

# **EQT Moves to Block Ritchie County Royalty Claims, Citing \$53.5 Million Settlement from 2019**

“Two years after it agreed to pay \$53.5 million to settle a lawsuit that alleged the company was shorting thousands of state residents and businesses on gas royalty payments, one of West Virginia’s largest natural gas producers wants a federal judge to block gas leaseholders from going after the,” reports Mike Tony in Charleston Gazette-Mail.

“Pittsburgh-based EQT Production Co. has filed a motion asking the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia to block gas leaseholders from proceeding with their circuit court litigation against EQT, arguing that the settlement agreement prohibits further action against the company for royalty claims.”

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