IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

EQT PRODUCTION COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-72 (Judge Keeley)

AUSTIN CAPERTON, in his official capacity as Secretary of West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection,

Defendant.

AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OF WEST VIRGINIA SURFACE OWNER'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

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1. Introduction.

The principal thrust of the Complaint in this action is that *W.Va. Code* §22-6-8 is an unconstitutional violation of the Contracts Clause. The statute, first enacted in 1982, has never been challenged before. It was enacted thirty-four years ago, it was as recodified with the creation of the Department of Environmental Protection in 1994, and it was amended in the 2018 Regular Session of the West Virginia Legislature.

This brief will not address the adverse economic impact that would occur, if EQT would succeed in this action, to all other lessee/producers who do not have substantial flat-rate lease holdings and who would have to compete with EQT's gas in the marketplace when EQT essentially does not have to pay any royalty for the gas it produces. Similarly this brief will not address the adverse economic impact on the substantial number of mineral owners whose mineral interests will not be leased or whose leases will not be produced because EQT and others holding substantial numbers of flat-rate leases can produce gas more cheaply from those flat-rate leases because they would in essence have to pay no royalty.

This brief will focus on the constitutionality of the statute because the flat-rate statute is the State exercising its police power to eliminate unforseen, un-contemplated windfall profits.

Also the egregiously erroneous claim in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint in this action that mineral owner lessors are somehow getting windfalls will be debunked.

2. A state regulation that eliminates unforeseen windfall profits does not violate the Contracts Clause.

The United State Supreme Court in *Energy Reserves Group, Inc. v. Kansas Power and Light Co.* 459 U.S. 400, 103 S.Ct. 69, 774 L.Ed.2d 569 (1983) at U.S. 410 said, "Although the language of the Contract Clause is facially absolute, its prohibition must be accommodated to the

inherent police power of the state 'to safeguard the vital interest of its people.' [Citation omitted.]." The Court continued at U.S. 411, "[S]tate regulation that restricts a party to gains it reasonably expected from the contract does not necessarily constitute a substantial impairment [of a contract][Citations omitted]." And further, at U.S. 412, and most relevant to this action, "One legitimate state interest is the elimination of unforeseen windfall profits. [Citation omitted]."

It is exactly the unforseen and un-contemplated windfalls to EQT arising from flat-rate leases that are eliminated by the statute which justify and establish the constitutionality of the flat-rate statute. The flat-rate statute eliminated windfall profits caused by leases with flat-rate gas royalty provisions many of which were signed before the Model T Ford was first produced (1908) or the Wright Brothers flew in North Carolina (1903).

Note that the transactions in question are leases. Leases are not only a contract. Leases are a contract and a conveyance. *McCullough Oil, Inc. v. Rezek,* 176 W.Va. 638, 346 S.E.2d 788 (1986). Syl Pt. 1. A contract can be abrogated based on mutual mistake or unconscionability. A conveyance, or attributes of it, can be abrogated if not in the contemplation of the parties. *Moore v. Hope Natural Gas Company,* 140 W.Va. 745, 86 S.E.2d 564 (1915), *West Virginia*—*Pittsburgh Coal v. Strong,* 129 W.Va. 832, 42 S.E.2d 46 (1947), *Kell v. Appalachian Power Co.*170 W.Va. 14, 289 S.E.2d 450 (1982), *Energy Developmental Corp. v. Moss,* 214 W.Va. 577, 591 S.E.2d 135 (2003) Mutual mistake and unconscionability may have more significant hurdles, but abrogating the conveyance side of a lease because its consequences were not in the contemplation of the parties can be done without all the requirements for the contract remedies.

3. EQT continues to reap windfall profits from wells drilled before 1982 even with the passage of the flat-rate statute in effect.

In 1900 Andrew Jackson Bates and his wife Mary signed a lease that provided 1/8th royalty for oil produced on their 115-acre tract of land, but only \$300 a year flat-rate royalty for gas produced from each well on the tract. See Exhibit #1. State record keeping of any kind only began in 1927, but it can be deduced from the terms of the lease and names and other data the West Virginia Geological land Economic Survey ("WVGES") has gathered for the wells, that two wells were drilled pursuant to the lease shortly after the lease was signed. See Exhibit #2.

