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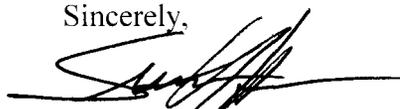
**Re: In the United States District Court for The District Of Colorado; Civil Action
No. 12-CV-00395-RPM-MEH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. SG
INTERESTS I, LTD., SG INTERESTS VII, LTD and GUNNISON ENERGY
CORPORATION. Opposition to Proposed Settlement**

Ed Marston, from Paonia, Colorado, asks a really good question: Why should the Government accept a proposed settlement in which the Defendants retain the leasehold interests that they obtained through their alleged anti-competitive conduct?

In addition to the proposed fines, it is my view that greater deterrence would be accomplished if the settlement also permitted the Government to void the leases and rebid the acreage to entities other than the Defendants.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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