the Port of Longview.

8 I'm experienced with bulk commodity handling,
9 vessel operations, and unit trains. I urge the
10 agencies to study the impact of 1.3-mile-long unit
11 trains and the coal dust from a 500,000-ton surge pile
12 would bring to our community.

13 Today we are weighing whether a proposed 44
14 million ton coal terminal with 16 trains a day is our
15 vision and beneficial to our economy and environment.
16 The turning point study released by the Cowlitz
17 Economic Development Council in 2010 stated that
18 Cowlitz County lacked a unified vision for future
19 development, and that a further threat to the progress
20 of our county included the loss of technical and
21 professional employment.

22 The recent announced closing of the pediatric
23 clinic, according to the Daily News, is due to the
24 inability of the county to attract doctors to live
25 here. Cowlitz County needs to have a sense of place

1 said the report, a quality of life. A dusting coal
2 pile and traffic jams every hour and a half is not
3 going to improve our quality of life or the economy.
4 Dust and transportation issues would be the tipping
5 point for local business, the economy, and for access
6 by Oregonians.

7 The agency should study the following:

8 Economic impacts related to extreme traffic
9 congestion; emergency access due to blocked roadways;
10 air pollution from increased locomotive, ship, truck,
11 vehicle emissions; health issues related to migrant
12 coal dust; impact of 700 Panamax ships per year to the
13 environment and life on the river.

14 Concluding, state route 432 rail and road
15 infrastructure must be in the EIS because the current
16 rail lead and four at-grade crossings cannot support
17 6500 unit trains per year which pose a serious threat
18 to our economy and our way of life.

19 Thank you.

20 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

21 0327.

22 SPEAKER 24: Rickety.

23 So hi. Jodi Guetzloe Parker, Columbia
24 Pacific Building Trades. I have a couple of pages I
25 was going to read and then I realized it was totally

1 wrong for what's going on here. I'll save it for
2 later.

3 What -- what I will comment on is you're
4 looking at issues that affect this region, and I
5 totally support that. I think that we've come long
6 enough, far enough that we have the technology to --
7 to look at these things and make sure that Millennium
8 does rise up to our environmental challenges. I
9 totally believe in them.

10 I want this region to survive with -- with
11 jobs, with manufacturing, with everything that is
12 impacted. I want this region to benefit from this. I
13 also want the rivers to be clean. I don't want huge
14 environmental disasters.

15 I want -- because we live here. We all live
16 here, every one of us. The red, the blue, the green,
17 white, the yellow, we all live here. And I want us
18 all to benefit from a healthy aspect of jobs and from
19 a healthy economy. We need that. We need that here.

20 I was kind of thinking that I usually have a
21 lot to say on a lot of things. I used to live here in
22 Longview. I was at 626 California Way since '97 and
23 -- which is a really awful place now. I drove by
24 there and they paved it over and they pulled -- they
25 put up a WalMart in there. And I don't begrudge

1 WalMart for being down here. And I certainly wouldn't
2 want to live in that park anymore. I hear, you know,
3 it's crime ridden and everything.

4 I guess the point is this used to be a
5 vibrant economy. And we moved away when I was 13,
6 which is a long time ago, because of lack of
7 employment for my -- my family, my stepfather. We had
8 a lot of things -- a lot of kids to feed. There were
9 no jobs. And to my understanding, there hasn't been a
10 lot of jobs. I just encourage you to take a look at
11 the local impact.

12 Thanks so much for your time.

13 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Appreciate it.
14 0303.

15 SPEAKER 25: Hello, thank you. My name is
16 Jared Smith. I'm a longshoreman from Vancouver,
17 Washington. And I want to tell you guys, not all of
18 labor supports these lying, thieving companies and
19 what they represent.

20 You need to look at this more broad scope.
21 You need to listen to the gentleman from Montana. You
22 need to look at the dust. One thing's true with both
23 cargos, and that is you cannot contain the dust. You
24 need to look at the dust.

25 I've been around the Columbia for 33 years.

1 I don't want my salmon that I eat having cadmium,
2 lead, boron, arsenic, and whatever else is in it.

3 The only reason that they want a coal -- an
4 export terminal is domestic electricity has leveled
5 off, utilities are switching to cheaper natural gas,
6 wind, not as much solar, and their only option to keep
7 their pockets lined is to take our natural resources,
8 steal Americans' lands to put the railroad tracks in,
9 and then ship it overseas. Instead of looking for
10 useful alternatives for energy production in the
11 states, windmills, solar, they -- that creates good
12 jobs, more jobs, they're going to ship the stuff
13 overseas to keep their pockets lined.

14 So do a broad scope, look how this is going
15 to affect everybody from the miners that dig it up to
16 where it's burned. Do -- do the broad scope.

17 Thank you.

18 EVENT HOST: Thank.

19 0653.

20 Melissa, would you go ahead and call five new
21 numbers.

22 And, ma'am, if you'll come on up.

23 MELISSA: 0421, 0377, 0382, 0413, 0577.

24 EVENT HOST: Go right ahead.

25 SPEAKER 26: Thank you.

1 Gayle Kiser, Cowlitz County. And I'm here to
2 ask for a -- an extensive economic study on this
3 plant.

4 Longview was founded as a mill town, a
5 planned city taking advantage of the natural resources
6 surrounding the area. The city prospered and grew.
7 The port became an important player in the region's
8 economy. Then that economy faltered, unemployment
9 grew, and sales stagnated.

10 The Cowlitz Economic Development Council
11 brought in experts to see the problems and look for
12 solutions. The resulting TIP report was adamant about
13 one thing: We have to move away from resource-based
14 economy, attract small businesses, and diversify.

15 The Mint Farm was developed for sale to light
16 industry. But the faltering US economy didn't provide
17 the incentive for start-ups and small businesses.

18 When the plan didn't go as expected, folks
19 began to question it. So when a coal company came to
20 town with the promise of a few jobs, people abandoned
21 the plan put forth by experts and jumped on the coal
22 bandwagon. They were able to put on blinders and
23 ignore the health risks posed by the plan to turn an
24 abandoned aluminum plant into the largest coal export
25 facility on the West Coast. They thought they could

1 burden tax payers with a rail improvement talked about
2 for years but now a much higher priority if they were
3 to provide service to the 16 coal unit trains per day
4 generated by Millennium.

5 Luckily, there are others in our community
6 who are not wearing blinders. Living in a region with
7 an already compromised air shed, we are asking for a
8 comprehensive health assessment considering all such
9 risks a huge pile of coal would bring to our low-
10 income neighbors.

11 People living within a mile of the plant and
12 rail lines would pay a heavier price than the other
13 citizens in the county. Many don't have health
14 insurance so the burden of their care would fall on
15 taxpayers' shoulder.

16 We can do better.

17 Once the Reynolds site is cleaned up, as it
18 should have been years ago, it will be an important
19 piece of real estate, one of the last deep-water ports
20 in the Northwest.

21 We can do better.

22 Longview has the capacity to look to a clean
23 future, not to regress to the dirtiest fuel source in
24 the world.

25 We can do better.

1 We need to look for manufacturing jobs to
2 lower the unemployment rate, not temporary
3 construction jobs or, worse yet, working in the coal
4 industry.

5 EVENT HOST: Thank you.
6 0547.

7 SPEAKER 27: Hi. My name is Dawn Hanson and
8 I'm a resident and I live in the Highlands
9 Neighborhood in Longview. The neighborhood will be
10 the most affected by this coal export terminal. I'm
11 also a nurse, public health professional, and planner
12 by education and trade.

13 I urge you to not approve this coal export
14 project in order to protect the health and quality of
15 life of children and families in my neighborhood. We
16 already have coal in our neighborhood from
17 Weyerhaeuser burning it across the street and we don't
18 need any more.

19 Highlands is a low-income neighborhood with
20 50 percent of the population living below the poverty
21 line. Just like other environmental justice
22 neighborhoods, we are exposed to a high number of
23 pollutants and toxins from nearby heavy industry. We
24 also carry the burden of having higher poor health
25 outcomes. Our mortality rates for respiratory

1 illness, cancer, and heart disease are almost twice as
2 high in comparison to Washington rates. How much more
3 should my neighborhood have to suffer.

4 My neighbors and I breathe toxic air from the
5 pulp and paper mills at our door steps every day. We
6 don't also want to breathe coal dust laced with
7 mercury, arsenic, and lead. The EIS needs to
8 thoroughly study the Highlands in Longview.

9 What is the current asthma rates in the
10 Highlands? What -- how many children have asthma?
11 What are the current demographics in poverty levels?
12 How much diesel particulate matter, sulfate dioxide,
13 and other toxins are currently in the air in the
14 Highlands? What is a typical wind flow patterns in
15 Longview and how will this lead to coal dust in the
16 Highlands? How will the 40-foot high pile of coal
17 less than a mile away impact the health of children
18 and families? How will the 16 mile-and-a-half-long
19 trains that will pass by the southern boundary of the
20 neighborhood impact the health of the children and
21 families? How will the idling train rail and car
22 traffic at the nearby 432/443 intersection impact the
23 health of the children and families? What are the
24 cumulative health impacts of adding yet another heavy
25 industry nearby.

1 We don't want more coal, more diesel, more
2 health outcomes. It's not worth the small number of
3 jobs that won't be for my neighbors anyway. Justice,
4 not expedience, like Mr. Sprague asked for, must be
5 the guiding light for this process.

6 EVENT HOST: Did I say 0653?

7 JIM: You went 343 twice. Now you're ready
8 for it.

9 EVENT HOST: 0343?

10 JIM: Yes.

11 EVENT HOST: Is that you?

12 Congratulations. Sorry.

13 SPEAKER 28: Hi. My name is Brett
14 VandenHuevel. I am the director of Columbia
15 Riverkeeper. And I want to thank Cowlitz County and
16 Department of Ecology for running such an -- an
17 efficient and -- and fair hearing today.

18 One of the parts of an EIS that's supposed to
19 -- the agencies are supposed to consider is the level
20 of public concern, the level of public controversy.
21 So, folks, if you have concern or are opposed to coal
22 export, could you raise a hand quietly or a sign?

23 And for those that are in favor?

24 Coal -- Columbia Riverkeeper is -- is very
25 concerned and opposed to coal export, the Millennium

1 Bulk Terminal. Coal is dirty. It poisons our air.
2 It poisons our water. It poisons our community and
3 our climate.

4 I can take you to, anyone here, to dozens of
5 places along the Columbia River where I've personally
6 seen and picked up coal that has come off of trains.
7 And that's just a couple trains per day. The thought
8 of bringing 20 coal trains through per day along our
9 river is -- is absolutely appalling. It would have a
10 big influence on the Columbia. I want my two young
11 sons to grow up in a clean and safe river, not a dirty
12 coal chute.

13 And addressing the comment that this has been
14 an overly-long process for Millennium, I think it
15 wasn't 2012 when they applied. It was actually 2010
16 when Millennium first came in to Longview and lied to
17 this community. They lied to the Department of
18 Ecology, they lied to Cowlitz County, and they -- we
19 discovered E-mails where they were lying on purpose.
20 They said they were building a smaller terminal
21 when -- and -- and planned to hide that from the
22 public.

23 That is not the type of company we want in
24 our communities. So I ask the State of Washington and
25 Governor Inslee to take a stand for clean energy, for

1 a healthy climate, and say no to dirty coal expert.

