BUSINESS COURT DIVISION -- WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

vs).

Civil Action No. 17-AA-3 Presiding Judge: Wilkes

DALE STEAGER, State Tax Commissioner; DAVID SPONAUGLE, Doddridge County Assessor; and the DODDRIDGE COUNTY COMMISSION,

Respondents,

<u>ORDER</u>

The above-captioned case was referred to the Business Court Division on June 22, 2017, by the Honorable Allen H. Loughry II, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. This matter is related but not consolidated with other similar cases throughout the state. Many of these cases are in the process of briefing and weighing a Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Timely Perfect Appeal.

Upon agreement of counsel, and in the interest of judicial economy, the Court hereby delays setting the Business Court's initial scheduling and case management conference, until the collateral issues set forth by the motions to dismiss can be resolved. The Court finds good cause to depart from the timeline set forth under Rule 29.08(c) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules. The Court directs the Circuit Clerk to enter the foregoing and forward an attested copy to all counsel of record.

ENTER this day of Jan 2017.

CHRISTOPHER C. WILKES, JUDGE