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April 19, 2012

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Office of the Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second Floor
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Docket No. M-2012-2288561
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania
Verified Copy of Shale Gas Ordinance**

2012 APR 23 AM 10:51
PENNSYLVANIA
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the Solicitor of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and in that capacity, I am authorized to make this verification.

Enclosed is a copy of Ordinance No. 2012-1, which is generally known as the "Schuylkill County Shale Gas Ordinance", duly enacted by unanimous vote of the County Commissioners of Schuylkill County on April 11, 2012.

The Ordinance imposes an unconventional gas well fee on each unconventional gas well spud in Schuylkill County as authorized by Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, as amended by Act of February 13, 2012 (HP 1950).

I hereby certify that the enclosed copy of the Ordinance is a true and correct copy of the Schuylkill County Shale Gas Ordinance as adopted.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Marshall", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Alvin B. Marshall, Esquire

ABM:pjo.
Enc.

cc: Darlene Laughlin

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 -1

An ordinance of Schuylkill County

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BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. The county of Schuylkill hereby imposes an unconventional gas well fee on each unconventional gas well spud in this county, as authorized in Title 58.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Fee." The unconventional gas well fee imposed under section 2302 of Title 58.

"Spud." The actual start of drilling of an unconventional gas well.

"Title 58." Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as amended by Act of February 13, 2012 (HB 1950).

"Unconventional gas well." A bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for the production of natural gas from an unconventional formation.

Section 3. The unconventional gas well fee shall be applicable, and shall be administered, as provided for in Title 58.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended.

Section 5. A copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Public Utility Commission as required by Title 58.

Enacted this 11th day of April, 2012.

By: Frank J. Staudenmeier
Frank J. Staudenmeier, Chairman

George F. Halcovage, Jr.
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ATTEST:

Darlene Laughlin
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