2 Thank you.

3 EVENT HOST: Sir with the tripod here -- oh,
4 okay, thank you.

5 0606.

6 SPEAKER 29: I'm Darrel Whipple, 76439
7 Alston-Mayger Road, Rainier.

8 I've lived at my home for 43 years and raised
9 my two sons there with my wife. And when I heard
10 about coal projects being proposed for both sides of
11 the river, I was astounded and dismayed. I thought
12 this is the worst idea I've seen in my entire life in
13 Oregon.

14 Amber Energy is assaulting both sides of the
15 Columbia River. And you should be asking yourself why
16 do they claim that they are providing a completely
17 enclosed system of transporting coal by barge from
18 Boardman to Asia on the Oregon side but not covering
19 the coal trains on the Washington side?

20 Amber Energy was caught lying as Brett
21 VandenHuevel just reported. And the story there is
22 interesting. Jan Hasselman, young attorney from
23 Earthjustice, after getting the internal E-mails --

24 EVENT HOST: Sir, you need to conclude if you
25 would, please.

1 SPEAKER 29 (CONTINUING): If it's wrong to
2 wreck the climate, isn't it wrong to profit from it?

3 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

4 0478.

5 Watch your step, please.

6 SPEAKER 30: My name is Carol Ross. I come
7 from Portland.

8 We caution our children to be careful of the
9 company they keep. Choosing incorrectly ruins your
10 reputation and often messes up your future. I want to
11 warn you in that way about Arch Coal and request that
12 you examine their corporate behavior.

13 I come from West Virginia where I got to see
14 Arch Coal's handy work up close. They might make you
15 promises, but this is the reality. Arch Coal was the
16 major player in the destruction of over 500 of the
17 oldest mountains in the world; towns gone, water
18 ruined for all use. They showed no compassion for the
19 thousands of people watching and hearing their home
20 land and culture being destroyed forever, every day.

21 Even with the lax in industry-dominated
22 inspection culture of West Virginia, Arch Coal managed
23 to pile up countless violations of the Clean Water
24 Act. A settlement with the EPA in 2011 resulted in a
25 \$4 million fine for illegally dumping iron, selenium,

1 and magnesium into public waters.

2 And now that West Virginia Coal is on the
3 wane, Arch Coal is pulling out, too, leaving behind a
4 terrible legacy in both environmental and human terms.
5 Their parting gift was to weasel out of paying
6 negotiated health benefits and retirement pensions.
7 Many old, and usually sick, West Virginia coal miners
8 are living on unexpectedly slashed incomes and no
9 health insurance thanks to Arch Coal.

10 They will treat us here in the same callous
11 way. They will take off when they are done making
12 money and they will leave us to clean up the mess. I
13 watched them wantonly destroy the past in Southwest
14 Virginia. Do not permit them to destroy the future
15 here.

16 Thank you.

17 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18 0421.

19 And while you're coming up, Melissa, if you
20 could draw five more numbers.

21 Come right on up, sir.

22 MELISSA: 0986, 0327, 0581.

23 EVENT HOST: Can you give me two more?

24 MELISSA: 0633, 0375.

25 EVENT HOST: Okay. Again, if one of those is

1 yours, please come up and join us up here. And if
2 those of you in the queue keep moving this way so we
3 have folks mostly in order, I'd appreciate it.

4 Sir, it's all yours.

5 SPEAKER 31: Hi. My name is Scott Schroeder.

6 And first and foremost I'd like to encourage
7 you to take a look at the effects on global climate of
8 the project. And I'll readily concede that you're not
9 ideally positioned to do that in a small project and
10 an individual Environmental Impact Statement isn't the
11 ideal place for an analysis of that scope and
12 complexity, but for precisely the reason that there's
13 no broader framework in place, no federal or
14 international standards that are guaranteeing
15 emissions are reduced to levels so that life doesn't
16 deteriorate and civilization doesn't die from
17 catastrophic climate change.

18 In order to meet the mandate of -- of
19 environmental laws individual projects just are going
20 to have to look at those effects. And particularly
21 I'd like to advocate that you take a look at the way
22 that China's energy use is currently in this
23 precipitous state of transition and the manner in
24 which exporting coal may provide an impetus for them
25 to continue with their crazy exponentially increases

1 in emissions whereas they really may level out and
2 start to embrace renewable energy options if they
3 don't get flooded by coal from export terminals such
4 as the Millennium coal project. That's about it.

5 Thank you.

6 EVENT HOST: 0377.

7 SPEAKER 32: My name is Jonathan Thane. I
8 live in Longview, Washington.

9 The pro coal people would like you to believe
10 this should be confined, the scoping, should be
11 confined to Longview. But the fact of the matter is
12 that Longview is like the flea on the elephant's
13 behind.

14 One of the biggest problems facing business
15 along the BNSF Columbia Gorge and I-5 rail corridor is
16 capacity. Unit trains travel intact from origin to
17 destination and take priority over other rail freight
18 traffic. Our local newspaper reported on August 20th
19 a Woodland company, Columbia River Carbonate, is
20 switching its source of limestone from Eastern
21 Washington to Alaska because of rising rail costs and
22 delays on the BNSF route through the Gorge due to unit
23 trains of coal and grain. This is a potential loss of
24 Washington jobs.

25 If the terminals now proposed for Bellingham

1 and Longview are approved, the corridor unit train
2 total would increase by 34 trains per day each one and
3 one-third miles long. This is the equivalent of 44
4 miles and would close at-grade crossings, assuming
5 that the trains travel ten miles an hour through
6 towns, for over four hours per day. Interrupting
7 commerce in all the towns bisected by a rail for four
8 hours a day just from the increase to new coal traffic
9 would cause negative economic impacts locally and
10 regionally.

11 Columbia River Carbonate and other small
12 business along the BNSF rail corridor will struggle
13 with increased costs, changing business models, and
14 even losing viability, which would -- which would have
15 a trickle down loss of jobs rather than a gain.

16 In Longview the 16 trains per day to and from
17 the terminal will keep Oregonians from coming to shop,
18 affecting businesses ranging from small, locally owned
19 to the big box stores.

20 I am concerned that these negative impacts
21 will far exceed the positive ones and ask that these
22 potential impacts be studied.

23 Thank you.

24 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

25 0382.

1 0382? No takers?

2 0413.

3 Again, if we could get the line to move all
4 the way down here, we'd appreciate that.

5 SPEAKER 33: Good evening. My name is Dale
6 Vart and I'm a long resident of Kelso, born here,
7 raised here.

8 And the one thing that I kind of want to
9 address, of course jobs, we need jobs, is the coal
10 dust issue. We walk the dike that Kelso has, my wife
11 and I and the family, and we see these coal trains
12 already going through our community. And there is no
13 coal dust. They're not covered and there is no coal
14 dust anywhere. So I would like you guys to limit your
15 scope to, you know, maybe some other issues. And I
16 think the coal dust is a nonissue.

17 I'm here in support of Millennium.

18 That's all I have to say. Thanks.

19 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

20 0577.

21 SPEAKER 34: My name is Dan Copland, rank and
22 file member ILW local 21 here in Longview, Washington.

23 You know, one thing that we hear echoing
24 throughout this country right now is where's the jobs?
25 And yet we see jobs reports of 180,000 this month and

1 the next month and the month after that. But those
2 kind of jobs are all what we know as flipping burgers
3 at Burger King or McDonald's. What we have coming
4 into this community right now is good, family-wage
5 jobs, something that this community needs very badly.

6 You know, when I came here tonight I went
7 into the -- the room with all the information with the
8 easels up there. And the second easel on the left was
9 one that I started reading. And in my industry, my
10 occupation, when I read 730 ships per year, that is a
11 boom to our industry.

12 We have hired 150 people into our union in
13 the last five years. And if this goes through, we
14 will double that probably within the next five years.
15 That is a benefit to this community, and to the tax
16 base of this community.

17 I live in Vancouver. I've worked in this
18 community my whole life. I follow trains of coal to
19 Longview a lot of days, and not one time have I seen a
20 cloud of dust flying off the tops of these railcars.

21 I know one thing about Millennium. The
22 people that were there before them did it wrong.
23 Millennium's doing it. I think we need to get behind
24 them and support them. And this is going to a great
25 thing for our community.

1 Thank you.

2 EVENT HOST: 0986.

3 SPEAKER 35: My name is Jim Kroll, and I work
4 fire protection at Weyerhaeuser. I was an industrial
5 fire fighter there for 24 years.

6 This is what coal looks like. One of my jobs
7 is doing a full plant inspection. And I have a
8 conveyer that runs roughly four mile long, runs from
9 the fuel prep at Weyerhaeuser to the surge bin and
10 then Number 11 boiler. And that was what I was doing
11 this afternoon. In fact, I'm still dressed for the
12 occasion, as you can see.

13 I think that for Millennium to bring this
14 in -- you know, they sit there, they talk about, you
15 know, no clouds going off of a train in motion. Well,
16 you get that train down at ten miles an hour and
17 they're humping the cars through town slowly and then
18 they're unloading the cars with the banging, and the
19 stopping and starting and stopping and starting, and
20 that's where I find in the conveyors where any time
21 that that coal is changing direction of when coal is
22 up in the air and going out for everything.

23 Next part of it is I don't think that we're
24 going to have to worry about coal just simply going
25 down through the industrial corridor, because

1 Weyerhaeuser sold their short line. Patriot Rail
2 or -- and I heard it was -- been sold yet. For all I
3 know Millennium has that. And they're going to be
4 bringing coal trains not only through the industrial
5 area but they're going to bring -- taking them back
6 out through the old Weyerhaeuser line and out the
7 trestle and onto the main line there.

8 Anyway, I think in terms of quality of life
9 for us to sit there and permit Millennium to come in
10 here and do what they want to do or whatever is going
11 to be -- we're going to be living in a toilet.

12 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

13 0327.

14 Ma'am, while you come up we'll draw another
15 five or six numbers.

16 MELISSA: 0337, 0859, 0329, 0577, 0501, 0627.

17 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18 Ma'am, go right ahead.

19 SPEAKER 36: Thank you.

20 I'm Katharine Cotrell. I come from Portland,
21 Oregon, now. I'm a native of Montana which is being
22 raped by crackers and coal miners. I'm a
23 representative of the Little Shell band of the
24 Chippewa Cree.

25 I'm glad that lady brought up Newcastle.

1 Thanks to my smart phone I just did a quick little bit
2 of research. Discovered that Newcastle, New South
3 Whales, experienced 69 high air quality alerts in
4 2012, 35 particulate alerts.

5 And listen to this, Port Waratah Coal
6 Services employees have been encouraged to undergo
7 testing for bowel cancer and melanoma in response to a
8 study that identified high cancer rates. The
9 University of Newcastle study released in July last
10 year found workers at the site are nearly twice as
11 likely to be diagnosed with cancer than the average
12 New South Whales resident.

13 It also found the employees were three times
14 more likely than Carrington terminal workers to
15 develop the disease. 63 workers have been diagnosed
16 with cancer, the most common being melanoma, prostate,
17 and colon cancer. So if we get 500 union members, the
18 odds are good that working around the coal terminals,
19 that a good portion of them will develop a cancer.

20 My 32-year-old son and his wife of eight
21 years have decided not to have children. They live in
22 Canada. They live in Whitehorse.

