

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a regular term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on November 22, 2011, the following order was made and entered:

James Martin, in his official capacity as Director,
Office of Oil and Gas, West Virginia Department
of Environmental Protection; Office of Oil and Gas,
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection;
and EQT Production Company, Petitioners

vs.) No. 11-1157

Matthew L. Hamblet, Respondent

West Virginia Surface Owners' Rights Organization,
Intervenor

On a former day, to-wit, November 4, 2011, came West Virginia Surface Owners' Rights Organization ("WVSORO"), by David McMahon, its attorney, and presented to the Court its motion in writing for leave to intervene as a party respondent in this proceeding, for the reasons stated therein.

Thereafter, on November 14, 2011, came the petitioner, EQT Production Company, by Richard L. Gottlieb and Valerie H. Raupp, Lewis Glasser Casey & Rollins, PLLC, its attorneys, and presented to the Court its written response thereto.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby grant said motion to intervene and WVSORO is hereby made a party respondent in the above-captioned matter. It is therefore ordered that the West Virginia Surface Owners' Rights Organization file an original and ten copies of their respondent's brief, or summary response, on or before December 6, 2011.

Any reply brief deemed necessary thereto may be filed within fifteen days of receipt of the respondent WVSORO's brief.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of Court

