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February 13, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Subject: Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform (ONRR-2012-00004 (1012-aa13))

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I'm writing to request the Department of Interior provide a 60-day extension of the comment period for the "Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform." The complexity of this proposed rule requires additional time to review the possible implications of the change and provide informed comments to the Department to help develop a sensible policy for federal lessees, buyers of oil, gas and coal, taxpayers and others impacted by such a change.

The current rules and regulations for leasing and producing federally-owned coal have created substantial revenues for federal and state governments, including an estimated \$876 million from royalties in fiscal year 2012 alone. As the ONRR's charge is "to collect, disburse and verify Federal and Indian energy and other natural resource revenues on behalf of all Americans," the Office should be mindful not to discourage investment in federal resources through rulemaking that will dramatically change how royalties are calculated, leading to reduced revenues to fund needed federal and state priorities.

I ask that you provide a 60-day extension of the comment period for the proposed "Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform."

Thank you for your attention to this matter of significant importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stefanie Helling'.

Stefanie Helling
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