23 EVENT HOST: If you could wrap up, please.

24 SPEAKER 36 (CONTINUING): They have seen the
25 destruction and they don't trust policy makers and --

1 EVENT HOST: Ma'am, your time is up.

2 SPEAKER 36 (CONTINUING): -- and the
3 consumer --

4 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

5 SPEAKER 36 (CONTINUING): -- to make the good
6 decision.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

8 SPEAKER 36 (CONTINUING): So personal to me.

9 EVENT HOST: 0327.

10 I'm sorry, 0551. Does that sound better?

11 JIM: 0581.

12 EVENT HOST: 0581.

13 Okay. It's been a long day. I can't see
14 anymore.

15 SPEAKER 37: Thank you very much for this
16 public opportunity. You can see that there are a
17 great number of people who are going to have the
18 opportunity to talk this evening, and many different
19 points will be shared.

20 I'm Rob Rich from Shaver Transportation
21 Company, one of the tug and barge line on the
22 Columbia/Snake River system. We're a 133-year-old
23 family-owned fifth-generation company, a hundred
24 employees, 85 of them are unionize.

25 We support the permitting of this terminal

1 for the following reasons. It is a currently-utilized
2 and long-established deep-draft marine terminal. It
3 is an integral part of the vital Longview/Kalama
4 marine terminals hub. It is an existing deep-draft
5 dock, well off the shipping channel, currently
6 receiving vessels. There is already rail service in
7 place.

8 Local work force is in need of more family-
9 wage jobs which in turn support local services. The
10 development of secure industrial jobs in this region
11 is very hard to come by.

12 The Lower Columbia port system has room to
13 grow. At its peak in the 1990s nearly 2200 ships
14 called this river system. On average approximately
15 1450 ships per year are currently calling the Columbia
16 River. The proposed additional 300 to 600 ships
17 annually would bring the system and its estimated
18 40,000 river-dependent jobs much nearer to its
19 previous level of prosperity and job security.

20 And as an aside, that 2200 number was not a
21 maxed-out capacity. That just happens to have been
22 the peak.

23 Not only does it bring job stability directly
24 to the Longview area but adds significantly to the
25 need for services from vessel pilots, tug operators,

1 dock workers, a myriad of industrial supply firms from
2 companies as small as cable suppliers to the large
3 upriver shipyards that serve the entire marine
4 transportation industry.

5 Bulk export terminals provide a significant
6 boost to any local economy. The Columbia River is
7 already the largest bulk product gateway on the West
8 Coast. This proposal fits well with the current
9 established river system here on -- here on the
10 Columbia River.

11 Thank you very much.

12 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

13 0633.

14 SPEAKER 38: Hello. My name's Mike Bridges.
15 I'm with Longview/Kelso Building Trades. I live here
16 in Longview. My daughter goes to school here in
17 Longview. Lived here all my life.

18 Been -- I've known the Millennium folks for
19 -- for probably a year and a half now. And there's
20 been a lot of talk about what they've done and -- and
21 what they haven't done. I can tell you from my
22 personal experience they've backed up everything
23 they've said since I've been coming to the meetings.
24 They've hired local people. They're cleaning up the
25 site.

1 So all this stuff I'm hearing negative, I --
2 I haven't seen it yet. They're -- they're putting
3 their money where their mouth is. And I do have a
4 question, I think it's a fair question, that was
5 posed. How many people here by show of hands, show of
6 your things, how many people here were in support
7 of -- of the project?

8 Okay. And how many people weren't?

9 Can -- can you be honest? How many of these
10 people with their hands with the red up here, how many
11 people live in the Longview/Kelso area?

12 I find that hard to believe, but go ahead.

13 Anyway --

14 EVENT HOST: We're -- we're done taking polls
15 tonight, sir. If you'd just direct your comments to
16 the agencies.

17 SPEAKER 38 (CONTINUING): Okay.

18 EVENT HOST: You're -- you're spending your
19 time here, so --

20 SPEAKER 38 (CONTINUING): Yeah, well, that's
21 the point I wanted to make, so --

22 Anyway, they are doing the right thing here.
23 And we need these jobs. We need the training
24 opportunities for our -- for our young people, for the
25 high school people coming out. And this is -- this is

1 going to be a good thing for the community.

2 And thank all of you guys coming out. This
3 is what this is all about, get your -- get your word
4 out. So thanks.

5 EVENT HOST: Thank you.
6 0375.

7 SPEAKER 39: Hello. My name is Jason
8 Lundquist. I'm a citizen of an industrial town.

9 I applaud you guys for being here today and I
10 hope that you listen to all the facts and you take
11 those into the scope of when you make your decision.

12 I appreciate all the opinions and some of
13 those that are being -- that which they are, are
14 opinions. There's many of you here, and thank you for
15 raising your hands, the citizens on both sides that
16 live here today, to understand what it's like to be
17 part of an industrial town.

18 You know, I hear about the businesses that
19 are going to come and go and that are here and not
20 going to be here in the future. Well, I can tell you
21 what. There wasn't that many people that wanted to
22 come and clean up a toxic facility, who was willing to
23 come in and put \$43 million in industry for building
24 there. That's willing to put \$5 million into this
25 community in the future for operation costs.

1 Now, coal is going to come, it's going to go.
2 Where it's going to come, where it's going go
3 hopefully is from an industrial town. An industrial
4 town has been a good steward of this community.

5 They just recently had -- Lake Sacagawea was
6 voted one of the most beautiful places in America.
7 Why? Because we know what it's like to be from an
8 industrial town.

9 And I urge you to really take into account
10 the fact that we are, in this community, citizens of
11 an industrial town, stewards of this area. And when
12 you people that don't live here leave in your rearview
13 mirror, and you come up here and you make your
14 opinions, I hope that you really think about the
15 impact that you're going to have on an industrial
16 town.

17 And I'll tell you what, need some jobs. Just
18 recently \$1 million is going to be given from the
19 state in order to get 14 more classrooms in here.
20 It's going to come 'cause we had to ask for it. I'd
21 rather see that money from the good citizens of this
22 community, the 5,000 people that live here, work here,
23 and provide all the infrastructure for the people that
24 live here and work here because we're good steward
25 citizens.

1 Thank you.

2 EVENT HOST: I need to remind folks.
3 Remember my story about lip reading? She can only
4 read lips if she sees them, so please comment --
5 direct your comments in this direction. We'd
6 appreciate it.

7 You must be 0337?

8 SPEAKER 40: Yes, I am.

9 EVENT HOST: I'll tell you what -- well, go
10 ahead and then we'll go.

11 SPEAKER 40 (CONTINUING): Well, you can take
12 a second if you want --

13 EVENT HOST: No.

14 SPEAKER 40 (CONTINUING): -- to give me a
15 second to compose myself.

16 EVENT HOST: No, that's -- you're on.

17 SPEAKER 40 (CONTINUING): Okay, all right.

18 My name is Blake Holmes. I live here at 16th
19 and Fir in Longview. I've been here since I moved
20 here in third grade. My father's a biologist for
21 Abernathy Fish Hatchery.

22 I've seen, growing up, the effects that our
23 rivers had on the fish, on the wildlife, on everything
24 around here. We've got a lot of hunters, a lot of
25 fishers, a lot of people that spend their time

1 outdoors in this community. We're dealing with hoof
2 rot. We're dealing with a lack of fish. The salmon
3 fish hatchery is no longer a salmon fish hatchery.
4 It's a research facility because there are no salmon
5 coming up to Abernathy Creek anymore.

6 They're talking about jobs bringing in.
7 2,000 construction jobs the last two years. It's 1.5
8 percent of our community, of a hundred thousand people
9 according to the 2011 census for Cowlitz County.
10 What's that really do to a 13-plus percent
11 unemployment rate? Nothing.

12 After that, 135 which 2010 it was five
13 million tons of coal and 65, 75 permanent jobs. Now
14 it's 40 million tons of coal and 135 jobs. That's
15 eight times the amount of coal, why isn't it eight
16 times the amount of jobs? 135 jobs? That's .01
17 percent.

18 What does that really do for our community
19 and the unemployment rate here? Nothing. Family-wage
20 or not, .01 percent is not worth it to this community.
21 We have too many people that care. Everybody cares.
22 It's -- it's nothing. I mean, .01 percent of
23 unemployment.

24 I just think that as a state we need to focus
25 on that. Like other people are mentioning, there are

1 alternatives. Somebody else brought in shipping
2 imports, you know, hybrid cars. It's a great
3 alternative. We should look into that.

4 We all sit here and say no coal. I say, you
5 know, yes to something else. I don't know what. I'm
6 not denying Millennium of their rights to this land.
7 They have 400 acres of land. 135 jobs is one job per
8 three acres. That's miserable. Miserable.

9 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

10 0859.

11 And, Melissa, you want to go ahead and
12 call --

13 Come on up, ma'am, get yourself situated.

14 MELISSA: 0447, 0635, 0299, 0883, 0886.

15 EVENT HOST: Go right ahead.

16 SPEAKER 41: Thank you for this opportunity
17 to testify. My name is Laurie Caplan. I'm from
18 Astoria just down the river.

19 I'm speaking today on behalf of my children
20 and grandchildren. Many of you in this room have
21 children and grandchildren, too. And like most
22 parents, you want the best for them.

23 It's impossible for me to believe that any of
24 you would willingly hurt or endanger them. You
25 wouldn't give them a bag of toxic garbage or a bottle

1 of arsenic for Christmas. Please don't give them 44
2 million tons of coal.

3 We call it dirty coal, but really there's no
4 such thing as clean coal. In fact, I call it killer
5 coal. Coal kills. It kills the people who mine it in
6 the mountains, lands, and towns around it. It sickens
7 and at times kills the people who breathe coal dust.
8 A coal export terminal in Longview will kill the
9 prospects for a healthy Lower Columbia River and for
10 strong populations of salmon and other river life.

11 It will kill America's green leadership while
12 other countries innovate and invent for a cleaner
13 earth and a stable climate. It will kill the promises
14 we make to our children and grandchildren to leave a
15 better and safer world for them and for their children
16 and grandchildren. It will kill our moral commitment
17 to ourselves and to the world for a sustainable
18 future.

19 We can't save the world all at once from the
20 long-term dangers of fossil fuels. But all of us must
21 take an important step forward. I urge you to expand
22 your review of this proposal from the beginning of
23 each coal mine to the proposed export terminal.

24 Thank you.

25 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

1 0329.

2 It's a no-show.

3 0577.

4 That's a no-show -- 0577? Do you have the
5 next one?

6 SPEAKER 42: 01.

7 EVENT HOST: You have to wait till I read it.

8 SPEAKER 42 (CONTINUING): Oh.

9 EVENT HOST: 0501. Just kidding. Come on
10 up.

11 0501. Is that you?

12 SPEAKER 42 (CONTINUING): Thank you.

13 My name is Mike Burnett. I'm currently
14 president of Hot Sky Consulting, a climate change and
15 clean energy consulting firm. For ten years I was
16 executive director of the Climate Trust in Oregon
17 where I administered the carbon dioxide standard.
18 It's the first legislative limit on greenhouse gas
19 emissions in the world.

