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Good morning Mr. Moore,

I am contacting you because I was recently reviewing a draft of the Carbon County Growth Policy 2014 and noticed several inaccuracies regarding Energy Corporation of America (ECA) that I am hoping you will correct in the final draft. All of the inaccuracies occur in the first paragraph on page 30 of the review draft of the plan.

- 1) The plan states: *Energy Corporation of America (ECA) announced plans to proceed with exploration around the Beartooth Mountain front in 2013, and is currently horizontally drilling in the Mackay Dome area.* This is not the case. We are not currently involved in any exploration on the Mackay Dome and are simply producing existing wells. As such, we also are not currently drilling horizontally on the Mackay Dome.
- 2) The plan states: *Most recently, an ECA exploratory well in the Belfry area was under potential litigation for purchasing water from a local gravel pit without a permit.* This also is inaccurate. ECA was never under potential litigation for purchasing water from a gravel pit. For your background, ECA had been working with a local vendor to purchase water for our operations. It was our understanding that this particular vendor had an agreement directly with a surface owner in the area who has a gravel pit on his property that has filled with water. Under their agreement, the vendor would draw water from this gravel pit, which he then transported and ultimately sold to ECA. We were informed that the surface owner had not obtained the appropriate permit to sell the water to the vendor. We therefore directed the vendor to no longer pull water from the pit and we have been utilizing other options to access water. ECA never needed a permit to purchase water from our vendor. However, the surface owner required a permit to sell the water to the vendor.
- 3) The plan states: *ECA is using hydraulic fracturing techniques to retrieve oil and gas.* This is not the case. We hydraulically fractured one well, as a test, on the Mackay Dome, but for the most part have not used the technique in Montana.

In addition, we recently informed the Carbon County Commission of our plans moving forward and I thought you might find this information helpful for your planning purposes. Please see the attached letter and contact me with any questions.

I sincerely hope you will review these corrections and reflect them in the final draft in hopes that the plan can be as accurate as possible.

Please contact me with any questions and I would be happy to review any future references to ECA for accuracy.

Thank you.

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