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John A. Hutchinson, Chief Justice
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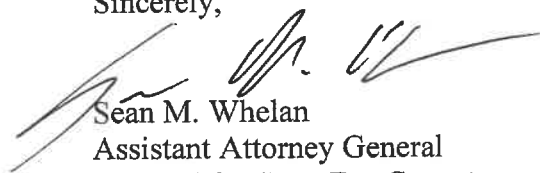
Re: *Antero Resources Corp. v. Matthew R. Irby, State Tax Commissioner, et al.,*
Harrison County, No. 22-P-85-3 (Matish, Judge)

Chief Justice Hutchinson:

This letter is in response to the Supreme Court of Appeal's May 31, 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 Harrison County disagree with the factual and legal allegations in Antero Resource Corporation's May 27, 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,


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Assessor of Tyler County

cc: Honorable Judge James A. Matish
Honorable Albert Marano, Circuit Clerk
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