

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION,
Petitioner**

v.

**Civil Action No. 17-C-98-2
The Hon. Thomas A. Bedell, Judge**

**THE HONORABLE DALE STEAGER
West Virginia State Tax Commissioner**

**THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. ROMANO
Assessor of Harrison County**

**THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARRISON COUNTY
Sitting as a Board of Assessment Appeals,**

Defendant

**ANSWER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARRISON COUNTY
SITTING AS A BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

The County Commission of Harrison County Sitting as a Board of Assessment Appeals, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents") in answer to the Complaint filed herein state as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim or cause of action against The County Commission of Harrison County Sitting as Board of Assessment Appeals

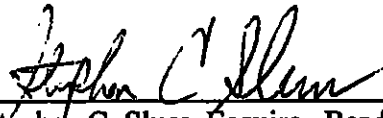
WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Respondents respectfully request that this Honorable Court uphold the decision of the County Commission of Harrison

County, Sitting as a Board of Assessment Appeals and for such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted

County Commission of Harrison County,
Sitting as a Board of Assessment Appeals,

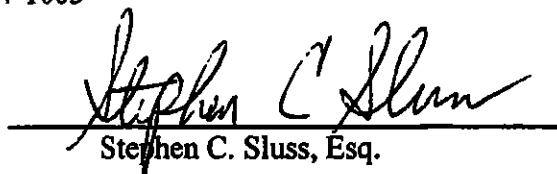
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 4th day of May, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Answer*. was served via first class mail to Craig A. Griffith, Esquire and John J. Meadows, Esquire, Counsel for Antero Resources Corporation at P. O. Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326 and to the Honorable Dale Steager, State Tax Commissioner at P. O. Box 1005, Charleston, WV 25324-1005



Stephen C. Sluss, Esq.