One member of WVSORO is the great-granddaughter and one of now several heirs of Andrew Jackson Bates. She receives quarterly payments totaling \$48 dollars a year in flat-rate royalties (See Exhibit #3) and assumes that the remainder of the total of \$600 due is being distributed to, or held in suspense, for the other heirs. It is not worth it to her to spend the money or time to confirm that. She and her predecessors have been paid that for more than 100 years.

The two wells are still producing. Production reported by the operator since 1981 is available on the WVGES website (See Exhibit #2) and shows that the well with the State/American Petroleum Institute well number for Doddridge County of 01747 has produced 114,139 MCF² of gas (and no oil) since 1981. The other well, numbered 02349, has produced 76,320 MCF of gas (and no oil). That is a total of 190,459 MCF. Counsel has been able to find

¹The "surface owner" is "A.J. Bates". The spud date is blank no doubt because it was spudded before record keeping. The permit activity giving rise to entry in the data base appeared to be drilling deeper, working over, or just entering location.

²Thousand cubic feet of gas. MCF is the standard measurement for volumes of gas. Another measurement is of the heating value, MMBTU, which can vary between gas produced in one formation vs gas produced in another formation. However, the numbers reported for MMBTU and MCF generally correspond closely enough to be used interchangeably for the point of this analysis.

the average market value of gas back to 1997.³ The average for that previous 22-year time period is \$4.37 per MCF. Assuming a more modest \$3.00 per MCF and multiplying that times the total MCF since only 1981, the wells on this lease have generated \$571,377.00 worth of gas.

If Andrew Jackson Bates heirs had been paid 1/8th royalty for that period of time, EQT would have paid them \$71,422.00. Instead EQT or its predecessors kept that money, except for \$13,200 they paid out in flat-rate royalties for those years. And that is only for 37 years, and EQT or its predecessors have been getting gas from those wells for 111 years.

That is a windfall.

And regardless of the outcome of this law suit, that is a windfall that EQT will continue to get because the flat-rate statute does not apply to these wells -- wells that were drilled prior to the enactment of the flat-rate statute in 1982.

4. Under a recent West Virginia Supreme Court decision, EQT gets another windfall.

Gas wells obviously do not produce revenues until after they are drilled and put into production. So drilling the wells costs money up front. The driller itself, or its investors, put up the money. Once the well starts producing, the driller pays back itself or its investors for the cost of drilling the well out of the sale of the gas (after paying the mineral owners' royalty). When that cost has been recouped or paid back to the financier of the well, the well will have reached a point called "paid out". After that the driller or its investors gets to keep all the money except

³Attached Exhibit #4 is the Historial_Inside_FERC published index price for Dominion Transmission Inc. Page 2 shows averages per year.

⁴This aspect of oil and gas well drilling financing by working interest owners/investors does not appear directly in statute or regulation or in any cases that could be found. It is recognized indirectly in statutes that provide forced pooling that provide for a "risk penalty" before working interest owners who were forced in as "carried" working interest owners can

for the much smaller ongoing costs of maintaining the well, transporting the gas etc., and except for the royalty payments.

It is understandable that the driller wants a lease that allows it to keep 7/8ths of the value of the gas so it can pay back the up front cost of drilling the well. But even after payout, the person who owned the gas only gets 1/8th of its value! In the reheard decision in *Leggett v. EQT Production Company*, 239 W.Va. 264, 800 S.E.2d 850 (2017), in the context of the royalties required by the flat-rate statute, the Court lets the driller keep even more than 7/8ths. What is the 7/8ths for after payout? And in the case of EQT, the attached Exhibit #5 shows that EQT will deduct as much as 40% out of the 1/8th.

This ability to keep 7/8ths after payout and still deduct post-production costs out of the mineral owners' 1/8th royalty is a second windfall, though it pales compared to the windfall that will occur if the flat-rate statute is nullified and a horizontal shale well is drilled as explained below.

5. Un-contemplated advancements in natural gas exploration and development.

Although there is no direct evidence of it, in 1900 some advancements in technology might have been contemplated. Even if the lease was signed after the Wright Flyer success three years later, that does not mean that they contemplated a 747 carrying more than 500 or 600 passengers, or the military SR-71spy plane that can travel three times the speed of sound.

