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Comments (use back if needed):

THE WAR ON COAL HAS DIRECTLY AFFECTED ME AS A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO SPECIALIZES IN COAL PERMITTING, DESIGN & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE. SHUTTING DOWN COAL MINES, OR MAKING MINING TOO EXPENSIVE, TAKES AWAY HIGH PAYING STABLE JOBS AND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE ENERGY.

WHAT ENERGY SOURCE IS GOING TO REPLACE THE 72 GW^{OF ELECTRICITY} PROJECTED TO GO OFFLINE?

WILL THIS PROCESS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE COSTS THAT WILL ALREADY BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS DUE TO MACT AND CSAPR?



o INCREASING ROYALTY RATES WILL AFFECT, INCREASE, THE COST/TON OF MINING COAL. WILL THAT COST BE ACCOUNTED FOR? IT WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER, SO ^{cost of} ELECTRICITY WILL INCREASE.

o IS THERE A PLAN IN PLACE TO REPLACE THE ELECTRICITY CURRENTLY BEING GENERATED BY COAL THAT WILL GO OFFLINE DUE TO THIS PROCESS?

o IN 1974 WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT GLOBAL COOLING. NOW GLOBAL WARMING. HAS AN HONEST EFFORT BEEN MADE TO LOOK AT THE DATA AND CONCLUDE THAT THESE CHANGES ARE A NATURAL OCCURENCE?

o HOW WILL SEVERENCE TAX PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE AFFECTED?

o HOW IS "FAIR RETURN" ON LEASING DEFINED?

o THE GAO RECENTLY CONCLUDED THAT 12.5% IS ALREADY A "FAIR RETURN".

o THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR'S IG CONFIRMS THE PUBLIC IS GETTING A FAIR RETURN. SO WHY IS THE "FAIR RETURN" BEING EVALUATED?

o THIS PROCESS WAS LARGELY INITIATED BY A LAWSUIT BY WILD EARTH GUARDIANS, HOW MUCH WAS PAID OUT TO THEM UNDER EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FUNDS?