20 I advise you to reject the application of the
21 coal terminal for the following reasons. One, the
22 coal terminal represents a massive increase in
23 Washington state greenhouse gas emissions. The coal
24 terminal's annual capacity represents 79.5 million
25 metric tons of carbon dioxide which is equivalent to

1 83 percent of Washington's current greenhouse gas
2 inventory.

3 Two, carbon dioxide is a rare gas and a
4 potent atmospheric heating agent. Before the
5 industrial revolution, CO2 comprised one in 3600
6 molecules in the atmosphere. Remove this rare
7 atmospheric component and our beautiful green earth
8 would be like Antarctica. Humanity is in the process
9 of at least doubling this amount of CO2 taking
10 temperatures in the opposite direction.

11 Three, carbon dioxide is a long-life gas in
12 the atmosphere. A regional average lifetime for
13 policy purposes is 300 years.

14 Four, CO2 is so potent that -- that the
15 atmospheric heating effect is greater than the energy
16 content of the coal. Using measured atmospheric data
17 one can compute that the atmospheric heating effect is
18 nearly three times as great as the energy content of
19 the coal, and that is just in the year in which
20 combustion occurs.

21 Five, since CO2 remains in the atmosphere for
22 300 years, the atmospheric heating effect is over 800
23 times as great as the energy content of the coal.

24 Six, when the atmospheric heating effect is
25 considered, the efficiency of new coal-burning power

1 plants is less than one percent. A new coal power
2 plant operates at 40 percent efficiency, but when the
3 atmospheric heating effect is considered, efficiency
4 drops to 0.05 percent.

5 We can do better.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir. Thanks for
8 letting me play with you there.

9 0627.

10 VOICE: I'm 577.

11 EVENT HOST: And could we ask the queue to
12 move on down toward me so we start at the end chair.

13 Thank you.

14 SPEAKER 43: My name is Zoltan Grossman and
15 I'm a teacher. I teach geography at the Evergreen
16 State College in Olympia. And I'm a member of AFT
17 local 6392 and in good standing.

18 And I wish I had a purple shirt because I'm
19 pro-union and anti-coal. And the reason is, in
20 geography it's an axiom of geography that no place is
21 an island, that no place is isolated, and that all
22 places are affected by all other places. It's bad
23 geography to hand in a paper that only looks at local
24 effects and not at global, economic, and environmental
25 effects on local places.

1 We've already heard about Montana and the
2 ranchers, the Northern Cheyenne people, other tribal
3 people opposing those coals mines and those railroads.
4 And that's the front end of the -- of the fossil fuel
5 cycle.

6 The middle end is the shipping terminals.
7 And shipping is the Achilles heel of the fossil fuels
8 industry, especially now because of what's happening
9 at the back end of the cycle, in China and other Asian
10 economies that are going through a bust, going through
11 a downturn, and affecting fossil-fuel addicted
12 economies around. In Washington we're being asked to
13 accept this boom and bust extractive, addictive,
14 unstable, and risky industry. We're being asked to
15 become addicts. And even the first sample isn't free.

16 And Exhibit A is Australia. Much of what the
17 woman said earlier about the boom in Australia, the
18 economic benefits are true. But just Google Australia
19 coal bust. Because they were exporting coal and iron
20 ore to China and relying on that for their economic
21 growth. Now that China's building boom has slowed,
22 Australia's going through a real economic crisis and
23 thousands of miners are being laid off.

24 And China is also choking on its -- itself on
25 coal dust. There was an air emergency declared in

1 Beijing in January. And they are --

2 EVENT HOST: Excuse me.

3 SPEAKER 43 (CONTINUING): -- switching to
4 renewable energy. So please don't let us become
5 another Australia, addicted --

6 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much.

7 SPEAKER 43 (CONTINUING): -- to China.

8 EVENT HOST: Appreciate it.

9 0447.

10 SPEAKER 44: Hi. I'm Karin Frank. And I'm
11 here on behalf of Washington Interfaith Power and
12 Light.

13 A few months ago I was living and working
14 abroad in Dacca, Bangladesh, where I saw firsthand the
15 effects coal can have on lives. The city of Dacca is
16 under a constant smog created almost entirely by coal
17 and diesel exhaust, the two main byproducts of the
18 proposal coal train and export terminal.

19 In Bangladesh I was teaching science at a
20 school. And the children there suffered from
21 incredibly high rates of respiratory problems.
22 Standing in the halls I would hear them constantly
23 coughing, just all the time, like you could hear it.

24 And the air there, it stings a little bit to
25 breathe. And sometimes my body would be aching for

1 air as if I were holding my breath, except I was
2 breathing. And a few times every day I would get a
3 wet cloth to wipe the -- kind of the black gunk out
4 from inside my nose and around it because it would
5 just accumulate throughout the day as you breathe.

6 The proposed coal terminal would ship coal to
7 Bangladesh where it would continue to be used and
8 poison my students. I do not know the impact, all the
9 impacts, of coal dust and train diesel exhaust here
10 and how they compare to abroad, but I do know this
11 type of pollution is very, very ugly.

12 As people of faith who believe in caring for
13 one another and for building a good world for our
14 children, any harmful impact on the health of our
15 communities or on any community in the world is
16 unacceptable. Some people here have been talking
17 about fairness and they want a fair EIS.

18 I think as people of faith we know a lot
19 about fairness, although now that I'm an adult I can
20 call it justice. And fairness means taking into
21 account the needs of everyone. And so I urge you to
22 have a broad EIS that looks at the effect of coal,
23 especially the health effects, from the start to the
24 end of the coal process.

25 Thank you.

1 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Thank you very much.
2 0635.

3 And while you're coming up we'll go ahead and
4 pull some more numbers. Sir, if you'd just take a
5 place at the podium.

6 MELISSA: 0427, 0868, 0889, 0895, 0903, 0900.

7 EVENT HOST: Again, if you'd come forward
8 right now and take a place in the queue, we'd
9 appreciate it.

10 Sir, it's all yours.

11 SPEAKER 45: My name is Sterling McCoy and I
12 have lived in Longview, Washington, for 44, soon to be
13 45 years. I'm the youngest of 11 kids, all who were
14 born and raised in Longview.

15 I can speak for all my family and we're all
16 like this (indicating) on the coal. My dad was a
17 millwright foreman at Reynolds Reduction for 30-some
18 years. I couldn't quote that. My daughter at ten
19 months was diagnosed with kidney failure, a Wilms'
20 tumor, which is a type of cancer which I wouldn't wish
21 on anybody here. I'll never know why she got it, but
22 I would guess it has something to do with the fact
23 that I live in this lovely mill town that we are.

24 My goal is if this comes through Longview, to
25 get the hell out of this town. That's where I'm at.

1 Thank you.

2 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

3 0299.

4 SPEAKER 46: I'm Don McKinlay. News from
5 Newcastle, this is just a couple weeks in. Some
6 instances particle pollution levels went up 120
7 percent. That's a 13 times increase since new coal
8 trains going through. May, 1500 Newcastle residents
9 rallied against new coal terminal.

10 To place coal exportation and infrastructure
11 within the overland and water corridors of the
12 northwest within our human communities, within our
13 agriculture and natural lands would create an economic
14 foothold for an endless contamination not only of
15 these places we value but also of our entire social
16 dialogue, our democracy, and our hopes for our
17 children. Most importantly, if these projects are not
18 stopped, coal jobs will be doled out that will be
19 immoral, antisocial, and unhealthy.

20 If these projects are not stopped, some of
21 our young people will have to choose such jobs just to
22 survive. And then the youth will devote their lives,
23 their careers to the leveling of nature for extraction
24 to the poisoning of communities and environments for
25 the entire length of this wasteful transport to the

1 pollution of Asia and to the final life-destroying
2 disruption of earth's atmosphere and climate.

3 What does it do to a young person, any of our
4 children, to become a contributing part of this
5 destruction? What does it say about us that we put
6 them in this position? And of course if these
7 projects if not stopped -- these projects, if not
8 stopped, will divert our economy from the real labor-
9 intensive locally-controlled project that we must
10 begin of building a renewable resource infrastructure,
11 sustainable healthy communities, and jobs in an
12 abundant earth.

13 Let us create real jobs, jobs that allow a
14 worker to occasionally feel good about the meaning of
15 their work, jobs that build our community sustainably
16 and honor all people on the earth.

17 Thank you.

18 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19 0883.

20 SPEAKER 47: I would like to address --

21 EVENT HOST: Excuse me, sir, can I get you to
22 stand here so you can talk here?

23 SPEAKER 47 (CONTINUING): Sure.

24 I would like to address an indirect impact,
25 one that I have not heard mentioned. I believe this

1 will be caused by people who will believe that the EIS
2 -- EIS process is corrupt and understand that what we,
3 the community, wants has no bearing on whether or not
4 projects go through.

5 The impact I'm talking about is when people
6 decide to take matters into their own hands, to stop
7 these projects. I'm not talking about civil
8 disobedience here. I'm talking about people attacking
9 machinery or sabotaging critical industrial
10 infrastructure.

11 This may surprise some of you, but let me
12 tell you why it should not. For the last 41 years we
13 have had an environmentalism in this country starting
14 at the release of Rachel Carson/Silent Spring in 1962.
15 And every living system is in decline. And the rate
16 of decline is accelerating. There is not a single
17 peer- reviewed scientific article that contradicts
18 that statement.

19 The EIS process, these protests, marches, and
20 rallies, and acts of civil disobedience are not
21 working. They are not working at all.
22 Environmentalists are losing. The living world is
23 dying and human and nonhumans are dying because of
24 this. 200 species go extinct every day, every single
25 day. Research found that water, air, and soil

1 pollution account for 40 percent of human deaths
2 worldwide.

3 We should not be surprised when people take
4 matters into their own hands and take strategic,
5 militant actions to stop projects like these. I will
6 not condemn them. They have my support.

7 Thank you.

8 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

9 It is seven o'clock so -- and we have an
10 elected official I believe, Barb Westrick from the
11 Longview School Board.

12 Barb, are you here?

13 Right there, great. Thank you.

14 Come on up. Two minutes, please.

15 SPEAKER 48: Yeah. I'm Barb Westrick. And
16 first of all, I just wanted to say that I'm speaking
17 for myself, not as a board member tonight.

18 I really would like you to do a big scope
19 process because the ramifications of this project is
20 going to affect a lot more than Longview. One of my
21 big concerns is as -- as a board member I want our
22 community to bring people to our community. And I
23 think if we're known as a coal town, that's going to
24 do the opposite of -- have the opposite effect. I
25 also care about the health of our -- our students, and

1 I think that we should really worry about our
2 children.

3 But my biggest concern is ocean
4 acidification. There was an article in the paper
5 today and yesterday about that. We have a huge part
6 of our district that is fish -- fishing industry. And
7 this is going to affect our shellfish and it's -- it's
8 something that's very true. And it is partly caused
9 by coal, the effects of coal. And it is going to kill
10 our shellfish. And I don't know about you, but I like
11 to eat fish and shellfish.

12 Another thing that I'm really worried about
13 is we have spent millions of dollars on recovery for
14 salmon. And I believe that that pile of dust, when
15 the wind blows really hard, that is going to go into
16 the Columbia River. I just can't believe that won't
17 happen. And that concerns me after our tax dollars
18 are trying to save them.

19 Now, on the other hand, I'm a huge union
20 supporter. And this is really hard for me because a
21 lot of my buddies are here. And I really support
22 them. But on this, I think you're wrong on this issue
23 and I wish you would think about it more.

