

Tom Udall

I own and live on property at
3 CR 6285

Kirtland NM 87417

I own the mineral rights and there is no lease on the mineral rights

Lance Oil & Gas Company, Inc
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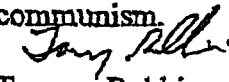
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sent me a letter(enclosed) outlining four proposals to effectively take away my mineral rights. The first three attempt to compensate me (at a lesser price than the State of New Mexico has received for oil leases) for my property that IS NOT FOR SALE. The fourth proposal I find threatening in tone and word. Lance is pulling out the "State of New Mexico" stick and following it with "non-consenting... owner... responsible for...plugging liabilities... and any maintenance necessary". This language scared an older woman neighbor so much that she signed the contract because she "was afraid they would take her house away". Now, if you were a lawyer and could understand the language, you would know that's not exactly what it means, but the intimidating language SCARES a lot of people into signing a contract practically giving away their mineral rights FOREVER. Read part 1 of the attached Oil and Gas lease.

Last year, Richardson Drilling, from Denver tried the same thing. I'm not sure if Lance is part of Richardson or a shell, but the same senior landman, Anne Jones, is the signatory on both involving the same lease. There are so many dark corners in this.

Bottom line, I have no interest in selling or leasing my mineral rights, but if it is so important to the public good that the State of New Mexico is willing to step in and help a private company steal my property, let Lance come to me for MY price on MY property. If they don't like it, they don't have to buy it. It would be like me coming to your house and saying "I'm going to give you \$1000 for your house. I don't care if you think it's worth more or even if you want to sell it at all, if you don't take it, the State of New Mexico will help me take it from you at my price". It's just wrong and smacks of communism.


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