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I ALREADY KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR MY THOUGHTS. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE HELD THESE HEARINGS OVER 150 MILES FROM THE NEAREST MINE EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FACILITIES IN THE AREA TO ACCOMMODATE AND AT A TIME THAT WE MUST TAKE WORK OFF. BUT IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR THE LOCAL MISINFORMED AND IMPRESSIONABLE NONWORKING CLASS.

INSTEAD YOU HOLD THEM IN SALT LAKE, WHICH IS NOT EVEN IN THE WIND STREAM OF THE POWER PLANTS BUT WITH GREATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE VERY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM. THIS IS NOT AN "OPEN AND HONEST CONVERSATION" BUT SUBVERSIVE POLITICS MASQUERADING AS POLICY TO PUSH AN ALREADY DECIDED UPON BIASED OBJECTIVE.

THREE DAYS AFTER THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WAS MADE, THE "MORATORIUM ON COAL" WAS ISSUED FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. IT HAS **NOW** BEEN CALLED A PAUSE IN A WEAK ATTEMPT TO HIDE ITS TRUE PURPOSE.

COMPANIES PAY A BONUS AND RENTAL FEE IN ADDITION TO THE ROYALTY. IF THE BLM WANTS "FAIR MARKET VALUE", WHICH IS A PRICE THAT BUYER AND SELLER CAN AGREE ON **NOT PERCEIVED COSTS THAT ARE ONLY VALIDATED THROUGH POLITICAL AGENDA.**

THIS INCLUDES PENALTIES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SUBVERTING PROPRIETARY MARKETING AND SALES INFORMATION.

AS FEDERAL LEASES BECOME UNAFFORDABLE, COMPANIES WILL RELOCATE TO STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS THAT ARE MORE ABUNDANT IN THE EASTERN US WHICH IS KNOWN FOR ITS HIGHER SULFUR AND ASH. UNLIKE WESTERN FEDERAL RESERVES THAT ARE MUCH CLEANER.

BY MAKING THIS CLEANER COAL INACCESSIBLE YOU WILL ACHIEVE THE OPPOSITE OF YOUR INTENDED GOAL. SACRIFICING US IN A MISSION OF "**BANKRUPTING COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS IN WHICH ELECTRICITY RATES WOULD NECESSARILY SKYROCKET**".

MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU REFORM TO MIMIC WHAT STATE AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY ARE SUCCESSFULLY DOING WHILE LOWERING ROYALTIES.

THIS IS DESPERATELY NEEDED WHEN WE IN THE INDUSTRY ARE LOSING OUR JOBS DUE TO POLITICALLY INFLATED PRICES AIMED AT PUTTING US ON THE STREET. IF THE BLM IS UNABLE TO LEARN FROM THESE EFFICIENT GROUPS, I SUGGEST THE BLM ALLOWS THE STATE TO MANAGE THESE LANDS AND DECREASE ITS OVERLY INFLATED RANKS AND DRAIN UPON THE TAXPAYERS.