24 Thank you so much.

25 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

1 0886.

2 Sir, would you please step in the podium here
3 and talk this way, please.

4 SPEAKER 49: I hear the coal companies and
5 the railroad says that this project will be done in an
6 environmentally-friendly way. So either they found a
7 grain of coal that wouldn't burn, magically bring back
8 salmon runs so thick their churning in the water can
9 be heard from miles away, and bring back the prairies
10 and the wetlands and the old growth trees and the wolf
11 packs sprouting through the forest like spirits; or
12 the words environmentally friendly and sustainability
13 mean absolutely nothing at all anymore and the life-
14 destroying industry can brainwash their psychotically
15 short-sighted behavior into something benign.

16 And every day the water is poisoned a little
17 more. The air becomes a little dirtier. The glaciers
18 melt a bit faster and more species go extinct. Who
19 thinks one more Environmental Impact Statement will
20 stop this?

21 What do you do when the institutions that
22 dominate your life value the needs of corporations
23 over the needs of the real, living, physical world?
24 Do technocrats love salmon? Do they love the land
25 like you? Do you even love the land?

1 The modern environmental movement has existed
2 for nearly half a century, yet every year things get
3 worse. And they're getting worse at an increasing
4 wait. With literally the future of life itself at
5 stake, it's insane to me that we keep using these same
6 safe, legal, sanctioned tactics to make us feel good
7 but do nothing for the 200 species that go extinct
8 every day.

9 If you love something, you fight for it. For
10 some, fighting means putting their bodies in the path
11 of the coal no matter where or how it travels. For
12 others acting alone or in underground cells that may
13 exist or come to exist in the future, fighting looks
14 like an asymmetric war of sabotage, disruption, cyber
15 warfare, whatever it takes. And I will not condemn
16 them. They have my support.

17 EVENT HOST: 0427.

18 No?

19 0868.

20 SPEAKER 50: Hello. My name is Christina
21 Daniels and I am a union electrician and I have been
22 for over 22 years. I served my apprenticeship right
23 down here in Longview in the paper mills. And I have
24 to say in the last -- well, after serving my
25 apprenticeship my hope was to continue to work in my

1 trade. And now over the past ten years that's been
2 very difficult, to say the least, with the economy
3 here in -- in Longview. The loss of Reynolds Aluminum
4 plant, the list could go on.

5 Currently I am commuting to Intel in
6 Hillsboro, Oregon, on a daily basis. That is 70 miles
7 round trip, and in itself, an environmental impact
8 that should be studied as far as I'm concerned because
9 I am not the only one. There are several familiar
10 faces of tradespeople working at Intel.

11 It was said earlier that people would leave
12 if the coal came. Well, I would like to ask if any of
13 you have ever smelt a paper mill? It is stinky. And
14 if anybody was going to leave, they'd have left
15 decades ago, okay.

16 This is a mill town. We love industry. We
17 work with our hands. And we welcome Millennium, okay.
18 We need the work. We need the jobs. Our schools need
19 the tax base desperately. They're considering merging
20 our two high schools. We cannot attract decent
21 doctors to this area anymore. And the list goes on.
22 So I would really, really love to see Millennium build
23 this coal export terminal here.

24 Another issue is the trains, the length of
25 trains. And in my book, after studying and earning a

1 bachelor's degree in business management, that is
2 progress. This is progress and -- and it needs to
3 move forward.

4 Okay. Fixing the rail, upgrading the rail
5 system to make things run smoother would be progress
6 in itself and jobs in itself as well, so --

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

8 SPEAKER 50 (CONTINUING): Thank you.

9 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much.

10 0889.

11 0895.

12 Why don't we go ahead and call a few more
13 numbers.

14 Sir, if you'd come up and get settled and
15 we'll call some numbers while you wait. Thank you.

16 MELISSA: 0909, 0899, 0888, 0902, 0904, 0896.

17 EVENT HOST: And, again, if we could have the
18 queue move this way. For those of you in the queue,
19 if you'd move on down. And please, if you have your
20 number called, if you'd run on down here.

21 Sir, you're on.

22 SPEAKER 51: Good evening. My name Hans
23 Weston. I'm from Salem. And I'm a retired physician.

24 And I'd like to address the health aspects,
25 the deleterious health aspects, to this whole coal

1 issue. It's well-known and -- and ask for an
2 extensive, very wide assessment basically because of
3 the deleterious health effects are widespread. We
4 know that the coal dust in the setting of coal mines
5 and the coal process in facilities causes significant
6 pulmonary, cardiovascular, and -- and cancers, disease
7 in those systems and cancers. This is well-known.

8 There's really no reason to doubt that there
9 wouldn't be perhaps similar effects from the
10 transportation of coal. BNSF Railroad has stated that
11 they lose up to two percent typically from their load
12 when they go from Montana to the coast. I don't think
13 this has changed. I mean, there's no studies, no
14 information.

15 The last time they had data on this on their
16 web site it was two percent of the coal is lost. Now,
17 there's no reason to think this won't go far and wide.
18 One study has shown they can blow at least a half mile
19 from the railroad. And it will go into the water and
20 the Columbia River, it will go into the soil.

21 And coal dust contains heavy metals. It's
22 been mentioned, cadmium, arsenic, lead, and mercury.
23 And we know mercury works its way into the marine
24 life. And there's a reason we can't eat a lot of
25 fish, because there's too much mercury in them. The

1 cadmium and the arsenic will work its way into the
2 plants that we will wind up eating. So I don't think
3 it's benign certainly. And you wouldn't expect it.
4 And the study needs to be done to show what is the
5 extent of this effect.

6 And it -- surely there's bound to be an
7 effect. And I mean, as the trains roll along, they
8 lose the coal dust. And also at the coal export
9 terminal a lot of coal gets blown away. Because this
10 coal has to be turned over frequently to keep it from
11 self combusting. So that's something that's done
12 every day. They turn over the coal, turn over the
13 coal. And you can be sure coal dust is being
14 generated. So there's that effect.

15 And then of course once you burn the coal
16 everything's magnified. And let me just add
17 briefly --

18 Do I have 30 seconds?

19 EVENT HOST: No.

20 SPEAKER 51 (CONTINUING): Okay.

21 EVENT HOST: Your two minutes is up.

22 SPEAKER 51 (CONTINUING): All right. Thank
23 you very much.

24 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much. I
25 appreciate it.

1 If you'd like to continue to give testimony,
2 you can do so in the quiet room or provide written
3 comment. Thank you.

4 0903.

5 SPEAKER 52: I'm Charlotte Parsons. I've
6 been a teacher in this area for over 20 years and
7 currently I'm president of Willapa Hills Audubon
8 Society which is the local Southwest Washington
9 chapter of National Audubon Society. It is not an
10 outside agitator.

11 Willapa Hills Audubon Society asks that the
12 EIS carefully consider three aspects of protecting the
13 Columbia River habitat that is our home. Number 1,
14 it's the health of the residents, especially in areas
15 close to the proposed site. Winds will blow coal dust
16 from the coal terminal and the trains that supply it
17 throughout our area. However, people living and
18 working in the Highlands and Mint Farm areas of
19 Longview will be most critically affected.

20 A lot has been said about the soot that's
21 produced in the coal dust. But it is the invisible
22 microscopic particles that are even lighter and blow
23 even further that are linked to increases in chronic
24 bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma. We ask that the
25 EIS carefully examine these potential health impacts.

1 Our second concern is the detrimental effects
2 on the Columbia River. In addition to the usual
3 considerations in expanding any port facility, for
4 this terminal there is a danger of direct discharge of
5 spilled coal and blown coal dust into the water. The
6 coal and dust can harm estuary life, especially as it
7 accumulates over time. Surfactant sprayed on the coal
8 to keep down coal dust have also been shown to be
9 detrimental. The EIS must consider the effects of
10 adding another kind of pollution into our river,
11 especially on endangered salmon.

12 Our third concern is the effects of pollution
13 that will result when the exported coal is burned.
14 Washington state has made strides toward reducing our
15 contribution to global greenhouse gasses. Those steps
16 will be reversed and obliterated if the proposed
17 terminal exports coal to be burned in Asia.

18 EVENT HOST: Sorry, your two minutes is up.

19 SPEAKER 52 (CONTINUING): Okay.

20 The EIS should include the effects of burning
21 coal abroad just as it does for the terminal EIS for
22 Bellingham.

23 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much. Appreciate
24 it.

25 0900.

1 SPEAKER 53: My name is Nathan Riding and I'm
2 here with Thea Mosely who I'm Skyping in from
3 Newcastle, Australia. And she's going to give
4 testimony about how coal is impacting her community.

5 Go ahead.

6 Hi. My name Thea Mosley. I'm in Newcastle,
7 Australia, and Newcastle is (inaudible) --

8 THE REPORTER: I can't understand her.

9 SPEAKER 53 (CONTINUING): And the effect that
10 we experience on a daily level are --

11 (Many voices all at once.)

12 EVENT HOST: Try to be on the mic.

13 SPEAKER 53 (CONTINUING): The amount of the
14 coal dust that -- and particulate pollution that is
15 contributed to our air space (inaudible) the same
16 studies that show that air pollution is up to 13 times
17 higher from coal trains than other types of trains.
18 And we've had more than a hundred coal -- coal train
19 movements each day coming through our inner city
20 residential suburbs.

21 Newcastle isn't thriving. We're stuck in a
22 boom and bust economy. We've got -- the terminals are
23 largely mechanized. There's not a lot of work force
24 associated with them.

25 And it's the community that lives with the

1 negative health impacts. The Australian Medical
2 Association has told us that more people die each year
3 from air-quality-related illnesses than from car
4 crashes. This is the (inaudible) coal terminals in
5 Newcastle from community groups, environmental groups,
6 and regulators. And Newcastle is also facing the
7 prospect of having a fourth coal terminal which will
8 double the amount of coal being trafficked through our
9 inner city suburbs and (inaudible). I would warn
10 against inviting a coal terminal into any residential
11 area. The impacts (inaudible) right from there.

12 Product is --

13 EVENT HOST: I'm sorry, your two minutes is
14 up. Thank you very much.

15 SPEAKER 53 (CONTINUING): Thank you.

16 EVENT HOST: 0909.

17 SPEAKER 54: Hi. My name is Dave Goldberg
18 from Vancouver.

19 And I would support an expanded EIS, not just
20 studying effects around the terminals, but -- not just
21 species around the terminals since I believe that
22 global warming makes us all an endangered species.

23 Are we entering a sixth extinction event? A
24 growing number of scientists believe we are. The
25 asteroid that killed the dinosaurs also wiped out about

1 75 percent of all species on earth. Scientists refer
2 to this as Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event.

3 During the 540 million year history of multi-
4 cellular life, there have been five -- a total of five
5 major extinction events. During the Permian event,
6 the event most associated with global warming by
7 scientists, 90 to 96 percent of all species became
8 extinct. During each of the other four events, an
9 estimated 70 to 75 percent of all species succumbed.

10 By measuring the carbon isotopes in rocks
11 formed during these extinction events, University of
12 Washington paleontologist Peter Ward concludes that
13 four out of these five extinction events were caused
14 by global warming. The warming he concludes was
15 caused by a flood basalt volcanism which features
16 large pools of flowing lava sometimes as big as whole
17 countries. These pools would give off massive amounts
18 of CO2. They also wouldn't feature the projectiles
19 flying into the atmosphere like a regular volcano
20 which would have a cooling effect.

