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CHARLESTON -- Governor Jay Rockefeller announced today (Wednesday) a coal agreement which will result in the preservation of 250 mining jobs in southern West Virginia.

During a press conference at the Capitol, the Governor participated in the joint announcement with officials from the A.T. Massey Coal Company, New England Electric Company and Norfolk Southern Corporation. Congressman Nick Joe Rahall also participated in the announcement.

"This agreement will keep 250 Wyoming and McDowell County coal miners on the job," the Governor said. "It also insures that West Virginia coal will continue to be used by New England Electric's Brayton Point plant." The Brayton Point plant has become a national showcase illustrating the benefits of coal conversion.

"I directed my Coal Development Authority to increase its role in the negotiations with the utility, the railroad and the coal producer last fall," the Governor said. "The Authority became a catalyst which encouraged the parties to save the contract."

The Governor explained that New England Electric had notified A.T. Massey that it would not renew its contract. Although the utility was pleased with the quality of its supplier, it announced reconsideration of its contract for

West Virginia coal as a result of high transportation costs. The cancellation of the contract could have resulted in the loss of more than 250 jobs and the sale of over 400,000 tons of coal annually.

Participating in the announcement with the Governor and Congressman Rahall were Robert Claytor, Chairman of the Board, Norfolk Southern Corporation; William B. Bales, Vice President, Coal and Ore Traffic, Norfolk Southern Corporation; Glenn R. Schleede, President, New England Energy; and E. Morgan Massey, President, A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc.

"I would like to commend the individual parties involved in these demanding negotiations," the Governor said. "I appreciate the work and assistance of Congressman Rahall in helping to save the jobs of these 250 coal miners. I also commend Morgan Massey and his company for their skillful production and marketing of West Virginia coal.

"New England Electric deserves credit for its commitment to the continued use of southern West Virginia coal; and I want to congratulate Norfolk Southern for its willingness to negotiate and to institute competitive economic rate structures for the shipment of West Virginia coal.

"I am especially pleased that the Coal Development Authority was able to play an important role in keeping coal and railroad jobs here in West Virginia."



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- producer - Wm Mann - Wm Schiede  
- man - in between - KAS PR - Wm Clayton

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→ Digged & determined  
behind the scene, in which  
a part is determined piece

→ Braxton Pt. Plant