

RE: Civil Action No. No. 12-cv-00395-RPM-MEH

Dear Mr. William H. Stallings,

19 April 2011

In 2004 and 2005, Gunnison Energy Corp., owned by Bill Koch, and a second gas company, SG Interests, agreed that only one of them would bid on four natural gas leases offered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the area east of the Paonia Reservoir in Colorado, thereby eliminating competitive bidding.

When a former vice president of Gunnison Energy named Anthony Gale filed a whistleblower lawsuit, the US Department of Justice entered the lawsuit on anti-trust grounds and has offered a settlement under which the two firms pay fines of \$275,000 each and keep the four gas leases. It is not fair that the two gas companies should violate the law and keep the leases.

I am writing to you to PLEASE set aside this settlement and pursue a harsher judgment for BOTH companies. This type of favoring towards the big oil and gas companies at the expense of the people that live in the surrounding areas and in this country is not only unfair, but, quite simply, undemocratic.

In Utah a man named Tim DeChristopher disrupted a BLM gas lease sale as a protest only and not for monetary gain. The Department of Justice asked for and got a hefty fine and jail time for Mr. DeChristopher. He is now serving two years in federal prison. The unequal application of justice by the same two federal agencies undermines respect for the law. How is this serving the best interests of the people??????????????

I respectfully ask that the proposed SGI, GEC settlement be set aside and that both companies receive appropriate punishment.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Please serve equal justice to all, without favoritism towards the wealthy. We need your help!