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General Comment

"Experts estimate that from 2008 through 2012, coal companies underpaid their federal royalties on Montana coal to the tune of about \$65 to \$73 million." One can wonder why Dan Bucks does not elucidate regarding who these "Experts" are that are making these claims. Then Dan Bucks maintains that Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell is showing particular leadership on this issue. This is the same Sally Jewell who said this: "I Hope There Are No Climate Change Deniers In The Department Of Interior"

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/02/sally-jewell-climate-change-deniers_n_3695153.html

With this kind of biased attitude can we imagine that she is not going to carry out Obama's war on coal?

"When I was asked earlier about the issue of coal under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket even regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad, because I'm capping greenhouse gasses, coal power plants, natural gas you name it whatever the plants were, whatever the industry was, they would have to retro-fit their operations." Obama

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/kerry-picket/2008/11/02/obama-energy-prices-will-skyrocket>

Or here: <http://hotair.com/archives/2008/11/02/obama-ill-make-energy-prices-skyrocket/>

Dan Bucks said: "The second step narrows deductions to maintain equity with other fossil fuels, but prevents new accounting abuses from arising." and one is left to wonder just what that means when petroleum, the other fossil fuel, only produces .8% of the nation's electricity. He also states that "Because a shroud of secrecy hides key facts about federal royalties, it takes too much time

and effort for the press and public to discover the new problems." without taking into account the Freedom of Information Act where this kind of info can not be made secret.

"State officials said the lease, if approved, will generate an estimated \$15 million for the state over a 10-year period. Signal Peak Energy would pay the \$3.6 million bonus amount, a three-cents-per-acre annual lease and a 10 percent royalty on the value of the coal mined from state land." This information was made public & one can wonder at how much the public is going to benefit from the actions of people like Dan Bucks. If actions of the past are any indication, I'd say there will be no benefit at all but probably more loss of revenue for the taxpaying, working and producing public that these kind of people have nothing at all in common with.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/guest-opinion-montanans-lose-when-coal-companies-game-tax-system/article_a0775b83-5694-508b-bc8f-180704992335.html#ixzz3Ybm999bM

In spite of Obama and his underling, Sally Jewell, some intelligent people in the U.S. treat this AGW nonsense for what it is, a hoax, & the U.S. has some of the lowest rates in the world but that will change the more wind and solar are forced on the utilities, unless people wake up and put a stop to such nonsense. One way to begin the waking up process would be require the utilities to have to show on the bills what part of it goes to subsidize wind and solar.

Electricity prices in selected countries in 2014 (in U.S. dollar cents per kilowatt hour)

<http://www.statista.com/statistics/263492/electricity-prices-in-selected-countries/>

"Climate mania impoverishes electricity customers worldwide

Global-warming-related catastrophes are increasingly hitting vulnerable populations around the world, with one species in particular danger: the electricity ratepayer. In Canada, in the U.K., in Spain, in Denmark, in Germany and elsewhere the danger to ratepayers is especially great, but ratepayers in one country the U.S. seem to have weathered the worst of the disaster.

Americas secret? Unlike leaders in other countries, which to their countries ruin adopted policies as if global warming mattered, U.S. leaders more paid lip service to it. While citizens in other countries are now seeing soaring power rates, American householders can look forward to declining rates."

<http://opinion.financialpost.com/2012/05/11/lawrence-solomon-green-power-failure/>

Example: Denmark: 41Cent/kWh, Germany: 35 C/kWh, US: 12 C/kWh

Electricity prices around the world in \$/kWh

<http://shrinkthatfootprint.com/average-electricity-prices-kwh>

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