IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RITCHIE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION Plaintiff.

100/05/2021

VS.

Civil Case No.: 18-AA-1 Presiding: Judge Wilkes

DALE STEAGER, WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX COMMISSIONER, et al. Defendant.

ORDER ASSIGNING PRESIDING JUDGE TO CASE

On December 30, 2020, Chief Justice Tim Armstead entered an Administrative Order granting a Motion to Refer the above-styled case to the Business Court Division. Pursuant to West Virginia Trial Court Rule 29.07(a), "[a]n order from the Chief Justice granting a Motion to Refer is a transfer of Business Litigation to the Division.

As required by Trial Court Rule 29.07(a), the Division Chair, with the advice and consent of the Division, hereby assigns the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes to serve as the presiding judge in the above-styled case.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ritchie County, West Virginia shall forward a certified copy of this order to all counsel of record, any pro se parties and the following:

The Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Judge Berkeley County Judicial Center 380 W. South Street, Suite 4100 Martinsburg, WV 25401

Edythe Nash Gaiser, Clerk West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals State Capitol Rm E-317 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East Charleston WV 25305

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Enter:

MICHAEL D. LORENSEN, CHAIR **BUSINESS COURT DIVISION**

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and convert copy of the original on file in my office.

Attest: melarie D. Cer Lson Ritchie County of West Virginia