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**Assistant County Solicitors** 

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 Beaver County Board of Commissioners on March 8, 2012, imposing an unconventional gas well fee on each unconventional gas well spud in Beaver County. If any other action by the County is necessary for the filing of said Ordinance, please contact me at the above telephone number or address.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Cantelmi Assistant County Solicitor

AMC/sh Enclosure cc: Beaver County Board of Commissioners Borough & Township Managers/Secretaries

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. <u>030812-ORD</u>

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, IMPOSING AN UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FEE ON EACH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL SPUD IN THIS COUNTY, AS AUTHORIZED IN TITLE 58.

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BE IT ORDAINED, and it is hereby ORDAINED, by the board of Commissioners of the County of Beaver, a fourth class County under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

#### SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "The Beaver County Gas Well Fee".

#### SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended.

#### SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

The following words when used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

<u>Fee</u> – The unconventional gas well fee imposed under Section 2302 of Title 58.

<u>Spud</u> – The actual start of drilling on an unconventional gas well.

<u>Title 58</u> – Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as amended by Act of February 13, 2012.

<u>Unconventional Gas Well</u> – 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.

#### SECTION 4: FEES IMPOSED

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

### SECTION 5: SÉVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or Section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or Sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Beaver that this Ordinance would have be adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

### SECTION 6: COPIES OF ORDINANCE

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

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this \_ day of \_ 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BEAVER

Tony Amadia, Chairman J6e Spanik

ATTEST: Chief Clerk

Dennis E. Nichols



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