Another member of WVSORO has gas wells on his property that shows the array of advancements that surely could not have been contemplated. (Information about production

begin receiving working interest money. See W.Va. Code §22C-9-7(b)(6) regarding deep wells, and W.Va. Code 22-21-17(h).

volumes from modern wells discussed later will reinforce this point.) This WVSORO member does not own the minerals. The minerals under him are leased to EQT pursuant to a 1901 lease from Joseph and Bell Carr to B. Hamilton that provided for \$300 a year flat-rate royalty for gas.

Exhibit #6 is a photograph of a well drilled on his property with the State/American Petroleum Institute well number for Doddridge County of 00096. It was drilled in 1939 and is likely the well, or one of the wells, holding the old lease for this tract before Marcellus Shale horizontal wells were drilled. It is a fairly simple facility. Other wells drilled in 1910 and 1916 appear to be plugged.

Exhibit #7 is a photograph of a well on his property with State/American Petroleum Institute well number for Doddridge County of 04193. It was drilled in 1995. The photograph was taken in 2014. It is a slightly more technical facility.

Exhibit #8 is a photograph that also shows the same well shown in Exhibit #7 on the far left of the Exhibit #8 photograph. The remainder of the photograph is the well pad for nine new Marcellus Shale horizontal wells drilled next to it. The picture was taken after the Marcellus Shale wells were drilled but before equipment was placed on the pad to enable production. A seriously more technical enterprise hardly contemplated/foreseen when wells were drilled by "cable tools" with essentially a chisel on the end of a cable hanging from a spring pole.

Further and more direct support for the position in favor of the constitutionality of the statute can be found in authorities. Professor Eugene Kuntz in his *A Treatise on the Law of Oil and Gas* verifies that in the beginning there was no market for gas. Drilling a well that produced no oil, only gas, was a misfortune. He stated that the ultimate value of the gas could not be

foreseen which lead to leases with percentage royalties in them instead of flat-rate royalties. And he stated that drillers with flat-rate leases were receiving a windfall.⁵

In the early days of operations under the oil and gas lease, the primary objective of exploration and drilling operations was the discovery of oil, and it was justifiably regarded as a major misfortune if gas alone were found. Although gas had a value it was difficult to market.

The circumstances surrounding the use and the value of gas apparently had an effect upon the development of the part of the royalty clause which deals with gas ... [Even though oil was the desired product and a 1/8th royalty was paid for that,] If the lessee marketed the gas and thereby held the lease, the lessor undoubtedly thought that the lessee should be required to pay for the privilege, and accordingly, provision was made for the lessee to make a fixed periodic payment to the lessor while the lease was so held. . . . At this stage of the development of the royalty clause, provision was made for fixed periodic payment for producing gas from gas well and for selling or using any gas off of the premises.

As the natural gas industry developed and natural gas pipelines were extended over the country creating and expanding the market for gas, the value of gas increased. It also became apparent that the ultimate value of gas and the value of the right to extract and sell gas could not be foreseen or determined at any given time of leasing. Accordingly instead of merely increasing the amount of the fixed periodic payment to be made as the gas royalty, the parties to oil and gas leases changed their practices and began to provide for a royalty on gas which is measured either by volume or by the value of the gas produced. [Emphasis added.]

3 Kuntz, A Treatise on the Law of Oil and Gas, §40.1 at pp. 311-312 (footnotes omitted).

Professor Kuntz further stated:

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It is not uncommon for a very old oil and gas lease to be held by many years of production of oil followed by a recent discovery of gas. When such event occurs, the lessor and lessee are frequently surprised to find that the royalty clause provides for a small fixed annual rate per well. Rather than take advantage of the windfall, many lessess have voluntarily modified their leases to provide for a one-eighth royalty. Many other lessees have not been so inclined. [Emphasis added.]

Kuntz, Id., §40.2 at pp. 315-316.

6. A windfall of all windfalls will go to EQT and others if the flat-rate statute is nullified and a Marcellus Shale well is drilled on a flat-rate lease.

