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March 12, 2012

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg PA 17105-3265

Re: Enactment of Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Ordinance

Docket No. M-2012-2288561

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

I am enclosing for filing with your agency a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland on March 8, 2012 to implement an impact fee pursuant to Section 2302 of Act 13 of 2012. Should you require anything further for Westmoreland County to comply with Act 13 requirements for adoption of the ordinance, please contact me at the above telephone number or address. I would request that an acknowledgement of receipt of this notice be returned in the enclosed postage prepaid reply envelope. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

R. Mark Gesalman

County Solicitor

Enclosures (2)

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ORDINANCE #ORD-1-2012

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AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FEE ON EACH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL SPUD IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westmoreland hereby imposes an unconventional gas well fee on each unconventional gas well spud in this County, as authorized in Title 58.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings given to them in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Fee." The unconventional gas well fee imposed under Section 2302 of title 58.

"Spud." The actual start of drilling of an unconventional gas well.

"Title 58." Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as amended by Act of February 14, 2012 (P.L. _____, No. 13).

"Unconventional Gas Well." A bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for the production of natural gas from an unconventional formation.

"Unconventional Formation." A geological shale formation existing below the base of the Elk Sandstone or its geologic equivalent stratigraphic interval (i.e., layer of rock) where natural gas generally cannot be produced at economic flow rates or in economic volumes except by vertical or horizontal well bores stimulated by hydraulic fracture treatments or by using multilateral well bores or other techniques to expose more of the formation to the well bore.

Section 3. The unconventional gas well fee shall be applicable, and shall be administered, as provided for in Title 58.

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Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended.

Section 5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Public Utility Commission as required by Title 58.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, on this 8th day of March, 2012.

COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles W. Anderson, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Chief Clerk

ATTESTATION

I, Jennifer Kemerer, in my capacity as Chief Clerk for the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, do hereby attest that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy of Ordinance Number #ORD-1-2012, which was adopted by the said Board at a properly advertised public meeting held on the 8th day of March 2012.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this

 $12^{1/2}$ day of March 2012.

ennifer Kemerer, Chief Clerk

County Seal

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