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PENN VIRGINIA RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P. ANNOUNCES GATHERING AND COMPRESSION AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE PRODUCER IN THE MARCELLUS SHALE

RADNOR, PA (BusinessWire) March 16, 2010 – The midstream division of Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE: PVR), PVR Midstream, announced today that it has entered into an agreement to construct and operate gas gathering pipelines and compression facilities servicing a private firm's Marcellus Shale natural gas production in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

PVR Midstream will construct a 12-inch gathering pipeline and compression facilities with 25 million cubic feet (MMcf) per day of throughput capacity. This system is expected to become operational during the second quarter of 2010, with the potential for additional system extensions.

PVR Midstream's 2010 capital investment in this system is anticipated to range from \$6 to \$7 million, with potential future system extensions costing up to \$10 million. PVR Midstream expects its investment to be accretive to distributable cash flow once the system is operational.

Management Comment

William H. Shea, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of PVR, said, "We are pleased to announce an additional gathering and related services arrangement in the Marcellus Shale of northern Pennsylvania. This project will generate fee-based revenue and is expected to be accretive to distributable cash flow by the third quarter of 2010. We will continue to look for opportunities to expand our presence in this emerging and potentially large resource play."

Headquartered in Radnor, PA, Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE: PVR) is a publicly traded limited partnership formed by Penn Virginia Corporation (NYSE: PVA). PVR manages coal and natural resource properties and related assets and operates a midstream natural gas gathering and processing business.

For more information about us, visit our website at www.pvresource.com.

Certain statements contained herein that are not descriptions of historical facts are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Because such statements include risks, uncertainties and contingencies, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and contingencies include, but are not limited to, the following: the volatility of commodity prices; our ability to access external sources of capital; the projected demand for and supply of natural gas; whether or not the acquisition will be accretive to distributable cash flow; estimated cash flow prior to financing costs; the extent to which gathering volumes differ from projected levels; the extent to which drilling activity differs from projected levels; competition among natural gas midstream companies; the experience and financial condition of our natural gas midstream customers; operating risks, including unanticipated geological problems, incidental to our natural gas midstream business; our ability to acquire new natural gas midstream assets and new sources of natural gas supply and connections to third-party pipelines on satisfactory terms; our ability to retain existing or acquire new natural gas midstream customers; the occurrence of unusual weather or operating conditions including force majeure events; delays in anticipated start-up dates of new pipelines and facilities in our natural gas midstream business; environmental risks affecting the production and gathering of natural gas; the timing of receipt

of necessary governmental permits by us; hedging results; 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, interest rates and financial and credit markets) and political conditions (including the impact of potential terrorist attacks); and other risks set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

Additional information concerning these and other factors can be found in our press releases and public periodic filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Many of the factors that will determine our future results are beyond the ability of management to control or predict. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect management's views only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.