The 1900 Andrew Jackson Bates lease, Exhibit #1, is for 115 acres. A horizontal well bore could be drilled to drain just that tract.⁶

The conventional well pictured in Exhibit #7 and on the left of Exhibit #8, in its first full calendar year of production, 1996, reported producing 21,917 MCF of gas. See Exhibit #9. One of the horizontal Marcellus Shale wells pictured on the right of Exhibit #8 is State/American Petroleum Institute well number for Doddridge County of 06061 that had a horizontal well bore 6560 feet in length (about the middle length for the wells drilled on this pad). In its first full calendar year of production it reported producing 2,360,277 MCF of gas. See Exhibit #10. So its first full calendar year of production, the Marcellus Shale horizontal well produced 107 times the gas that the conventional vertical well next to it produced in its first full calendar year of production.

At our approximated \$3.00 per MCF price, that would yield \$7,080,831.00 worth of gas sold in the first full calendar year. With the flat-rate statute is in effect, the driller will have to pay a 1/8th royalty of \$885,103.87 to the mineral landowners. If the flat-rate statute is nullified, EQT will have to pay then only \$300.00 in royalties for that year. That is a windfall of \$884,803.87 to EQT depriving landowners in this state of income vital to their fortunes and

⁶A 5000-foot horizontal well bore on typical industry spacing from the next parallel horizontal well bore will frac/drain about 120 acres. So this is conceivable, though the shape of the tract and economics requiring multiple-well pads may make this unlikely.

⁷The first six months of production for this well were the last six months of the preceding calendar year. In those first six months it produced more MCF's than the following full calendar year figure set out in the text.

families and the State's economy -- a windfall that the State has a legitimate interest in preventing. And that is one year, one well! xxx

That is a potential, unprecedented, unforeseen, un-contemplated windfall that the flat-rate statute, exercising the state's police power, has a legitimate interest to constitutionally prevent.

7. Even if the flat-rate statute is upheld and EQT is required to pay a 1/8th royalty, EQT will be receiving a third windfall, and so the "Unafilliated-Sale-Without-Deduction-Royalty Provisions" the 2018 amendment is no windfall for the lessor.

When the flat-rate statute was enacted in 1982 almost all drilling was for vertical wells and almost every lease provided for a "standard" 1/8th (12.5%) royalty.

The author of this brief, in addition to being paid by a public interest law firm to be cofounder of WVSORO, went into a part-time private practice in 2008 representing small and medium mineral owners in lease negotiations (as well as surface owners with their issues). The market for royalty amounts has changed since 1982 as a result of the drastic change of drilling economics made possible by horizontal shale drilling. The market royalty percentage in any new lease transaction in which there is any negotiation is now 16% to 18% with no, or very limited, deductions. The State of West Virginia always gets 20%. Corporate, larger landowners also get 20% because they know the economics of the industry, and who the drillers know are not extra motivated (in real estate terms) to sign a lease by very personal plans for the money and unjustifiable scared of the driller walking away if they insist on 20%.

Most drillers do not even start with 12.5% royalty leasing offers. There are a few drillers will still first approach a mineral owner with a 1/8th, 12.5%, royalty lease, but that is not the market. The market is 16% to 18% or more. No doubt some citizens sign the 12.5% leases because they are habituated to signing boiler plate documents like those for purchasing a car or

house where consumer protections are presumed. The author knows of no driller who will insist on only 12.5% for a new lease.

So when EQT is required by the flat-rate statute to pay only a 12.5% royalty from a new well on a flat-rate lease, EQT is getting a windfall low royalty rate below the current market. It is getting the market lease royalty rate from 1982. So the requirement that EQT must pay 12.5% with no deductions, with the sale amount calculated from a sale to an unaffiliated third party does not constitute a windfall to the lessor. It is about right -- as also judged to be right by the Legislature.

8. Other issues with allegations of Complaint.

Paragraph 10 of the Complaint in this action states that the flat-rate leases will be held as long as oil or gas is produced. Generally if a lease is silent as to when a lease eventually ends after a producing well is drilled, the common law says the lease is over when the wells drilled pursuant the lease are no longer producing in "paying quantities". See Syllabus Point 1, *Goodwin v W.B. Wright*, 163 W.Va. 264, 255 S.E.2d 924 (1979). But that is not true of flat-rate leases. A syllabus point of *Bruen v. Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 188 W.Va. 730, 426 S.E.2d 522 (1992) holds that,

If an oil and gas lease contains a clause to continue the lease for a term "so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced," but also provides for "flat-rate" rental payments, then quantity of production is not relevant to the expiration of the term of the lease if such "flat-rate" rental payments have been made by the lessee.

