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First I would like to ask if those of you here with the Dept. of Interior or BLM feel that the fed govt should treat all citizens fair and equally?

With that in mind lets look at what you have done and your stated intention. The DOI has stopped all coal leasing until you complete a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. You have done this with the intent to identify and evaluate potential reforms to ensure the program is properly structured to provide a fair return to the taxpayers and reflects the impacts on the environment while continuing to meet the nations energy needs.

Why could you not have started your PEIS program and investigation without stopping the leasing but let both programs run at the same time?

Had you done so you would not have created the problems that now exist and the problems that will continue to exist. What problems you ask well lets see. First you have the loss of jobs and income to families in the coal mining industry, then you have the increase in cost of electricity to the general public. The loss of jobs and incomes to families in industries related to or connected to the coal mining industry. No revenue to the tax payers for however long this situation drags on. I have heard figures in the area of 14 billion dollars in revenue loss. Taking the path you have chosen can and probably will result in a great increase in electricity to all average americans. It dose appear to me that you folks are only trying to please a very small minority of the american people by doing this program in the manner that you are and pleasing only those who want to keep coal in the ground.

You can do your PEIS and appease those who want to keep coal in the ground but do not punish the rest of america by shutting down coal lesing at the same time you want to do your PEIS. Do them both and do them at the same time and be fair and impartial to all americans not just a small minority of americans.

What you are doing and how you are doing it is causing many hardships for the majority of americans in the loss of jobs, increase cost of electricity, additional and unnecessary regulations to the benefit of no one other than a very small maniroity of the american population and of course the benefit of poloticians paying debts to the environmental persons and groups who they feel they owe for helping them ge elected and /or reelected.

Please know that the unknown continued hardships and cost to the american tax payer as the result of what you are doing and how you are doing it will be great and extensive. What a shame and a waist for you to chose this way rather than let both programs proceed at the same time.

Thankyou for your time and if anyone has any questions I would be happy to try and answer them.