IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

1-13-2021 L. Williams J. Nicci J. Meadows A. Ramey

v.

Civil Action No. 20-P-83-2

THOMAS A. BEOELL JUDGE

THE HONORABLE DALE W. STEAGER,

West Virginia State Tax Commissioner, THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. ROMANO,

Assessor of Harrison County,

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARRISON COUNTY,

Respondents.

ORDER REGARDING STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court conducted a brief Status Conference on January 4, 2021, which had been previously scheduled in this matter. Respondents The Honorable Dale W. Steager, WV State Tax Commissioner, and The Honorable Joseph R. Romano, Assessor of Harrison County, appeared by counsel, L. Wayne Williams, Assistant Attorney General. The County Commission of Harrison County appeared by counsel, Jonathon Nicol, Esquire, of Kay, Casto & Chaney, PLLC. Counsel for Antero Resources Corporation did not appear.

Counsel for the Tax Department and Assessor Romano advised the Court that the West Virginia Supreme Court had entered an order granting the motion to refer this matter to the Business Court Division of the Circuit Court of Harrison County. Petitioner Antero Resources Corporation had previously filed the motion to refer this matter and five other cases to the Business Court with the Supreme Court of Appeals. Counsel for the Tax Department further advised the Court that the Order had been received via email a few moments before the Status Conference began. Counsel for the County Commission of Harrison County concurred.

The Court ruled that further proceedings in this matter before the Circuit Court of Harrison County were not necessary at this time and directed the Parties to await further direction from The Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division, assigning a presiding judge to this matter.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is directed to transmit a true copy of this Order to the parties at the addresses listed below.

Enter**d**: 4, 2021

The Honorable Thomas A. Bedell,

Chief Judge

Circuit Court of Harrison County

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