So the allegation of Paragraph 10 is a questionable statement.

Citizen mineral land owners subject to flat-rate leases are not only stuck with a lease with terrible royalty terms, unless there are specific unusual terms they are stuck with them even after the production from wells on the tract is no longer in paying quantities, or perhaps at all. They are stuck with these terribly bad leases for a longer period of time compared to lessors with a royalty based on a percentage in their leases.

Paragraph 14 implies that mineral owners would not negotiate amendments to leases with EQT. Attached as Exhibit #11 is the lease amendment offered by EQT to the WVSORO member first mentioned in this brief. It offers to modernize her lease by adding a pooling clause. It makes no offer to modernize/change to the royalty. In the experience of counsel, rarely if ever will EQT negotiate to change the lease royalty amount in any amendment. The amendment attached also includes other unfavorable modifications of the lease. It includes a provision that says the lease no longer expires under its own terms -- EQT has to record a release for the lease to be over. It includes a provision in which the mineral owner states that EQT "is not in violation of any terms or provisions of the lease, including any royalty or rental payment terms" which takes the mineral owner out of the class actions brought against EQT for underpayment of royalties. Other EQT lease amendments counsel has seen have other unfavorable terms. With amendments offered like this, no informed mineral owner would sign the amendmentn "negotiated" by EQT.

Finally, Paragraph 22 of the complaint states in part, "West Virginia's attempts to alter economics of EQT's flat rate leases have increased costs and forced EQT to look elsewhere for development opportunities." Counsel lobbied the Legislature against legislation EQT wanted that would imply a pooling clause into existing leases. The failure of West Virginia to have enacted that legislation was the reason given for EQT's planning more wells in Pennsylvania than in West Virginia. If there was more than one reason for planning fewer wells in West Virginia, that should have been stated in the Complaint in this action.

Finally, in Paragraph 5 of the complaint in this action, EQT notes that it owns 1,700 unmodified flat-rate leases. The first mentioned WVSORO member above only owns a fractional interest in the tract subject to her lease. She shares ownership with a large number of members of the descendants of her great-great-grandfather. This is almost always true for older leases! So the flat-rate statute, just in the case of EQT, protects not 1,700 individuals from EQT's windfall, but a public many times that number.

