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PENN VIRGINIA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN SOUTH TEXAS OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

RADNOR, Pa., January 22, 2003 – Penn Virginia Corporation (NYSE: PVA) announced today that it acquired a 25 percent non-operated working interest in properties located in a producing field in South Texas. Proved reserves of 31.8 billion cubic feet equivalent of natural gas were acquired in a cash transaction with a private investor group for \$32.5 million or \$1.02 per thousand cubic feet equivalent. The acquisition, which was effective January 1, 2003, was financed with the Company's existing credit facility and is expected to be immediately accretive to PVA's earnings and cash flow.

Nine wells are currently producing and comprise approximately one-third of the total proved reserves acquired. Current daily production net to PVA is approximately 11.4 million cubic feet (Mmcf) of natural gas and 570 barrels of oil, or 14.8 Mmcf equivalent. Additional wells are expected to be drilled over the next two to three years to fully develop the field.

Simultaneous with the closing of this acquisition, the Company entered into oil and gas hedges covering approximately 75 percent of its estimated production from existing wells in the acquired field for the period February 2003 through January 2005. The hedges were completed as swaps, with natural gas at a price of \$4.70 per million British thermal units and oil and condensate at a price of \$26.93 per barrel. Depending on oil and natural gas prices, the Company may also hedge a significant portion of future production from additional wells to be drilled in this field.

The expected impact of this acquisition on PVA's 2003 guidance will be included in the Company's news release announcing 2002 results, which is planned for February 12, 2003, followed by a conference call on February 13, 2003. The time and dialing instructions for the conference call will be provided at a later date.

Forward-looking statements: Penn Virginia Corporation is including the following cautionary statement to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Company. With the exception of historical matters, any matters discussed are forward-looking (as defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) and, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projected results. These risks, uncertainties and contingencies include, but are not limited to, the following: the cost of finding and successfully developing oil and gas reserves; the ability to acquire new oil and gas reserves on satisfactory terms; the price for which such reserves can be sold; the volatility of commodity prices for oil and gas; the risks associated with having or not having price risk management programs; Penn Virginia's ability to obtain adequate pipeline transportation capacity for its oil and gas production; competition among producers in the oil and gas industry generally; the extent to which the amount and quality of actual production differs from estimated proved oil and gas reserves; unanticipated geological problems; availability of required materials and equipment; the occurrence of unusual weather or operating conditions including force majeure events; the failure of equipment or processes to operate in accordance with specifications or expectations; delays in anticipated start-up dates; environmental risks affecting the drilling and producing of oil and gas wells; the timing of receipt of necessary governmental permits; labor relations and costs; accidents; changes in governmental regulation or enforcement practices, especially with respect to environmental, health and safety matters, risks and uncertainties relating to general domestic and international economic (including inflation and interest rates) and political conditions; changes in financial market conditions; and other risk factors detailed in Penn Virginia's Securities and Exchange commission filings.

PVA is an energy company engaged in the exploration, acquisition, development and production of crude oil and natural gas. Through its ownership in Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE:PVR), PVA is also in the business of managing coal and timber properties. PVA is headquartered in Radnor, PA.