

To Whom it may concern:

Jan. 3, 2013, the contract between the United Mine Workers Local 1769 and the Energy West Mining Company expired. Energy West is a company owned by PacifiCorp whose purpose is to mine and deliver, via overland conveyor belt, coal, owned (Fed. Lease) to the Huntington Power Plant where it is used – burnt there or sent to storage or shipped to be used by other Rocky Mountain Power Plants (example: Hunter Power Plant) or sold on the open market. The Energy West Mining Co., under the direction of Cindy A. Crane Vice President of InterWest Mining, the fuel supply management organization division of PacifiCorp gave notice. Then ordered that there will be: no paid holiday, no vacation, no graduated vacation, no sick leave. The reason given was, “These are contractual benefits and there was no contract.” The UMWA has met repeatedly with Cindy A. Crane and the company. The company position, under her direction, is to cut retirement, cut medical, cut safety. The company has asked, in writing, to dissolve the relationship of the UMWA representation. The UMWA grieved and arbitrated the failure, to continue to operate under the previous collective bargaining agreement, as spelled out in Federal Labor Law. The UMWA has won this arbitration. I am still waiting to receive my pay for having worked holidays, (2013), and having been denied my previously earned (in 2012) vacation time off and pay. Under the advice of the UMWA I have been forced to retire. The Deer Creek mining operation and fuel supply to the Hunter Power Plant was a 280 position employer producing 3 to 4 plus million tons of coal per year operation. Under Cindy A. Crane's management and supervision, approximately 130 workers have left or retired, without being replaced. Cindy A Crane has testified to this (Utah Public Service Commission, and other PSC's) on record saying that the Deer Creek Mine and coal – fuel delivered to the Huntington Power has been the most cost effective (cheapest per ton) in this region. A past colleague, I encountered this last Saturday at the Price – International Days, who is still working, told me that the mine having an acute manpower shortage was not doing any development work. He said that the development entries had been stopped at forty crosscuts (approximately 4 thousand feet). All the concentrated effort was being given to the longwall production. When the current panel would be finished, the plan was to move the longwall into the next panel and then possibly shut down the operation.

The above information is presented to show why a general rate increase should not be necessary. Under RMP -PacifiCorp -InterWest Mining – Berkshire Hathaway & Warren Buffet the corporate greed is becoming acutely prevalent, cutting pension, cutting medical, cutting safety. Why should RMP be allowed a rate increase without doing a better job? The best fuel supply, (Deer Creek), is being run into the ground and setting up a situation where RMP and PacifiCorp are going to have to buy on the open market at higher costs. This must be an OK practice only if all of RMP customers are pitching in and paying higher costs.

This past Thursday a.m. on Fox Thirteen, the news team stated that RMP was proposing a surcharge on a residence (close to \$5) if the residence were to install solar photovoltaic panels. The RMP spokesman said the reason was that the residence, if connected to RMP, should have to pay for

“infrastructure support”. I say equine feces! When the residence was built and connected to the electrical grid, upgrade and expansion was designed, built, and paid for. The builder of the residence paid for this. As far as infrastructure support, with respect to building new power plants goes this needs to be a Berkshire Hathaway – Warren Buffet, cough up the cash investment. This should never, ever have to be paid for on the backs of rate payers, especially residence rate payers. If Warren Buffet and company want more cash flow (profit) then they should produce, deliver, and sell more power. Warren and company can pay for and build more power plants, not on the back of a smart resident who is using less power and therefore negating the immediate need for further grid usage, expansion, and demand. The Warren Buffet group should reward residences with a five dollar stipend to offset the home owners mini infrastructure expenses. The whole idea of RMP getting a surcharge for doing nothing, charging residences with solar panels \$5 a month is a pure profit gimmick. RMP is getting something for nothing. RMP didn't design, build, and pay for these solar installations, but they are trying to get money and profit for doing nothing and selling nothing.

This afternoon, I was in a meeting with the Carbon County Office of Economic development. The person I was speaking with there, had been involved with Economic development in Idaho and indicated that Idaho Power, when asked if they could deliver 40 meg a watt to a location in 90 days, Idaho Power replied positively. Idaho Power said that they could /would make it happen. RMP was asked a similar question, can this new company, looking to relocate here to Carbon County, get 40 meg a watt delivered here in Carbon County in 90 days. The answer came back no! Maybe two years.... I guess when they get around to it. I find this most remarkable in light of all of the power plants producing power and the transmission lines right here in Carbon County.

Does RMP need more money, more rate hikes and more tariffs? No, absolutely not. What they need is better management and better supervision, but not more money. More money to RMP would be like giving cocaine to an addict.

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