

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
SITE SELECTION FOR STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE EXPANSION
CLAIBORNE COUNTY MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

**Ms. Marlene Williams
Consul Global Petroleum & Supply**

My name is Marlene Williams, and my background is economics. I'm an economist by trade, and I'm representing Consul Global Petroleum, which is across the street from here. And we very, very strongly support your efforts in looking at this part of the state for this project.

We feel that there's a lot of synergism between what you're trying to do and what we're trying to do. The thrust of our organization is economic development for the region, and we believe that there's a lot of, as I said, synergism between our efforts and what you're trying to do.

We believe that, also, there will be a number of complementary industries that will spring up in and around this effort; and this part of Mississippi really does need some high-profile opportunities, something we've not had for a long time. And so we would very much like to be considered beyond the others as the chosen site because it's not just that we understand and, of course, support the national interests in doing something like this, but we feel that for our particular area there are additional benefits for the local citizens, as I said, a high-profile opportunity that will kick start this region and bring the kind of economic opportunity that other parts of the nation are experiencing through other industries.

And so, again, on behalf of Consul Global Petroleum, we very, very much would like to see this region selected. I do believe -- and some people have already said it -- some of our officials are in support, and you can expect the local industry to support you. You can expect our officials to support you in pulling this thing together and making it happen for our region.

So, again, we support you very strongly.

Thank you.