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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

ATTN: Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary

Re: Dauphin County,

Impact Fee Ordinance

Docket No. M-2012-2288561

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to the Tentative Implementation Order adopted by the PUC on March 15, 2012, and entered on March 16, 2012, all counties that adopt impact fee ordinances must provide notice to the PUC, in the form of an official filing directed to the Secretary.

Please be advised that Dauphin County adopted an impact fee ordinance on March 28, 2012. Consistent with the Tentative Order, a verified copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto at Exhibit A. The Ordinance itself does not reflect the Docket Number established by the PUC for Act 13 matters. However, the correct Docket Number for Dauphin County's filing is identified above.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Guy P. Beneventano

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cc: Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk (w/encl)

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**EXHIBIT A** 

## DAUPHIN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Assistant Solicitor for Dauphin County, does hereby certify as follows:

- 1. The County of Dauphin is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it is governed in accordance with The County Code, active August 9, 1955, P.L. 323, No. 130, 16 P.S. Section 101 et seq.
- 2. At a public meeting held on March 28, 2012, the Board of Commissioners of Dauphin County took official action by approving Ordinance No. 3-2012 concerning fees on unconventional gas well spuds.
- 3. Attached hereto at Exhibit A is a complete and correct copy of Ordinance No. 3-2012. The Ordinance is in effect as of the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto executed this Attorney's Certificate this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

Guy P. Beneventano, Esquire

Assistant Solicitor County of Dauphin

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## ORDINANCE NO. 3 -2012

# AN ORDINANCE OF DAUPHIN COUNTY PROVIDING FOR AN UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FEE ON EACH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL SPUD IN THIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Act 13 of 2012, the Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act (Act 13), which amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, provides for the levying of an impact fee upon unconventional gas wells, as well as the collection and distribution of fee revenues to host counties and municipalities for certain allowable uses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 13, counties with unconventional gas wells are required to pass ordinances to impose an impact fee on unconventional gas wells to be eligible to receive fee revenues and revenues from statewide initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County (the County) recognizes that unconventional gas wells may be spud within the County in the future; and

WHEREAS, all local municipalities within the County are automatically eligible for fee revenues with the enactment of a county-wide ordinance; and

WHEREAS, for the timely and efficient collection and disbursement of fee revenues to local municipalities within the County, it is determined to be in the best interest of Dauphin County to adopt such an ordinance at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania as follows:

#### SECTION 1.

The County of Dauphin 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 13, 2012.

"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 3.

The unconventional gas well fee shall be applicable, and shall be administered, as

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provided for 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 as required by Title 58.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into Ordinance this 28 day of Much

Attest:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF **DAUPHIN COUNTY** 

Laura E. Evans, Esquire

Chief Clerk

Mike Pries, Vice Chairman