

1 vicinity of Dysart Woods. And as I said, neither I nor the
2 Ohio Valley Coal Company president and general manager have
3 made any decision on what's going to be done in the
4 vicinity of Dysart Woods, let alone the trees.

5 We have done thirteen years of research by two
6 universities and two agencies who have determined there is
7 no connection between trees and underground mining of coal.
8 But, nevertheless, I have a lot of constituencies to
9 balance. And I respect those who want to preserve the
10 environment, because I'm 62, almost, and I want to leave
11 that legacy, too. I've got three sons in the business.

12 So I've got customers who depend upon me for
13 low-cost coal, for low-cost electricity in Ohio. I've got
14 employees that depend on me. I've got lenders that want to
15 be paid back. And I'm very much in debt, and I have been
16 since the day I went in the coal business. And I've got
17 the regulatory people. I've got my family and I've got
18 God. And then out there I've got the public in general, as
19 those environmentalists are there.

20 And you know what, as the environmentalists, I
21 want to leave a proper legacy. No pound of coal is worth
22 destroying the environment. But on the other hand, I have
23 to balance all these constituencies and decide --

24 Q. So is it fair to say that you have a lot of
25 competing interests that you are attempting to find some