21 How does the dying occur? Animals adapted to
22 their former conditions would find these conditions
23 changed. Polar bears used to swim from ice flow to
24 ice flow when hunting for seal. Some bears have
25 drowned when they couldn't find another ice flow.

1 EVENT HOST: Sir, your two minutes is up.

2 SPEAKER 54 (CONTINUING): Okay. Thank you.

3 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Appreciate it.

4 0899.

5 SPEAKER 55: Good evening. My name is John
6 Boonstra. I live in the Columbia Gorge. And I am
7 former executive minister for the Washington State
8 Association of Churches and a clergy person in the
9 United Church of Christ.

10 I'm here because I'm a father of three
11 daughters who want to live healthy lives. I'm here
12 because I'm morally outraged by the persistent plans
13 of the fossil fuel industry to have us sacrifice our
14 air, our water, and our health to prolong what is
15 small, temporary, and harmful.

16 Just as we plan for the future of our
17 families by taking care of our surroundings, just as
18 we protect the future of our local communities by
19 creating jobs, offering quality schools, and providing
20 affordable health care, so to you are charged with
21 safeguarding our liveable environment by broadly
22 scoping all the consequences of this coal export
23 terminal.

24 The moral laws of a just neighborhood tell us
25 that when we sacrifice long-term health for short-

1 sighted greed we allow our souls to be devoured.
2 Nature's laws teach us something very compelling,
3 nonnegotiable, and final. We can't expose our air and
4 water to coal without destroying our future.

5 Do not restrict your scoping as if we are
6 exceptions to those rules of nature. Do not narrow
7 your coping as if the fossil fuel industry and the
8 railroads have a social license to violate nature's
9 rules for the plant.

10 Let us not forget that all of those fossil
11 fuel industry promises to provide jobs and improve our
12 economy fall a far distant second place to the goal of
13 their making profits. Let us not forget that getting
14 entangled in the fossil fuel business plan compromises
15 justice for all and ignores justice for future
16 generations.

17 You have another chance to do right by the
18 plant. I urge you to do it.

19 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much.
20 0888.

21 And then, Melissa, if you will go ahead and
22 draw some numbers.

23 Sir, if you'd just stand by here at the
24 podium.

25 SPEAKER 56: Okay.

1 MELISSA: 0434, 0919, 0916, 0503, 0985, 0939.

2 EVENT HOST: Please come on down, sir. It's
3 all yours.

4 SPEAKER 56 (CONTINUING): My name is Keith
5 Brown. I'm board chair of Friends of the Columbia
6 Gorge. My wife and I live in Skamania County in the
7 heart of the incredible Columbia River Gorge and in
8 its national scenic area.

9 One of our staff members brought coal that
10 had been collected along the tracks in the national
11 scenic area and was told by the deputies that he could
12 not bring the coal in here to this hearing because it
13 was too dirty to bring into this room. If the coal is
14 too dirty to bring into this room, it's too dirty to
15 travel down the scenic area and bring it into this
16 community.

17 The scoping process needs to take into
18 account the impact of the coal trains during the
19 transport through the national scenic area. This
20 needs to include the -- the likelihood of increased
21 fires as a result of coal deposits and additional
22 train traffic along the track.

23 As former fire fighters and a fire
24 commissioner during the past ten years, we have fought
25 firsthand fires ignited by rail traffic in the Cape

1 Horn region of the national scenic area. Coal is
2 highly combustible. And there are documented cases of
3 coal trains that have spontaneously ignited.

4 On a dry day with a high east wind or west
5 winds that frequent the Cape Horn area, a fire could
6 easily sweep out of control up the slopes of the Cape
7 Horn destroying homes, lives, and wildlife impact. I
8 know the coal terminal will have an impact on this
9 community. It will also have a impact on all the
10 communities from Wyoming through the area that it's
11 transported.

12 There are numerous homes in the west end of
13 Skamania County that will be totally cut off from
14 emergency medical response as the 120- to 150-coal car
15 trains travel through on an incessant basis. As
16 former EMTs, we know that this 15- to 20-minute delay
17 for each train can literally be the difference between
18 life and death.

19 EVENT HOST: Sir, your time is up.

20 SPEAKER 56 (CONTINUING): Please take into
21 account the entire traveling of the train in addition
22 to the transport.

23 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much.

24 SPEAKER 56 (CONTINUING): Thank you.

25 EVENT HOST: Appreciate it.

1 0902.

2 Worth waiting, wasn't it?

3 SPEAKER 57: It's sort of creekly, but here I
4 am.

5 My name is Dr. Mae Thompson. I'm a nurse by
6 vocation with a specialty in policy and women's health
7 and a member of the Oregon Chapter of Physicians For
8 Social Responsibility which obviously includes more
9 than physicians.

10 I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you
11 tonight.

12 The risks to human health from coal shipments
13 to our community are significant. We need a
14 comprehensive health impact assessment as I understand
15 has been promised to the Bellingham people. In
16 addition to the required Environmental Impact
17 Statement addressing the issues along the entire rail
18 corridor before any coal export facility is cited,
19 specific concerns should include increased diesel
20 pollution, traffic delays including emergency first
21 responders, coal dust pollution along all of the
22 tracks and at the port sites and noise pollution.

23 The -- for those of you waiting for the
24 Environmental Impact Statement to tell you about the
25 health effects on humans, you will wait a long time

1 because there is nothing in the EIS process that
2 addresses human health. That environmental radical
3 Richard Nixon passed those laws in 1970 before we
4 understood the effects of environment on chronic
5 exposures on human health.

6 I would -- people have talked a lot about
7 diesel. I won't go there, although there's a lot to
8 say. We now have an established dose relationship
9 between particulate pollution associated with diesel
10 in smog alerts and the increased ER visits and
11 mortality from stroke. It's the real deal folks.
12 This is a drug. The lady was talking about the coal
13 pills. It's the real thing. It's not the kids. It's
14 the old folks. And I don't know about you, but I see
15 a lot of gray heads out there.

16 I'd also like to talk about mercury, another
17 coal pollutant. It's been estimated by a fish
18 biologist that up to 18 percent of the mercury in the
19 Willamette River comes from coal burned in China. Now
20 just because we don't cite it here doesn't mean they
21 won't burn coal. But mercury's incredibly toxic
22 before and after birth. And the effects are
23 irreversible.

24 EVENT HOST: Your time is up.

25 SPEAKER 57 (CONTINUING): Comprehensive

1 impact statement.

2 Thank you.

3 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

4 0904.

5 SPEAKER 58: My name is Marcella Chandler.

6 I'm a retired licensed practical nurse. I spent most
7 of my career working on the medical floor of a local
8 medical center. On the medical floor we treated and
9 worked with patients in late stage cancer, emphysema,
10 chronic obstructive airway disease, heart disease,
11 lung infections, immune disease, severe asthma, and
12 other infectious diseases and chronic illnesses.

13 It is documented that coal dust, one, reduces
14 life expectancy as a result of the particulates
15 containing sulfur dioxide, ozone, heavy metal, and
16 benzene that get into our air and water. These
17 particulates are so small that they get into the
18 respiratory tracts, then into the lungs working their
19 way through the blood stream distributing toxins
20 throughout the body.

21 Coal dust also increases the likelihood of
22 congestive heart failure, cancer, osteoporosis, ataxia
23 or other neurological disorders, renal dysfunction,
24 loss of IQ. My concern is for the health and welfare
25 of my children, family, my friends, and community.

1 I can see the faces of those patients with
2 late-stage respiratory diseases unable to breathe
3 despite having oxygen meters turned up all the way. I
4 can still see the panic in their eyes and recall
5 hearing them repeat the words I can't breathe, I can't
6 breathe.

7 The coal companies don't have the right to
8 sicken an entire region of the nation just to fatten
9 their wallets. I am asking Ecology to do a broad
10 review of the impacts of this project including the
11 health risks and impacts from the rail line to the
12 burning of coal abroad.

13 Thank you.

14 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

15 0896.

16 SPEAKER 59: My name is Margaret Lopic. I
17 live in Longview, and I'm a long-term advocate for
18 people with disabilities and disadvantages.

19 I have a multitude of concerns about the
20 proposed Millennium Bulk Coal Export Terminal, but I'm
21 going to confine my remarks to environmental justice
22 or the unfair distribution of environmental burdens
23 related to this proposal.

24 I have not been able to find accurate
25 estimates of the amount of coal dust that can escape

1 from each car in a loaded train on a 400-mile journey.
2 I've not been able to locate scientific data that
3 clarifies exactly how much dust escapes by the time
4 the train reaches the end of the line.

5 However, it is clear that even if the cars
6 are sprayed or covered, some amount of coal dust
7 escapes. The people who live in Baltimore and Norfolk
8 where there are coal export terminals talk about coal
9 dust in the area and the water and their homes. They
10 have personal stories about increased incidences of
11 major health issues.

12 Low income and minority people in this area
13 who live dangerously close to the railroad tracks are
14 already suffering higher mortality rates for
15 respiratory illness, cancer, and heart disease than
16 the rest of the county and the rest of the state. And
17 they are the ones who will wear -- bear a
18 disproportionate share of the environmental harm and
19 risks that will be the result if this coal export
20 terminal is permitted.

21 It is not fair nor just that these families
22 will be so much more extremely exposed not only to
23 diesel fuel exhaust but the dirty coal and
24 carcinogens. They will be at significantly increased
25 risks of health problems resulting from polluted air

1 and water.

2 I urge you to include careful evaluations of
3 the negative health impact of multiple mile-long coal
4 trains on low income and minority children and
5 families.

6 Thank you.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

8 0434.

9 SPEAKER 60: So my name's Jim Powers. And I
10 represent my family and five generations of people who
11 have lived in the Northwest, so this is personal.

12 I want to look at the big picture because the
13 Millennium terminal project is like a bowel that will
14 push 80 million tons of carbon dioxide into the
15 atmosphere each year. It will harm lives.

16 God, I want to do this.

17 It took the planet 4.6 billion years to
18 sequester this carbon in the ground. And in the last
19 50 years we've released about 14 million years of it
20 into the atmosphere already. So you can either oppose
21 it on a moral ground 'cause it will affect children's
22 lives or you can look at the US government's tables
23 where they've already calculated some of these costs.
24 And the social cost of carbon on their -- on their
25 high-end tables I will admit is a mere 10.5 billion

1 years in social costs per year of carbon moving
2 through this terminal. So I think we need to oppose
3 the Millennium terminal so it won't be terminal for
4 the next millennium.

5 Thank you.

6 EVENT HOST: 0919.

7 SPEAKER 61: My name is Jessica Zimmerly and
8 I'm a recent graduate of Pacific Luther University in
9 Tacoma where I received my degree in environmental
10 studies and biology.

11 My education has taught me to focus on the
12 innerconnectedness of all components of our
13 environment. This is why I am here today from out of
14 town to advocate for a broad review of this terminal,
15 because the negative effects of this project will
16 inherently be wide-ranging beyond Longview.

17 In order for the EIS to effectively assess
18 this proposal, it must be long-term and all
19 encompassing. I'm especially concerned about the
20 impacts of ocean acidification and the introduction of
21 ballast water into marine ecosystem, as well as the
22 leeching of coal dust and chemicals into the 15,000
23 acres of wetlands along the route.

