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Dear Department of Justice,

I do not agree with the precedent that the DOJ's proposed settlement sets on the above referenced case. SGI and GEC knowingly acted illegally and with great dishonesty when they colluded to cheat the public and Federal government on federal mineral leases. Both companies press to expand boldly and powerfully in my Uncompahgre BLM planning area. SGI's Operations and Land Manager continues to maintain his position on the BLM's Southwest Resource Advisory Council--SGI is thus represented within the BLM in a guidance capacity. The BLM seems to have such a close relationship with these two energy companies that I fear the public's interests are not well served.

I ask the DOJ to invalidate the 4 leases in question, investigate the 18 other leases that SGI may have colluded on between February 10, 2005 and November 9, 2006 , and propose a larger fine for both of these companies.

Energy companies have money, power and great influence at a national and legislative level. I would like to see the public's interest better protected by the DOJ in a larger investigation and more memorable punishment and settlement.

Sincerely, Suzanne Watson

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