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April 30, 2015

Mr. Armand Southall, Regulatory Specialist
Office of Natural Resources Revenue
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Re: Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform (ONRR-2012-0004 (1012-AA13))

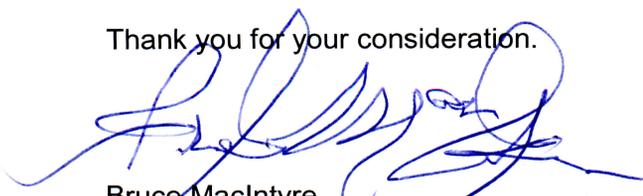
Dear Mr. Southall,

The Billings Chamber of Commerce has concerns with the Department of Interior's recently proposed rule "Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform (ONRR-2012-0004 (1012-AA13))". We support the position outlined by Cloud Peak Energy in their comments on the rule. As proposed, this rule has the potential to curtail responsible production of natural resources. We ask that the Department of Interior either significantly modify or withdraw the rule.

We feel that the proposed rule is incompatible with the Office of Natural Resource Revenue's mission to optimize revenues from federal resources and should be withdrawn. We feel that the new rule is an attempt to keep federal coal in the ground rather than to optimize revenues.

We believe this proposed rule would likely have a negative impact on our region of Montana by reducing important royalty revenue to the State of Montana and the Federal government. The Office of Natural Resource Revenue has an important charge, and appropriate development of America's natural resources is essential for economic growth, prosperity and funding of relevant government services.

Thank you for your consideration.


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