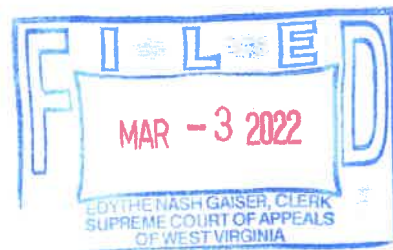


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Re: *Antero Resources Corp. v. Matthew R. Irby, State Tax Commissioner, et al.,*
Doddridge County, No. 21-P-31 (Sweeney, Judge)

Chief Justice Hutchinson:

This letter is in response to the Supreme Court of Appeal's February 16, 2022, *Notice of Filing of Motion to Refer to the Business Court Division* in the above referenced matter. While the State Tax Commissioner and Assessor of Doddridge County disagree with the factual and legal allegations in Antero Resource Corporation's February 11, 2022, *Motion to Refer* and stand ready to defend the assessment of Antero's property, they do not object to the referral of this matter to the Business Court Division.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Whelan".

Sean M. Whelan
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cc: Honorable Judge Timothy L. Sweeney
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