

April 18, 2012

William H. Stallings,
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U.S. Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street, N.W.
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RE: **Civil Action No. No. 12-cv-00395-RPM-MEH**
The Settlement of GEC/SGI AntiTrust

I would like to express my outrage and ask for the Justice Dept. review the decision of such a nominal fine leveraged against these two corporations for such serious crimes. I would also request that you consider criminal charges. The Sherman anti-trust law allows the Justice Department to bring civil or criminal charges. In this case, Justice brought civil charges, and it allowed the two companies to get off easy. How does "easy" happen to one party and not to others with a less egregious offense? I want to introduce to you the case I am talking about in the event it is not in your consciousness:

A young man in Utah, Tim DeChristopher, who disrupted a BLM gas sale in his state, is behind bars for two years (criminal case). Put there by the same Department of Justice that has slapped the wrist of two large corporations, GEC and SGI, whose low bids meant that the federal government, the state of Colorado, and the local counties and municipalities got less money than they would have if the four lease sales had been conducted competitively. Why is one case criminal and one civil? Is this really justice? We all know that drilling for and production of gas puts a tremendous burden on government through roads, regulations, public health and the like so GEC and SG ***put the burden on our communities by reducing money we would get to deal with these impacts.*** Is this a small matter that can be mitigated with a bit of money easily available to these large corporations with a civil case? And, insult to injury, no recourse for the offense by walking away with the leases in their pockets?

This must be mitigated or there will is no credibility for this department of our government. Can the Justice Department reconcile this terrible mistake?

I am imploring that the Department of Justice set aside the proposed settlement, to vigorously investigate the other BLM auctions these companies have participated in and, at a minimum, to revoke the four leases that the Department of Justice alleges were obtained in an illegal manner.

Some or parts of those leases by the way, underlie Mr. Bill Koch's private Ragged Mountain ranches and the BLM land he is attempting to do a land exchange for.

Furthermore, I request that you look into the DeCristopher case if you don't know about it and restore justice into the Justice Department.

Thank you for your serious consideration,

Mary George

Paonia, Colorado

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary George', written in a cursive style.

Cc: Ed Marston, Paonia, Colorado

President Barack Obama

John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado

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