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February 2, 2015

Mr. Henry J. Hansen
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Gastar Exploration Inc.
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- RE: (1) Oil and Gas Mineral Rights Notification Letter:
Ohio River Mile Markers 121-123, Wetzel County, West Virginia
- (2) Closing:
Ohio River Mile Markers 121-123, Wetzel County, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The West Virginia Department of Commerce, through the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (the "WVDNR"), has identified your company's bid of \$3,500 per acre to develop the oil and gas underlying Ohio River Mile Markers 121 - 123 in Marshal and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia, containing 319 net mineral acres, more or less, as the highest responsible bid for that property. Be advised that the award of this bid is time sensitive and remains subject to negotiation of a lease agreement acceptable to the agency. A copy of your bid is attached to this correspondence for your reference.

In a recent conversation with this office, you indicated that your company would prefer to close the lease transaction for both of the above-referenced properties simultaneously, and suggested that you would prefer to close on February 10, 11, or 12, 2015. The WVDNR is amenable to this request.

Accordingly, in the interest of efficiency, the WVDNR desires to close a lease transaction on the above-referenced property on or before February 12, 2015, at the WVDNR offices located at 324 Fourth Ave, South Charleston, West Virginia, 25303, at a time to be determined.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with Gastar Exploration on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua L. Jarrell, TO".

Joshua L. Jarrell
Deputy Secretary/General Counsel

cc: Joe Scarberry, WVDNR Office of Land and Streams
Larry George, Special Assistant West Virginia Attorney General

JLJ/tw
Enclosure