

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

L&D INVESTMENTS, INC., a West Virginia corporation  
RICHARD SNOWDEN ANDREWS, JR.,  
MARION A. YOUNG TRUST,  
CHARLES A. YOUNG,  
DAVID L. YOUNG and  
LAVINIA YOUNG DAVIS, successors of Marion A. Young,  
CHARLES LEE ANDREWS, IV, and  
FRANCES L. ANDREWS,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 13-C-528-2  
Judge Thomas A. Bedell

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION,  
formerly known as ANTERO RESOURCES  
APPALACHIAN CORPORATION, et al  
Defendants.

ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR RULE 54(b) DETERMINATION

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 came the following Parties, all pursuant to notice heretofore given to all represented and/or *pro se* Parties by the Court, of a Status Conference on this date which was conducted virtually. Appearing virtually was Judge Thomas A. Bedell and Plaintiffs<sup>1</sup>, by their counsel, David J. Romano, Defendant, Antero<sup>2</sup>, by its counsel, W. Henry Lawrence, and Justin A. Rubenstein, along with Attorney Jamie D. Chapman, in house counsel for Antero, Defendants CNX<sup>3</sup> by their counsel, Shaina D. Massie, Defendant Mike Ross, Inc. ("MRI"), by its counsel, Benjamin J. Bailey and Rebecca D. Pomeroy and Defendants CGAS and ECA<sup>4</sup>, by their

<sup>1</sup> L&D Investments, Inc., Richard Snowden Andrews, Jr., Charles A. Young, David L. Young, Lavinia Young Davis, Charles Lee Andrews, IV, and Frances L. Andrews.

<sup>2</sup> Antero Resources Corporation, formerly known as Antero Resources Appalachian Corporation.

<sup>3</sup> CNX Resources Corporation (f/k/a Consol Energy, Inc.) and CNX Gas Company, LLC.

<sup>4</sup> CGAS Properties, LLC/EnerVest Operating, L.L.C. and Energy Corporation of America/Greylock.

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S. Massie  
L. Turner  
R. Leitch, II  
S. Patti  
D. Bailey  
B. Pomeroy  
M. Ross  
M. Easte

counsel, Katrina N. Bowers and Timothy M. Miller. Also appearing virtually as the representative of Defendant Mike Ross, Inc. [MRI], was its CEO, Mike Ross.

At that time, the Court having reviewed the Pre-Conference Memorandums, inquired of all counsel as to the status of those issues identified in such Memorandums.

Each counsel advised the Court of their positions regarding the outstanding issues in this case at this time. Such statements and the Court's colloquy were placed on the Record.

Thereupon the Court inquired regarding Plaintiffs' Motion for Application of Rule 54(b), and hearing no objection by any Party to the granting of Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court made a finding that the issues regarding Antero's Crossclaim for indemnity from MRI and Antero's request for a credit or setoff from Antero's voluntary lump sum settlement made to Plaintiffs, and related issues decided by the Court in its September 15, 2020 Omnibus Order, were final and ripe for appeal should any Party so desire.

Accordingly, the Court directs the entry of a final judgment regarding its prior Order entered on September 15, 2020, under Rule 54(b) upon an express determination that there is no just reason for delay in the entry of said judgment to permit an appeal therefrom effective with the date of entry of this Order.

The Court further stays enforcement of its prior Order entered on September 15, 2020, insofar and insofar only, requiring payment of the \$4,000,000.00 escrow agreement of Antero and Plaintiffs from Antero's settlement with Plaintiffs, such that the escrowed funds shall not be disbursed until the further order of the Court.

The Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Order to the below identified

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Thomas A. Bedell  
THOMAS A. BEDELL, JUDGE

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