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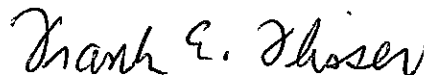
Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg PA 17120

RE: PUC Docket No. M-2012-2288561
Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the PUC is an original of Northampton County Ordinance No. 548-2012 enacted April 19, 2012 in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please contact me with any further questions or comments or e-mail me at the address listed above. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Frank E. Flisser
Clerk to Council

Enclosure

cc: Northampton County Council
John Stoffa, County Executive
Karl F. Longenbach, Northampton County Solicitor

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. 548

SESSION 2012

Bill No. 615

Introduced by Scott Parsons and Robert F. Werner on April 4, 2012

Enacted April 19, 2012

Effective May 19, 2012

Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR AN UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL FEE ON EACH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS WELL SPUD IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED By the Northampton County Council as follows:

Section 1. The County of Northampton 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 14, 2012 (P.L.87, No.13).

"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 thirty (30) days after date of enactment, 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.

This ordinance was advertised on the 7th day of April 2012, and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the 19th day of April 2012.

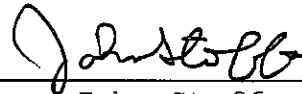
ATTEST:



Frank E. Flisser
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John Cusick
County Council President



John Stoffa
County Executive