STATE OF COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
ANTERO RESOURCES PICEANCE CORPORATION	)	
FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE	)	
640 ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR	)	**CAUSE NO. 191**
THE PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ASSOCIATED	)	
HYDROCARBONS FROM THE WILLIAMS FORK	)	
FORMATION AND ILES FORMATION OF THE	)	**DOCKET NO. 1101-SP-02**
MESAVERDE GROUP FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED	)	
LANDS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD AREA	)	
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

MOTION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A SITE VISIT

COMES NOW Intervenor, the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado (hereinafter "BOCC"), and herein requests that the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") conduct a site visit of the area affected by the above Application. In support of this request the BOCC states as follows:

1. The Applicant is proposing exponentially-increased well drilling in a densely populated area of Garfield County.

2. In a related case, 1010-SP-37, involving the same geographic area of Garfield County, the COGCC expressed it lacked familiarity with the area of proposed drilling, stating the hearing officer and possibly other commissioners did not know where Silt Mesa and Peach Valley were located. These are residential areas in Garfield County with unique geography and terrain.

3. A site visit by the COGCC to the proposed drilling area would provide an opportunity for members of the Commission to view the areas that could be affected by the Application. A site visit would further provide an opportunity for the COGCC to properly assess the potential impacts to the citizens of Garfield County, including serious issues regarding environmental, public health, safety and welfare concerns related to the Applicant's proposed drilling in an area currently containing significant water resources, residential development, public traffic and transportation corridors, and visual significance in Garfield County, Colorado.

4. A site visit would assist the COGCC in understanding, addressing and resolving any potential adverse affects upon the public welfare in a manner that will reduce, not exacerbate, impacts upon the residents of these areas, including, but not limited to:

A. Potentially severe and long-lasting air quality contamination resulting from potentially severe dust, odor, and noise impacts;

B. Proliferation of the number of pipelines and service roads, scarring of the terrain, and damage to county roads due to increased heavy equipment traffic resulting from the proposed increased well drilling; and

C. Accidental contamination or other impacts due to the increase number of wells.

WHEREFORE, the Intervenor, the BOCC, requests that the COGCC grant this request and schedule a site visit to areas affected by the Application prior to, or in conjunction with, the hearing on this Application scheduled for January 13, 2011.

DATED: December 29, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that true and accurate copies of the foregoing MOTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A SITE VISIT were emailed and deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 29 day of December, 2010, to the following:

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