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## PENN VIRGINIA CORPORATION UPDATES 2002 GUIDANCE

**RADNOR, Pa., April 2, 2002** -- Penn Virginia Corporation (NYSE: PVA) today updated its operational guidance for 2002. Due primarily to drilling successes in South Texas and West Virginia, full year 2002 natural gas production is now expected to be approximately 19 Bcfe or five percent over the midpoint of the 17.5 to 19.0 Bcf range previously given as guidance for natural gas production.

A. James Dearlove, President and Chief Executive Officer said, "The successes at the Tom Lyne field in South Texas and the West Virginia CBM project are particularly important since they support the Company's strategy of geographic diversity, exploration and technical innovation."

A well drilled in the Tom Lyne Field in Live Oak County, Texas during the fourth quarter commenced production after encountering the two targeted Wilcox sands and discovering a third Wilcox sand. The Tom Lyne #1 well (100% WI) was drilled to 10,927 feet and encountered 60 feet of net pay in the Reagan C and D sands and 85 feet of net pay in the Upper Massive sand with porosity up to 30 percent. The well was completed in the Reagan D and Upper Massive sands and is currently producing 10 million cubic feet (MMcf) and 140 barrels (Bbls) of oil per day with a flowing tubing pressure of 5,900 psi. Penn Virginia's total current production is approximately 51 MMcf and 1,000 Bbls of oil per day. The well was drilled on acreage associated with the Company's 2001 acquisition of Synergy Oil & Gas, Inc. An offsetting development well has been drilled and is waiting on completion and another development well is currently drilling. Penn Virginia is the operator and has a 100% working interest and an 87.5% net revenue interest over the entire Tom Lyne project.

The Company also announced it has participated in a three-well, horizontally-drilled coal bed methane project in Wyoming County, West Virginia. The three wells were drilled from a central location using technology developed by CDX Gas, LLC, with laterals in the Pocahontas 3 seam drilled from 10,309 feet to 17,818 feet in total pattern length. The wells are currently producing in the aggregate approximately 2.3 MMcf per day from open-hole completions. Horizontally-drilled wells allow production to occur at much higher rates than vertically-drilled wells. For comparison, a vertically-drilled well in this area completed in this same coal interval would be expected to produce 50 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) per day after stimulation. The wells were drilled on acreage obtained as part of the Mingo acquisition in 2000. Penn Virginia has a 50% working interest and a 53.125% net revenue interest in this project and is considering the use of this technology in the development of its CBM properties.

In a related guidance update, Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P., (NYSE: PVR) a partnership in which Penn Virginia is the general partner, reduced its full year 2002 guidance for lessee coal production tonnage by approximately one million tons, with a related reduction in 2002 revenue to Penn Virginia Corporation of approximately \$2.0 million from previous guidance. The guidance decrease is primarily due to the Chapter 11 filing and cessation of mining by Pen Holdings, Inc., the operator at PVR's Fork Creek property. Pen Holdings has stated that it is actively seeking a purchaser for its operations at Fork Creek. Operations are expected to resume after a purchaser is found. Despite the reduced production guidance, PVR still expects to have sufficient cash to pay minimum quarterly distributions on all common and subordinated units in 2002 and beyond.

The guidance change is not expected to change previously-announced first quarter 2002 guidance for either PVR or PVA.

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This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws with respect to development activities, capital expenditures, acquisitions and dispositions, drilling and exploration programs, expected commencement dates of coal mining or oil and gas production, projected quantities of future oil and gas production by PVA, projected quantities of future coal production by lessees producing coal from reserves leased from PVR, costs and expenditures, as well as projected demand or supply for coal and oil and gas, which will affect sales levels, prices and royalties realized by PVA and PVR. Certain factors discussed herein and in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission could cause actual results to differ from those in these forward-looking statements, and reference is made to such filings.

*PVA is a uniquely-positioned energy company engaged in the exploration, acquisition, development and production of crude oil and natural gas in major hydrocarbon basins in the United States. Through its ownership in Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE:PVR), PVA is also in the business of managing coal, timber and related assets. PVA is headquartered in Radnor, PA. More information can be found on the Company's web site at [www.pennvirginia.com](http://www.pennvirginia.com).*