

## PUBLIC STATEMENT OF JAN GILBERT

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1 . MS. GILBERT: Yes. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I want to speak to actually the way you're handling these hearings because I think it's important. One of the previous speakers talked about living in a different state, being unable to testify at this hearing.

I participated in some hearings over ten years ago, and I remember you held it in a casino, which was very difficult for people, parking, et cetera. Here we are again in a location where I drove up and found that it was very difficult for the public to park. I am amazed that you continue to hold hearings like this in a place where it is not accessible to people.

For me who does not live in Reno, I live in Washoe Valley south of this area, I avoid coming to the university because of the parking problems. And I think a lot of people do. And I feel it is objectionable to me that you would hold it in a place that does not have available parking for all people.

2 Secondly, I looked at the list of locations that you held these hearings. You held them in cities that were predominantly nuclear cities that had, shall I say, a base of nuclear scientists and nuclear activists. I felt it was very slanted where you decided to site the hearings.

And I was intrigued by the locations you picked: Denver, St. Louis, Atlanta. There were many others. I feel if we were going to site something as dangerous as this nuclear waste dump, and I believe it is dangerous to all citizens, that every single state should be allowed to speak about this EIS. I do not think holding it in spotty places around the country is enough.

And of all the states, I think California, New York are some of our larger populated states, New York has many nuclear transportation routes that will probably be affected by this. I think those cities should be involved in the hearing process.

3 I also feel the whole process is flawed. I can't believe after 13 years that you don't have specific routes that you are going to transport this waste. Now, I can determine my activities for a day, and I can tell you my routes. I'm amazed that you can't after 13 years tell me exactly how you are going to transport this waste across this country.

It is frightening to me. And I think the people of this United States have a right to know exactly what highways you are going to be on and exactly what time of day it's going to be, because they should be aware.

4... The other issue that I don't think, at least since I haven't been here the whole time, the issue of the

4 continued water that you are going to be using surrounding this activity is very frightening to me, not only in the limited source of water that we have in this country, but the actual ground pollution of water. And I don't feel comfortable with the EIS of how you have shared that information with me as to how you are going to deal with a contamination of the water you are going to use.

Like I said, after 13 years I would hope you would have a very specific plan of how you are going to deposit that water into our environment.

5 So thank you for being here, but I'd like to recommend also, I don't know if you have ever spoken in front of a meeting without a podium. But a lot of people feel very intimidated by a microphone with no podium. There is nowhere to put your hands. It is a very uncomfortable feeling. I think you might make people a little more comfortable in this very difficult process of coming up in front of a large body and speaking. I'd like to suggest you do that next time.

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