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Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Knutsen, Karl
Subject: Verso paper merger case #1:14-cv-2216

Hi Karl

Just would like to express my opinion on the Verso,Newpage merger seeing how I have nothing but time on my hands looking for a new job after working 38+ years at the Bucksport Maine mill. I am quite sure I wont get a response because I have also filed a complaint with the consumer complaint division and both times they responded with a automated response stating someone would contact me,not yet?

So my concern is that you approved the merger and I still believe their is a anti trust violation concerning them scrapping the Bucksport mill? This will take paper off the market and it will drive the price up and it eliminates competition doesn't it and also Lyle Fellows from Verso stated they would not sell the mill to a competitor but was open for other options(scrapping the mill)?

As I stated I have operate a paper machine for 38 years and I still believe that we can make a go at Bucksport if the mill is sold to another company that wants to make paper not take advantages of government and town,state tax breaks like Verso has. Since Verso has bought us we have not made a profit in 8 plus years but they we remained taking concessions thru bargaining and yet we still produced the best sheet of paper and still broke production records along with safety records and they couldn't make a profit?

You might want to look at how they do their book keeping as far as shifting costs from one mill to the other.

So on that note how can a mill get 30 to 40 million in tax credits and tax breaks to put into the power plant and turn around and shut down 3 paper machines and sell the mill to a scrap company(AIM) for 58 million when the power plant is worth 2 to 3 times more than that and the machines are still capable in making paper.

All we want at Bucksport is to at least get a chance like the other mills in the state to try and make it go and if the Bucksport Mill cant make money then why is VERSO so afraid of selling it ? There is at least 2 companies interested in buying the mill to make paper and the state of Maine is aware of that but cannot force Verso to sell to them because Verso is more concerned in taking the paper off the market.

I really believe that your department can force verso to sell and you can do so by getting involved with the pending lawsuit that International Machinist Union has coming up with Judge Woodcock this month on Jan 13th.this lawsuit is the only thing that can save the jobs at Bucksport and if we don't stop corporate Greed and big businesses controlling our government pretty soon we wont have any working people left to pay taxes then how will you people keep your jobs?

Enough said and would look forward to hear from you or anyone else about this matter.

Thank You Herbert R Gilley

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