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MR. CARVER: Thank you. It is quite an honor for me to be here today.

For the record, my name is Dick Carver. I am chairman of the Nye County Board of Commissioners. I have been a commissioner for 12 years; up for reelection again. I don't know why I want to do it, but I want to go for 20.

My county is unique. We cover a little over 18,000 square miles. We have two county courthouses, 170 miles apart. I am a little bit worked up over what is taking place. We are the situs county to Yucca Mountain. We have some good friends at DOE, and I see many of them here today.

1 I want to make it very clear for the record that Nye County has always held a neutral position on Yucca Mountain; we neither favor nor oppose it because we are concerned about the health and safety of our citizens.

2 We have been hammered by the State of Nevada, our congressional delegations. We have had the Stealth moved out of the Tonopah Test Range, to punish the state -- and Nye County is the one that suffered because we lost our tax base. We worked hard for a framework of interactions, and yet we were denied -- Nye County -- Cooperating Agency Status in the EIS process.

3 I am very disappointed in DOE. What happens if there is an accident? That's what everybody has talked about today. Nye County fears that the high level will follow the same avenue as low level is today.

You have got to realize that in my district where I live, I can leave home before daylight, drive all day, never pass through a town, get home after dark and never get out of the county. That's how big it is. And there's absolutely no radio communication out there, no medical facilities. We have to rely on our volunteers.

4 Just recently the Federal government funded the State of Nevada for safety and training, but what about Nye County? Is this how you thank Nye County for wanting to work with you?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to follow the safest route; and that's the rail route for the north end of Nevada, to the south end -- not from east to west -- not on our highways and through our communities.

I invite every one of you to Nye County to see our first-class quality assurance program that we have. And Les developed an early drilling program that is going to answer a lot of questions.

Now I want to introduce Les Bradshaw, manager of the Nye County Natural Resources Federal Facility Office in Pahrump. His telephone number (775) 727-7727.

As an elected official here, Robin, I formally request that you give Les all the time it takes to make his expert testimony. I will not take no for an answer. If Secretary of Energy Richardson was before me, I would give him all the time it takes. I think it's very important to tell these people the concerns that Nye County is going to address in this EIS.

I agree with the chairman of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors; let's go back to the drawing boards, because Les will tell you why now.

Nye County not only came here to make a presentation to the DOE, but we came here to let our neighbors here in San Bernardino County know and hear our position on the EIS. Les?

FACILITATOR HOLMES: Okay. Les? A man who needs no second introduction, Les Bradshaw.