

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

Mr. Parker Phipps
President & CEO
Signal Peak Energy
100 Portal Road
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Dear Mr. Phipps:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a legislative hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, on the following bills:

- **H.R. 513 (Rep. Higgins)**, "*Offshore Lands Authorities Act of 2025*"
- **H.R. 931 (Rep. Downing)**, To allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, and for other purposes.
- **H.R. 2250 (Rep. DelBene)**, "*National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025*"
- **H.R. 2556 (Rep. Hunt)**, "*Comprehensive Offshore Resource Evaluation Act of 2025*" or the "*CORE Act of 2025*"
- **H.R. 3168 (Rep. Valadao)**, "*National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025*"
- **H.R. 3176 (Rep. Begich)**, To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of the issues and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Jacob Greenberg, Legislative Assistant, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov by June 9, 2025. Your assistance in meeting this deadline is requested, as failure to meet it will be noted in the printed transcript.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Chairman

Enclosure

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Questions from Rep. Ansari for Mr. Parker Phipps, CEO, Signal Peak Energy

1. Mr. Phipps, has Signal Peak ever canceled or terminated a rancher’s lease? If so, please list the affected leases and justification for cancelation or termination.
2. Has Signal Peak ever asked a rancher to sign a non-disclosure agreement? If so, how many?
3. Has Signal Peak or its contractors or consultants ever modeled whether the deep aquifer has enough water to replace the water that the mine is draining from the Bull Mountains? If so, please attach or provide a citation for said modeling.
4. Who is the first buyer or off-taker of coal mined by Signal Peak? Does Signal Peak sell its coal to an affiliated company or intermediary entity prior to shipping or for shipping?
5. In the hearing, you stated that Signal Peak "currently complies with all federal and state laws." Please provide a list of all crimes that Signal Peak Energy or its executives have been charged with, convicted of or plead guilty to since you began working for the company in February of 2020.
6. According to Mine Safety and Health Administration data, the Bull Mountains mine has had 1,982 reported MSHA violations and 159 accidents since Signal Peak Energy

began operating the mine in 2008. This includes hundreds of reported MSHA violations since you began working for Signal Peak. Please summarize the violations that have taken place while you have been CEO and the total amount of penalty that Signal Peak has paid in relation to those violations, describe how Signal Peak Energy has sought to remediate or mitigate the damages from those violations, and explain how Signal Peak Energy plans to prevent violations in the future.