24 I'm also a person of faith. And I believe
25 that we must take a stand for all marginalized people

1 and fight for environmental justice.

2 I understand that this terminal may provide a
3 few much needed jobs. But coal provides the fewest
4 jobs per area of deep-water port than any other
5 commodity. Can we allow 135 jobs to justify the
6 suffering of all of the people that would be in
7 constant contact with debilitating risks by asthma and
8 cancer?

9 I'm not originally from this area, but I was
10 drawn to it because of Washington's dedication to
11 sustainability and renewable energy. Allowing coal
12 export would be like saying I won't do drugs, but I'll
13 deal them.

14 Ideally I would like to raise my family here,
15 but I would have to reconsider if one of the biggest
16 contributors to climate change would be in my
17 neighborhood and would be a threat to the health of my
18 children.

19 The future of our environment is already in
20 dire jeopardy and the burden will inevitably fall on
21 my generation to mitigate the impacts of the
22 decisions that you make now. Please consider the
23 wide-ranging negative implications of this project for
24 the health of our ecosystem which must be sustainably
25 managed to support the wellbeing of future

1 generations.

2 Thank you.

3 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

4 0916.

5 And while you're coming up and getting
6 situated we'll call some more numbers.

7 MELISSA: 0634, 0452, 0313, 0564, 0948, 0602.

8 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

9 Ma'am.

10 SPEAKER 62: My name is Vondakay Brock. I'm
11 old. I'm wise because I went through the school of
12 hard knocks.

13 I have something to say about Longview.
14 You've heard a lot on a scientific level about the
15 fossil fuels here.

16 I want to read you something out of a book.
17 This book was a book that was published in 1928,
18 History of Columbia River Valley from The Dalles to
19 the Sea. It's chock full of biographies, from
20 entrepreneurs who came to this neck of the woods and
21 made it what it is today from Portland to Seattle.
22 One of the things it says in here -- there are quite a
23 few men in here and a few women, very few, but that's
24 being changed.

25 There were -- there are quite a few men in

1 here who are from this area. One of them is a man by
2 the name of John Howard Seacrest. It says the history
3 of Longview is a notable one in the record of city
4 building in America and his marvelous development is
5 the outcome of the combined effort of men of high
6 civic ideals as well as marked capabilities in their
7 particular fields of labor.

8 Okay. This is Longview. This is where the
9 buck stops. It's not where it started, but it's where
10 it stops. So no matter what else you decide, you have
11 to consider this is where the buck stops.

12 I'm a Republican. I'm a conservative. I
13 believe in industry. But by damn, I believe in
14 renewable industry. BF Brock -- BF Brock came here in
15 the 1800s from Vermont. He came here and he started a
16 logging industry. He logged the whole time that he
17 was capable of doing that. We've had that industry in
18 here ever since.

19 We have a wonderful port. We have a
20 wonderful Columbia River, by the way, which even
21 though some of us may not live here in this particular
22 geographic location, we do care about the Columbia
23 River so we also have something to say about coal.

24 So when you make your decision, you think
25 about the fact that there's a whole bunch of people

1 here who have a lot of roots that go way down, who
2 have put a lot of their time and effort, tax money,
3 and children into this vicinity. And that all needs
4 to be considered as well as the detrimental elements
5 in coal.

6 Thank you.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Glad I didn't have
8 to paddle her anymore.

9 SPEAKER 62 (CONTINUING): What did you say?

10 EVENT HOST: I'm glad we didn't have to
11 confront one another.

12 (Inaudible.)

13 0503.

14 SPEAKER 63: Hi. My name is Katherine
15 Sullivan and I live in Astoria, Oregon.

16 I consider myself an economic refugee from
17 the State of Michigan so I do know a little bit about
18 what happens when unions get betrayed and
19 corporation's well wishes, you might say that.

20 I'm also here -- I want to thank the people
21 that are here. I want to thank you everybody that's
22 come here and come up and -- and talked because I --
23 (inaudible) that's where we want to believe that
24 citizens still have a way to let their wants be known
25 and that it'll affect the outcome.

1 I want to believe that we can somehow
2 preserve our democracy. I work a political -- the
3 Democrats in Clatsop County trying to elect public
4 officials that will do -- that follow my values. So I
5 believe in the process. I want to believe in the
6 process because I have nephews that I love very much
7 and are much younger than I am and I want them to have
8 a chance.

9 I worked for the last six years in the
10 Cannery Pier Hotel and Spa which is located 600 miles
11 -- 600 feet out in the Columbia River. Astoria has
12 become a destination location. Every day tourists
13 from around the world and country come to visit the --
14 the -- the splendor that is the Great Northwest.
15 Clatsop County has 19 percent of its job in leisure
16 and hospitality. In Astoria alone, the bed tax
17 contributes to over \$1 million to the City of Astoria.
18 My livelihood depends on tourism.

19 Every day we direct people to and from the
20 Portland and Seattle airports. Longview is an
21 essential link to Interstate 5 and Highway 30. Most
22 people use one of these two ways into Astoria, Highway
23 30 or Highway 26, or 101.

24 How will tourism be impacted by the primary
25 portal to the coast being choked closed by full coal

1 trains? What will happen to tourism if these
2 international investors see us turning the Columbia
3 River into an industrial highway?

4 Thank you very much for listening.

5 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

6 0985.

7 SPEAKER 64: My name is Peter Goodman.

8 Climate change is a human-generated social
9 and ecological disaster. The burning of fossil fuels
10 like coal to fuel our industrial civilization will
11 create a social, economic, and ecological holocaust.
12 In this context, the proposal to export coal is insane
13 and it's suicidal.

14 For you to regulate this holocaust is in
15 itself insanelly out of touch with the realities of
16 climate disruption. The export of coal is a moral
17 issue, not a technical one. And we will not tolerate
18 the promotion of burning coal anywhere knowing it will
19 increase the chances of global catastrophe.

20 And who is proposal this flirtation with
21 catastrophe? A collection of sociopaths in boardrooms
22 far from here who would risk -- risk global
23 catastrophe for their private profit while leaving the
24 rest of us to pay the cost.

25 To my brothers and sisters in the ILWU, I've

1 walked your picket lines in solidarity right here in
2 Longview. I know your proud history and resistance to
3 anti-labor capitalism. Don't let some sociopathic
4 anti-union coal company convince you to sell out that
5 proud heritage for a few jobs, jobs that will directly
6 contribute to the destruction of the world we live in.
7 And since when has the ILWU sided with the bosses?

8 In Nazi Germany they advertised for
9 carpenters to build the dormitories, masons to build
10 the ovens, all at good, family wages. They were
11 building Auschwitz and other concentration camps. If
12 you were there, what would you do?

13 Will you now fight for a chance to work at
14 building a better world or will you help bring on a
15 climate change holocaust?

16 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Watch your step.
17 0939.

18 SPEAKER 65: Good evening. My name's Peter
19 Bergel. I live at 1850 Saginaw Street, South, in
20 Salem, Oregon. I'm recently retired from the position
21 of executive director of Oregon PeaceWorks, a
22 statewide peace, justice, and sustainability
23 organization.

24 Through my work I became concerned that
25 climate change will lead to resource wars, wars over

1 arable land, wars caused by refugee pressures, and
2 wars over water. The only way to prevent these wars
3 is to mitigate climate change as much as we can by
4 acting as quickly as possible.

5 In order to keep planetary warming below two
6 degrees celsius, which is the highest number that can,
7 in any serious context, be called safe, we will need
8 to hold future additions of carbon to the atmosphere
9 to approximately 565 gigatons worldwide. Burning the
10 known reserves of fossil fuels, which is mostly coal,
11 would exceed that budget by five times.

12 Therefore, unless these numbers are way off,
13 the only way to head off the wars I've mentioned, and
14 a lot of other negative climate change consequences,
15 is to leave most of the fossil fuel we have discovered
16 in the ground. Otherwise, we will change our world
17 into one that looks very different from the world
18 where civilization developed.

19 Therefore, we should not mine this coal. We
20 should not use it in the United States. We should not
21 ship it anywhere. And for this reason, before this
22 terminal is built, I want the EIS process to look at
23 the entire impact of the coal industry on the
24 livability of the planet and to make a decision about
25 this project based in light of those findings.

1 If my numbers are wrong, I will be happy to
2 learn of it. But if they are correct, then projects
3 like this are a threat to human life on earth and must
4 be stopped in their tracks. Companies, government
5 bodies, and individuals who fail to take this reality
6 into account are traitors to humankind.

7 Thank you for your attention.

8 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

9 0634.

10 SPEAKER 66: Hello. Mike Forest. I live
11 over by Lake Sacagawea just about two blocks from the
12 Highlands area so I just want to speak a little bit to
13 quality of life.

14 I also lived in Nebraska for two years where
15 I think 65 percent of their power is produced by coal.
16 And I worked about a stone's throw from where the coal
17 trains went by every 15 minutes. No one ever
18 complained of any dust. I never saw any dust. My
19 wife who has asthma never had any -- any attacks or
20 anything like that, except for when they were
21 harvesting corn. I don't think that would be next, do
22 you? Sorry.

23 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

24 0452.

25 SPEAKER 67: Hi. My name's Gena Ramey. I am

1 an employee at Millennium Bulk Terminals. I've been
2 on site down there for 35 years. I worked for
3 Reynolds and then I worked for Alcoa, Longview
4 Aluminum, Chinook, and now Millennium. Millennium has
5 been the very best company I've ever worked for, bar
6 none.

7 We talk about the moral compass everybody
8 seems to be talking about and getting very excited
9 about. I too have a moral compass. I too am a person
10 of faith. And I resist the urge to shout out that,
11 you know -- that people are wrong, people are judging,
12 people are judgmental.

13 I want to encourage you to take the things
14 that we have in place. We have voted these things
15 into place. We have put these agencies into effect.

16 Washington is a great place to live. I've
17 been here since 1977. I've raised my family here.
18 I'm raising a granddaughter here. Millennium Bulk
19 Terminals wants to study all of these things that
20 people have to -- to -- concerns about.

21 You know, we live here. We don't want our
22 homes covered in coal dust either. We don't intend to
23 do that. We are not that devil that we're painted to
24 be.

25 But I would like to encourage you to do the

1 statewide impact statement because China, Asia,
2 whoever the coal goes to, we have no control over what
3 they do within their borders. Granted there are
4 people here who -- who want to condemn us for what we
5 do. But who am I to say that the people in these
6 developing nations can't have a light bulb over their
7 table, they can't have clean water? It's not going to
8 be me.

9 Thank you.

10 EVENT HOST: Thank you. We've got about 14
11 minutes left and I want to be careful not to promise
12 somebody the opportunity to speak and then not be able
13 to get it for them so you're going to speak and you
14 have a winning number and you have a winning number.
15 Right?

