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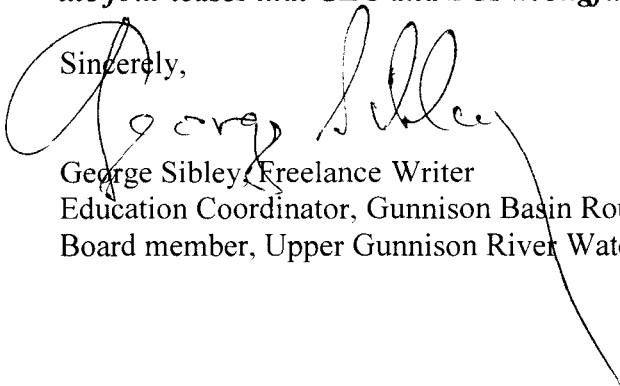
SUBJECT: Antitrust findings against Gunnison Energy Corporation (GEC) and SG Interests (SGI), for unlawful collusion in bidding on natural gas leases in the Ragged Mountain Area of the Gunnison Basin, in Western Colorado.

I am writing as a longtime resident of the Gunnison River Basin in Western Colorado, involved in natural resource issues in that region. I want to commend the Department of Justice for picking up on, and following through with, the attempt by GEC and SGI to defraud the United States Government and the people of the United States.

I am concerned, however, that the two companies may get off lightly in this deplorable situation, with no more than what is, by oil and gas company standards, a small fine. ***At the very least, they should have to give up the illegally acquired leases.*** I encourage the Department of Justice to also examine closely other leases acquired by these companies; but at the very least, take away the leases on which they attempted to cheat the people of America. Most of us in the valleys of the Gunnison Basin would be happy to see the principals go to jail, as a more suitable warning to the industry overall than a small fine.

Please do the right thing here: follow through on the DOJ's good work in rooting out the truth of what has been done, and make the punishment for so cheating the people of America fit the crime: ***Revoke the four leases that GEC and SGI wrongfully acquired.***

Sincerely,



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