To: William H. Stallings The Department of Justice Regarding: Civil Action No. 12-cv-00395-RPM-MEH

It has come to my understanding that the Department of Justice has offered a settlement in the anti-trust lawsuit against Gunnison Energy Corporation and SC Interests regarding gas leases in the area east of the Paonia Reservoir. Slapping the wrists of these two companies with a mere fine of \$275,000 each and allowing them to keep the four gas leases they obtained illegally is not acceptable. Also, these two companies own many other leases in the area, and it seems that the DOJ has not investigated whether any of these were also obtained in the same illegal manner. Gunnison Energy and SG Interests should not continue to enjoy their position of good standing with the BLM.

I am writing to ask the DOJ to set aside this settlement and seek a harsher judgment, as well as revoking the leases these companies obtained in this manner. Certainly the proposed settlement does not deter these companies from doing the same thing in the future.

In Utah, Tim DeChristopher disrupted a BLM gas lease sale as a protest, and not for monetary gain, and the DOJ gave him both a large fine and a 2 year prison sentence in a federal prison. This is a blatantly unequal application of justice!

Sincerely, Cynthia Ziegler PO Box 543 Paonia, CO. 81428