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Penn Virginia Announces Additional Natural Gas Hedges for 2001

RADNOR, PA, January 29, 2001 -- Penn Virginia Corporation (NYSE: PVA) announced today that the Company has entered into hedges covering approximately 13 percent of its anticipated production for the second and third quarters of 2001. Basis hedges covering an approximate additional 11 percent of production for the same period were also executed. These hedges were in the form of "costless collars" having an average NYMEX floor price of $4.60 per Mmbtu and a NYMEX ceiling of $6.75 per Mmbtu. In addition, basis hedges were put in place that correlate the NYMEX hedges and actual prices received to their respective delivery points.

During the first quarter of 2000 the Company previously executed "fixed" price NYMEX hedges and basis hedges effecting approximately 18 percent of its first quarter production and basis hedges covering an approximate additional 15 percent of production for the same period.

In total, for the first three quarters of 2001 the Company has hedged approximately 15 percent of its estimated production and an additional approximate 12 percent for basis differential only. Estimated 2000 production is 11.9 Bcfe. Depending on the success of the exploratory and development drilling programs, production in 2001 is projected to increase 5 to 15 percent including the effects of the Appalachian property sale that closed on December 29, 2000.

The following table summarizes, by quarter, the volumes, collar range, fixed price and basis differentials in place for 2001 as discussed above:

	Volume	NYMEX			NYMEX Basis
	(Mmbtu/d)	Fixed Price	Floor	Ceiling	Differential
First Quarter	6,000	$ 2.84	$ -	$ -	$ 0.19
Second Quarter	5,000	$ -	$ 4.60	$ 6.75	$ 0.21
Third Quarter	5,000	$ -	$ 4.60	$ 6.75	$ 0.21
Weighted Average per Mcf	5,174	$ 2.93	$ 4.74	$ 6.95	$ 0.21
First Quarter	5,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 0.23
Second Quarter	4,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 0.32
Third Quarter	4,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 0.32
Weighted Average per Mcf	4,204	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 0.29

Penn Virginia President and Chief Executive Officer, A. James Dearlove, said "We continue to believe that the market for natural gas will be strong over the next several years. The factors of supply and demand are more delicately balanced than at any time in recent history. Given market trends over the past several weeks, we thought it prudent to place a floor under a portion of the summer month's production. In addition, we locked in an Appalachian basis differential on additional volumes that exceeds the prior three years realizations by approximately 50 percent. We will continue to monitor the markets and at some point in the future may put additional hedges in place: however; at this time, given our strong financial position and current industry fundamentals we have no immediate plans to hedge additional volumes."

Penn Virginia Corporation is an energy company engaged primarily in the exploration, development and production of oil and gas, leasing of mineral rights and collection of royalties. Penn Virginia is headquartered in Radnor, PA.

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