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Re: 12-CV-00395-RPM-MEH  
SGI/Gunnison Energy Antitrust Lawsuit  
**Protest of Proposed Settlement**

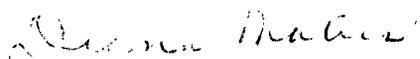
Dear Mr. Stalling:

I am writing to protest the proposed settlement in the above-referenced case. As a citizen of the North Fork Valley, just west of the area of these four leased parcels, I'm outraged by the lack of consequences for these flagrant law breakers. While the citizens of this valley are fighting very hard to preserve their way of life and the assets of the beautiful area, Gunnison Energy and SCI are flouting the laws out of nothing more than greed, and they are not receiving any kind of meaningful punishment for their actions, or even being forced to admit their wrongdoing.

1. The companies should be forced to give up these four leases, which they obtained illegally. To allow them to keep the leases will be to send the message that there are no real consequences for their actions.
2. I would like to see a much more substantial fine for the defendants. \$275,000 would be substantial to anyone who lives and works here in the valley, but it is a tiny sum to these corporations. The amount needs to be large enough to make such collusion financially untenable. Obviously, these guys aren't going to stop doing it just because it's wrong; they'll only stop if it's bad for their bottom line.
3. While the proposed settlement would let these corporations off virtually scott free, a protester named Tim DeChristopher was sentenced to two years in prison as well as a substantial fine. This unequal application of justice sends a clear message to corporations who act out of greed.

For the above reasons, I would encourage your department to reconsider the proposed settlement.

Sincerely,



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