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April 16, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Bureau Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 2nd Floor, 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Docket #M-2012-2288561

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

Attached is the official impact fee ordinance for Lebanon County.

This ordinance was adopted by the Board of Lebanon County Commissioners during their meeting held April 5, 2012 and is known as Ordinance #44-2012. This ordinance is being submitted to the Commission in compliance with Section 2302 of Act 13 of 2012.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

Jamie A. Wolgemuth County Administrator

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LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2012

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN IMPACT FEE ON UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELLS SPUD IN THIS COUNTY, AS AUTHORIZED BY TITLE 58 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES

WHEREAS, Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes has been amended to allow a Pennsylvania county to impose an impact fee, by ordinance, on each unconventional gas well located within that county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lebanon has determined that it is appropriate to impose an impact fee on each unconventional gas well located in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACATED by the County's Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1

As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- a. "Impact Fee." The unconventional gas well fee imposed under Section 2302 of Title 58.
- b. "Spud." The actual start of drilling of an unconventional gas well.
- c. "Unconventional formation." A geological shale formation existing below the base of the Elk Sandstone or its geologic equivalent stratigraphic interval 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 of other techniques to expose more of the formation to the well bore.
- d. "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.

SECTION 2

The County of Lebanon hereby imposes an impact fee on each unconventional gas well spud in this County, as authorized by Title 58.

SECTION 3

The impact fee shall be applicable, and shall be administered, as provided in Title 58.

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.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 5th day of April, 2012.

COUNTY OF LEBANON

ATTEST:

By:

Jamie A. Wolgemuth Chief Clerk/County Administrator

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