

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

**ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**Civil Action No. 17-AA-1 and
Civil Action No. 17-AA-3
Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes
Presiding Judge**

**THE HONORABLE DALE W. STEAGER,
West Virginia State Tax Commissioner,
THE HONORABLE DAVID SPONAUGLE,
Assessor of Doddridge County,
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY,
THE HONORABLE ARLENE MOSSOR,
Assessor of Ritchie County, and
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF RITCHIE COUNTY,
Respondents.**

**ORDER DENYING
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

ON A FORMER DAY, Antero Resources Corporation, filed a motion for preliminary injunction asking the Business Court to suspend Antero Resources' obligation to pay ad valorem property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

The Court conducted a hearing on the motion on August 24, 2020. Antero Resources appeared by counsel, Craig A. Griffith, Esquire, John J. Meadows, Esquire, Larry D. Rosenberg, Esquire, and Benjamin G. Minegar, Esquire. The County Commission of Doddridge County appeared by Jonathan Nicol, Esquire. Tax Commissioner Steager, Assessor Sponaugle, and

Assessor Mossor, appeared by L. Wayne Williams and Sean M. Whelan, Assistant Attorneys General.


Based upon the motions and briefs filed herein and the arguments by counsel, the Business Court rules that it does not have jurisdiction to entertain the relief requested by Antero Resources for the 2020 tax year. The Court makes no ruling regarding the merits of the motion or the objections raised by the Respondents. The motion for preliminary injunction is denied without prejudice.

The objections of the parties are noted for the record and preserved.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to transmit a true copy of this Order to the parties at the addresses listed below.

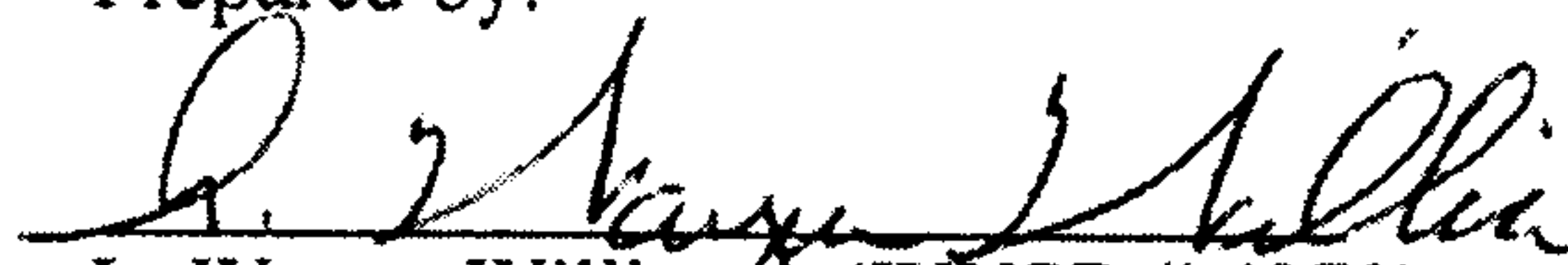
It is so ordered.

Entered: 9/4/2020



Christopher C. Wilkes,
Presiding Judge
Circuit Court of Doddridge County
Business Court Division

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