16 Okay. So let's call three more numbers and
17 we should be able to get those done.

18 Come on up and if you just give us a moment
19 while we call the numbers.

20 MELISSA: 0664, 0637, 0492.

21 EVENT HOST: And if we could get the queue to
22 move this way please, I'd appreciate it.

23 Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

24 SPEAKER 68: Thank you. My name is Diane
25 Dick. I'm a Cowlitz County resident.

1 And besides all of the planetary reasons, I
2 oppose the coal export project because it will snarl
3 traffic on major routes in which our community relies.
4 The SR 432 rail realignment and highway improvement
5 project aims to improve rail and highway safety,
6 mobility, capacity, and provide congestion relief
7 along the Industrial Way --

8 THE REPORTER: Hang on, hang on. You're
9 reading. Slow down just a little bit, please.

10 SPEAKER 68 (CONTINUING): I'll give you a
11 copy.

12 THE REPORTER: I still need to get it down.

13 SPEAKER 68 (CONTINUING): Okay.

14 The long ago original planning did not
15 include 16 one-and-third-mile long coal unit trains a
16 day or anything like it. The new plan for this
17 project does not specify this overwhelming increase in
18 rail traffic.

19 The SR 432 rail and highway improvement
20 projects needs to be considered a major component of
21 the Millennium coal export planning process and its
22 Environmental Impact Statement. Without the
23 construction of the rail improvement and separated
24 crossings first, the coal terminal project should not
25 go forward. There is no way to mitigate the vehicle

1 and rail traffic impacts on our community without
2 first building the necessary infrastructure.

3 Economic impacts of implementing the SR 430
4 (sic) project need to be included as part of the coal
5 terminal Environmental Impact Statement. We need to
6 know who will pay for the separated crossing at Oregon
7 Way or a new rail bridge across the Cowlitz. Will it
8 be state and federal taxpayers? Will it be Burlington
9 Northern Santa Fe Railway? Will it be local private
10 industry along this transportation corridor or local
11 city and county government? Will it be the coal
12 exporters and profiteers? Will the SR 432
13 transportation project even be successful in
14 anticipating and mitigating the effects of 16 coal
15 unit trains a day in the heart of our community? How
16 long will it take to complete the final SR 432
17 project?

18 These questions are important because the
19 answers affect all of us as residents, workers,
20 visitors, business owners, and taxpayers. These
21 questions need to be answered before a coal terminal
22 is considered for approval.

23 Thank you.

24 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

25 Thank you. 0564.

1 SPEAKER 69: Hi. My name is Danielle Ramey,
2 and I'm a current employee at Millennium Bulk
3 Terminals.

4 I'm 27 years old. And because of Millennium,
5 I've had a better quality of life. I've got to
6 purchase my own home on my own. I pay all my own
7 bills. You know, I love working for them. They're
8 like my family. They kind of are. My mom was just up
9 here speaking. My dad works there. Everyone else who
10 works there is like my family. We've been together
11 for at least seven years, most of us. Family comes
12 first there. It's the most important things to us.

13 I get great benefits. And I want to be able
14 to keep my home. I want to have children and raise
15 them here in this community because it is amazing. I,
16 like everyone else here, have those same concerns.
17 And me being at the site, I've realized that
18 Millennium is upholding all the current regulations
19 that are set on us.

20 We have 980 days which is basically since day
21 one that Millennium took over that we haven't had an
22 environmental incident. We have I believe 300 some
23 safety days, if not more, sorry, I can't remember the
24 numbers because they change daily, where we haven't
25 had any incidents.

1 My bosses are amazing. Safety is the number
2 one thing. They take care of all of us very, very
3 well. You know, if we have a family emergency, we're
4 allowed to go. I have a great-paying wage that,
5 again, I can support myself by myself.

6 I have some of my best friends who spent four
7 years at college who have degrees in other things who
8 still live at home with their parents. Don't make the
9 wage they need to be able to provide for themselves.
10 And Millennium is giving everyone that opportunity --
11 or will give most people that opportunity. I, for
12 one, love the company and I hope it stays here 'cause
13 I really don't see anyone else that can match them
14 with the benefits they give us.

15 Thanks.

16 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

17 0948.

18 SPEAKER 70: Good evening, my name is Jim
19 Ebersole, and I am a life-long resident of Southwest
20 Washington.

21 And before I start my speech here I'd like to
22 throw out a couple of facts. If the -- if the roads
23 have to be modified for rail traffic, as a general
24 rule, the railroad pays about five percent, and I've
25 researched this, and the taxpayers pay 95 percent.

1 That's something to remember. That's a lot of money.

2 And the other one is the last sale in the
3 Powder River Basin, we sold the coal to a foreign
4 company -- company for one dollar per ton. That
5 sounds like a third world country, doesn't it?
6 Selling their resources for a dollar a ton.

7 On the other hand, I -- I live in the
8 Columbia River on a 41-foot sailboat. The Columbia
9 River is my front yard. I don't want the people
10 dumping coal in my front yard.

11 And people that say there's no coal going off
12 these coal trains either haven't been out on Highway
13 14 on a windy day, either that or they're full of BS.
14 I have seen it so bad it hits the windshield of my
15 car. And this is up around Hood River, Oregon, trains
16 doing 60, 65 miles an hour, wind blowing out of the
17 west 30, 35 miles an hour. I stopped and checked it
18 with a wind meter. And it was bad. And there's
19 pictures of this.

20 And I'd also like to say the Columbia River,
21 we have literally spent millions of dollars to get the
22 salmon back in this river, millions of dollars. This
23 year we had the best salmon run since 1938. Do we
24 really -- why would we want to give this up to help a
25 foreign company get coal? You know, are we nuts?

1 According -- according to railroad figures, a
2 coal car loses between three to 500 pounds per car per
3 trip, a total of hundreds of tons of coal per year. I
4 figured this out. If they get the one in Bellingham
5 in and the one down here, we will have four -- 144,000
6 tons of coal per year.

7 I urge that we get the wide-ranging EIS.

8 Thank you.

9 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

10 0602.

11 SPEAKER 71: I'll start with a quote from
12 Upton Sinclair, the great author. It is difficult to
13 get a man to understand something when his salary
14 depends upon him not understanding it. So that --
15 that reminded with all the blue shirts out there.

16 A couple weeks ago I got stuck in my hometown
17 of Washougal at one of the cross -- railroad crossings
18 and as I watched car after car after car of coal pass
19 I looked at my -- my daughters who were also in the
20 car and I tried to imagine what they would be thinking
21 or asking of me 20, 30 years from now, should more of
22 this continue.

23 I think it's high time that we take this
24 review process for what it is. It's a scam. It's a
25 joke. It's corrupt. It's illegitimate. It's a

1 facade the government uses to justify these projects.

2 As we've seen, every -- every living system is
3 getting -- is -- is -- is in decline and the rate of
4 decline is -- is worse -- worsening and accelerating.

5 Last year some folks up in Bellingham laid
6 their bodies in front of trains. And recently in
7 Southern Oregon a group sabotaged some track to expose
8 its vulnerability. It should come as no surprise if
9 there are more that are forced to such actions to
10 defend their communities.

11 To illustrate the point I'm trying to make, I
12 live on the Washougal River. And years ago there was
13 two dams. And they were -- they were going to build a
14 third one, but the night before it was to be put into
15 operation it was blown up. And the two were taken
16 down shortly thereafter. And to this day, the river
17 runs freely.

18 I'll leave with four words from my family and
19 from my land base to the coal industry. And that's:
20 Fuck you, expect resistance.

21 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

22 0664.

23 SPEAKER 72: Hello. My name's Wes Anderson.
24 I'm a citizen of Longview.

25 I -- I'd like to remind everybody why we're

1 here tonight. Millennium lied on their first permit.
2 They said they wanted to do 5.7 million tons of coal a
3 year, when in fact they had on their memo that they
4 wanted to do 60 to 80 million tons. That's not a fib.
5 That's not a small lie. That's not a mistake. That's
6 a big, blatant, misleading lie. They tried to mislead
7 the state, your agency.

8 I was speaking to one of Millennium's
9 officials tonight. And he said, with a wiry grin, it
10 depends on what interpretations are. This isn't an
11 honest company. They're not to be trusted.

12 We need to do a full and complete report, a
13 full, complete study at the port. We need to know
14 what happened over in China. What's going to happen
15 with this sulfuric acid that's going to be put into
16 our atmosphere and rain on us and ruin our shellfish
17 industry?

18 OSHA this year put on a report saying that
19 our polar caps are melting at an alarming rate and
20 that no new ice is forming. Global warming is real.
21 And the contributing factors is coal. It has the
22 carbon footprint of Godzilla. It's a monster. We
23 need to stop it. We need to examine it.

24 I'm an asthma sufferer. I'm on three
25 medications right now to be here today. I also spent

1 my early life in the union. My wife spent her career
2 as a union -- I'm not anti-union. The union needs to
3 take a look at the history of coal. And injury to one
4 is an injury to all. They should look at the hundreds
5 and hundreds of corpses that coal has put on -- in the
6 ground on the backs of the union.

7 Thank you.

8 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

9 0637.

10 And if 0492 is in the room, please come up.

11 SPEAKER 73: Oh, I'm sorry, 492.

12 EVENT HOST: You're 492?

13 SPEAKER 73 (CONTINUING): Yeah.

14 EVENT HOST: Well, come on up.

15 SPEAKER 73 (CONTINUING): I'm like, what?

16 Howard Shapiro from Portland, lifetime union
17 member. And I'd like my brothers and sisters in the
18 blue shirts to listen to what I have to say 'cause it
19 may affect your long-term career options.

20 I'm a grandfather and great-grandfather, and
21 I'm concerned for the welfare of my children and their
22 children as I'm sure all of you are. It's -- it is
23 important to residents of the Pacific Northwest that
24 the long-range implications of coal shipping be
25 carefully considered before any decisions are made by

1 permitting agencies. These considerations could
2 impact the health, the environment, and the economic
3 welfare of all of us.

4 In an article published in Rocks & Ores and
5 in the New York Times, July 24th, the investment firm
6 Goldman Sachs recommended against investing in
7 companies that are involved in shipping coal to China
8 and Asia because of the poor long-term market outlook.
9 Their analysts projected that the coal market would
10 gradually increase until its peak in two thousand --
11 2020 after which it would rapidly decline. That --
12 this indicates that sometime after 2020 it would no
13 longer be profitable to export coal to these markets.
14 Since there's no requirement for a cleanup bond or a
15 Superfund deposit for these permits, who will be
16 responsible for cleaning up the large amounts of toxic
17 coal deposited at these prime port sites when the coal
18 corporations leave?

19 Ambre Energy is already in financial
20 difficulty both in the US and in Australia and will
21 not be able to finance any cleanup efforts. It looks
22 as though my children and their children and yours
23 will, again, just as we are today, be responsible for
24 cleaning up another corporate mess.

25 The above findings along with the other

1 compelling evidence that you are hearing tonight
2 should be enough to include the study of where the
3 responsibilities for cleanup and restoration lies
4 included in the scoping process before any permits are
5 issued.

6 Thank you.

7 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

8 Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes our
9 meeting tonight, but before you leave I know how hard
10 it is to sit on your hands when you hear some of these
11 impassioned speakers, so why don't we just give a
12 round of applause to everybody who came up here.

13 On behalf of the US Corps of Engineers, the
14 Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County, I know they
15 are very appreciative of the input. It's very clear
16 that many of you did a lot of homework. I saw
17 something tonight I've never seen before which is
18 testimony by Skype. I've been doing this almost 40
19 years. You'd think I would have seen everything.

20 Thank you all again for coming and we do
21 appreciate it. Take care.

22 (The meeting concluded at 8:02 p.m.)

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