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Public Hearing: Emerging and Re-emerging Industries and Opportunities for Job Creation in Carbon County

Date/Time: *Tuesday, September 18, 2012*
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Carbon County Courthouse
Courtroom One
4 Broadway
Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania 18229

Opening Remarks

Representative Dave Reed
Chairman, Majority Policy Committee
62nd Legislative District

Representative Doyle Heffley
Co-chairman, Majority Policy Committee
122nd Legislative District

Overview of Challenges to Economic Development in Carbon County

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. Dawn Ferrante
Director, Carbon County Office of Economic Development
Chairperson, Carbon County Chamber of Commerce

Meeting the Region’s Workforce and Career Training Needs

11:15 a.m. – 11:50 p.m. The Honorable Donald W. Snyder
President, Lehigh Carbon Community College
Former member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Ron Blisard
Director of Administrative Services, at KME Fire Apparatus
Chairman, Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board
Member, Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board

Joseph J. Sebelin
Executive Director, Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Area

Joined by
Garry Wentz
Administrator, PA CareerLink Carbon County

Al Donadi
Cooperative Education Coordinator, Carbon County Adult Education Center

Cynthia Zimmerman
Site Supervisor, Carbon County Adult Education Center

Industry Panel I: The Natural Landscape and Promotion of the Tourism Industry

11:50 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. Jerry McAward
President, Jim Thorpe River Adventures and Northeast PA Kayak School

Paul Fogal
Vice President, Pocono Whitewater

Barbara Green
Owner and President, Blue Mountain Ski Area

Industry Panel III: Reviving Manufacturing and Heavy Industry in Carbon County

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Ron Blisard
On behalf of
John Kovatch III
CEO and President, KME-Kovatch Organization

Industry Panel II: Developing the Region's Diverse Energy Sources

12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. John F. Curtis III
Founder and CEO, Green Energy Capital Partners

Steve Ross
President and CEO, Great American Pellets

Rusty Taylor
President and CEO, Lehigh Anthracite