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EXHIBIT

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Sample Plugging ◆ Btm Hole Loc Table Descriptions
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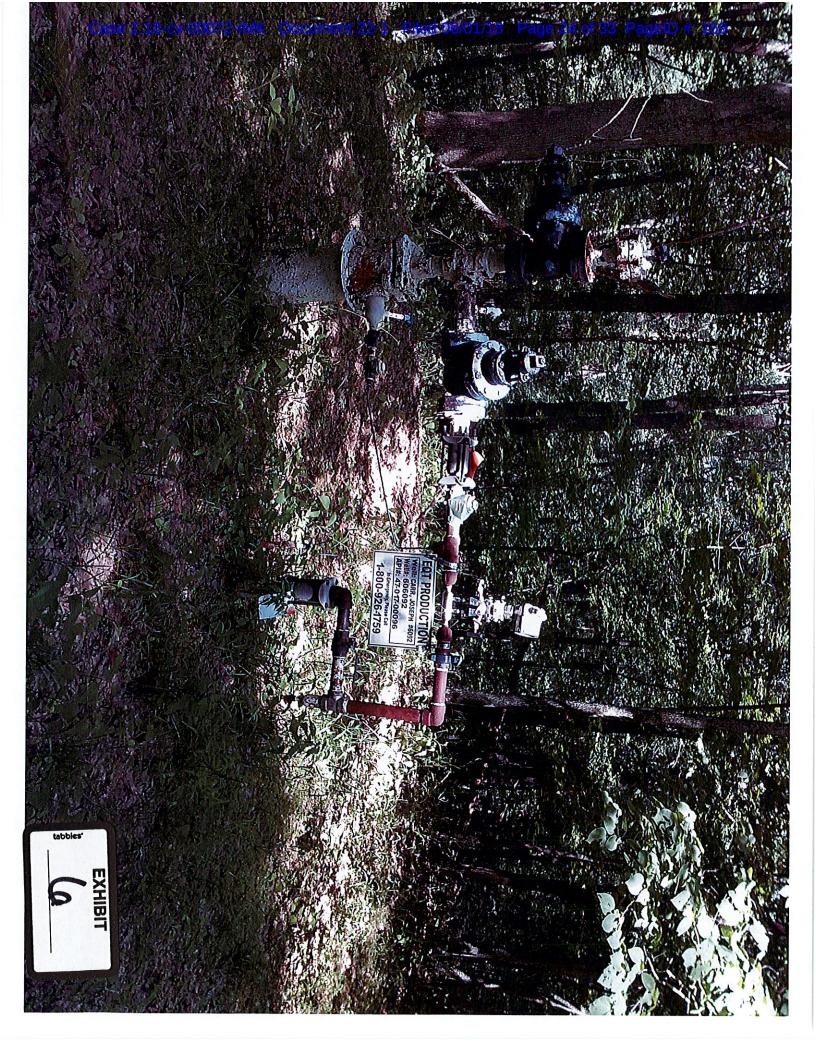
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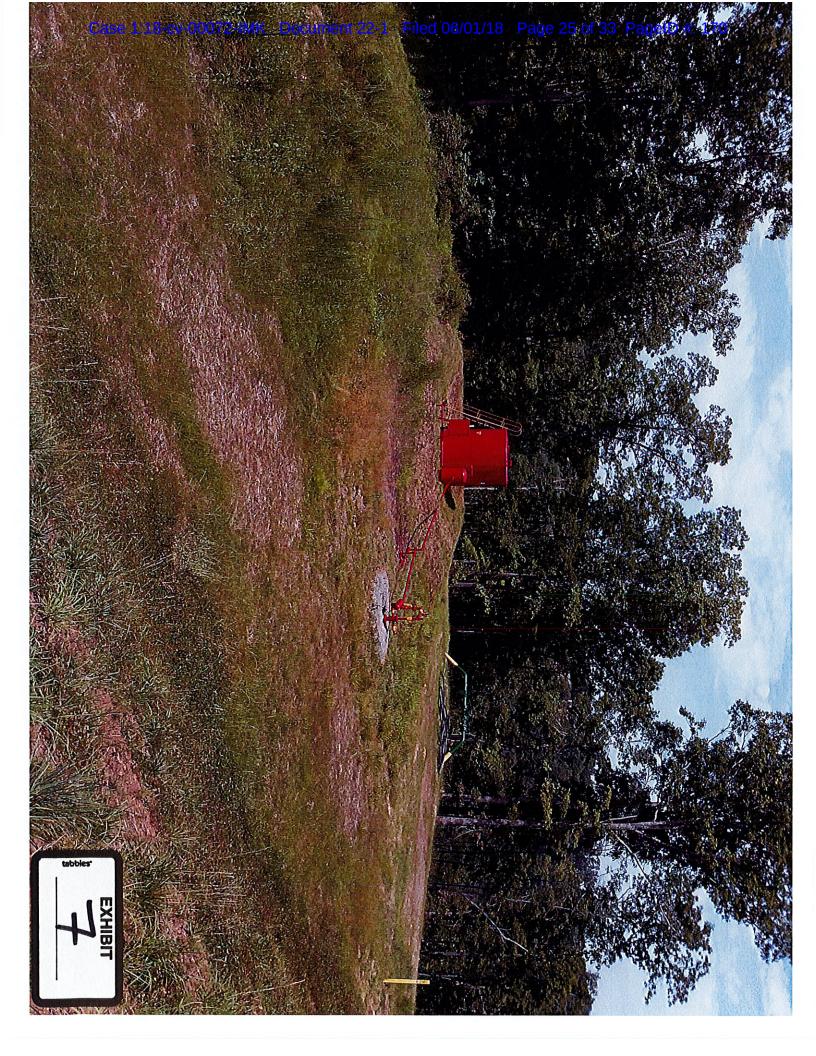
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1999	1.95	1.95	1.78	2.09	2.51	2.35	2.42	2.80	3.07
2000	2.53	2.91	2.79	3.06	3.28	4.59	4.56	4.02	4.85
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6.45	6.15	6.95	6.26	
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4.23	7.48	8.70	7.55	
6.57	7.59	7.69	7.22	
7.60	6.83	7.45	9.53	
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Lease No. 705575

AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

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WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee are parties to that certain mineral lease (the "Lease") dated April, 24, 1900, between the lease as lessor, and Carrnegie Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh, as lessee, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Doddridge County, State of West Virginia, in Book , at Page , as amended or modified from time to time, whether or not such amendments or modifications are of record, and covering 115 acres, more or less (the "Leased Premises); and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee now desire to ratify the Lease as being in full force and effect and to amend and modify certain provisions of the same.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing recitals, other good and valuable consideration, and the mutual advantage to the parties hereto, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Recitals Incorporated By Reference. Lessor and Lessee adopt the recitals set forth above as part of the Lease and such recitals are confirmed to be true and accurate by each party.
- 2. Amendments. The Lease is hereby amended and modified to include the following provisions:
- Unitization and Pooling. Lessee is hereby given the right at its option, at any time from the date hereof while this agreement shall be in effect and from time to time within such period, to pool all or any part or parts of the leased premises or rights therein with any other land in the vicinity thereof, or with any leasehold, operating or other rights or interests in such other land to create units of such size and surface acreage as Lessee may desire, but containing not more than 640 acres plus 10% acreage tolerance. If at any time larger units are required under any then applicable law, rule, regulation or order of any governmental authority for the drilling, completion, or operation of a well, any such unit may be established or enlarged to conform to the size specified. Each unit may be created by governmental authority or by a written declaration-notice executed by Lessee and delivered to Lessor containing a description of the unit so created, specifying the mineral stratum or horizon so pooled, if so limited. Any well which is commenced, or is drilled or is producing on any part of any lands theretofore or thereafter so pooled shall, except for the payment of royalties, be considered a well commenced, drilled, and producing on the lands hereby leased. There shall be allocated to the portion of the leased premises included in any pooling such proportion of the actual production from all lands so pooled as such portion of the leased premises, computed on an acreage basis, bears to the entire acreage of the lands so pooled. The production so allocated shall be considered for the purpose of payment or delivery of royalty to be the entire production from the portion of the leased premises included in such pooling in the same manner as though produced from such portion under the terms of this Agreement. Each of said options may be exercised by Lessee from time to time, and a unit may be formed either before or after a well has been drilled or production has been established on the leased premises or on a portion of the leased premises which is included in the pool or on other lands which are pooled therewith. Lessor waives any rights to notice, hearing and objection concerning the pooling or unitization of the leased premises under federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations
 - b. Shut-In. When all wells, except gas storage or disposal wells, on said land are shut in by

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Lessee for a continuous period of thirty (30) days or longer after the expiration of the primary term, the Lessee shall pay to the Lessor a shut-in royalty in the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per net acre annually, prorated on a monthly basis, payable monthly, quarterly, annually, or at the end of such shut in period.

- c. Expiration, Termination, Abandonment, Etc. This Lease shall not be presumed abandoned, forfeited, terminated, expired, or otherwise lost unless a release of the same is executed and recorded by Lessee; this provision shall not override or supersede any provisions of this Lease with respect to the term hereof.
- 3. Ratification of Remaining Lease Provisions. Lessor and Lessee hereby (i) ratify and agree that the Lease is valid and in effect, (ii) agree that Lessee is not in violation of any terms or provisions of the Lease, including any royalty or rental payment terms thereof, (iii) ratify and affirm all of the terms and provisions of the Lease to the extent that they are not changed, altered or amended by this Amendment.
- 4. Instrument Is Binding. The provisions hereof shall be binding upon the parties, their heirs, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 5. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Amendment and all of which will be deemed to comprise one single instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment as of the date first set

forth above.	
LESSOR:	LESSEE:
	EQT Production Company
	By: Rex C. Ray Its: Attorney in Fact
STATE OF	:
Before me,	, a Notary Public, on this day personally
	nt. Given under my hand and seal of office this day of
	My Commission expires
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA: COUNTY OF KANAWHA:	
Rex C. Ray, known to me to be the p known to be the Attorney in Fact of acknowledged to me that he executed s	, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and of EQT Production Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, and said instrument for the purposes therein expressed as the act of said eal of office this day of, 20
(SEAL)	Notary Public
	My Commission expires
Prepared in blank form by Benjamin M. Sullivan, S	Senior Attorney, EQT Production Company, 1710 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, WV

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