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**Sullivan Residents Can Now Lease Coal, Coal Bed Methane and Oil Together**

**Back in September, residents in the Sullivan area gathered with the Indiana Farm Bureau to discuss the issues involved with harvesting both coal and coal bed methane (CBM). One of the main points that was clear at this meeting is that it is important for the coal company and the gas company to communicate early in the process to ensure that both coal and CBM could be harvested safely.**

**At the same time, many Sullivan residents received a letter from Sunrise Coal, LLC addressing issues to be aware of before leasing coal bed methane. As a result of this community forum Sunrise Coal, LLC and Sullivan Energy Ventures, LLC (an affiliate of Pioneer Oil Company, Inc.) came together to explore options for safely producing coal, CBM and oil. The result is a new company called Sunrise Energy, LLC (“Sunrise Energy”).**

**Rusty Deckard, Sullivan County Farm Bureau President commented about the new company, “It remains to be seen how this will ultimately affect the land owners, but I think it would be a good thing to have them working together. As long as the land owners are paid for both the gas and the coal, then it sounds like a good idea.”**

**The mission of Sunrise Energy is to protect and maximize the value of the coal and gas assets for both the land owners and the businesses. Here’s how the company is owned and will operate:**

- The company is jointly owned by Sunrise Coal, LLC’s parent company, Hallador Energy and Sullivan Energy Ventures (a Pioneer Oil Company, Inc. affiliate.)**
- Sunrise Energy has acquired the Paxton Compression Plant, existing wells, existing gas leases and the gas gathering system in Sullivan County from Noble Energy, Inc. This acquisition provides Sunrise Energy a**

**platform to significantly increase gas production in the Sullivan County area. Sunrise Energy is currently evaluating the existing coal and gas leases in the area to consolidate efforts in producing both.**

- The plan is to offer land owners a “one stop shop” for leasing all of their mineral rights with a company they can trust. In a new mining area, gas will first be extracted prior to mining the coal so that both can be harvested safely and efficiently.**
- Through Sunrise Energy, landowners can be assured of being compensated for all the minerals that are sold be it coal, gas or oil.**
- Sunrise Coal, LLC will manage the leasing and Sunrise Energy /Pioneer Oil will manage the compression facility, individual well operations, drill additional wells and make the payments to the landlords.**

**“The intention is to coordinate efforts in order to protect the assets and recover all the minerals in a safe, efficient manner. Not just coal, not just gas but both. We feel this is a win-win for the land owners and the company.” Said Brent Bilsland, (President Sunrise Coal) and Don Jones (President of Pioneer Oil Company, Inc.) in a joint statement.**

**The company is just beginning to consolidate, but have high hopes for the future of harvesting all of the minerals available to the people of Sullivan County.**

**Land owners can contact Sunrise Energy at 812-299-2800 x 207 with questions.**