

Comstock Resources, Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2019 Financials and Operating Results

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Frisco, Aug. 07, 2019 - [Comstock Resources Inc.](#) ("Comstock" or the "Company") (NYSE: CRK) today reported financial and operating results for the second quarter of 2019. On August 14, 2018, the Company completed transactions in which entities controlled by Dallas businessman Jerry Jones contributed Bakken Shale properties to the Company in exchange for a controlling interest in the Company (the "Jones Contribution") and the Company refinanced its long-term debt. Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2019 reflect the Jones Contribution, while results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 (the "Predecessor") reflect the historical results of Comstock for that period. The Company's consolidated financial results are being presented with a blackline division which delineates the lack of comparability between amounts presented for these periods.

Financial Results for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2019

For the second quarter of 2019, Comstock reported net income of \$21.4 million or \$0.20 per diluted share as compared to a net loss of \$34.0 million or \$2.22 per share for the Predecessor second quarter of 2018. The second quarter 2019 results included an unrealized gain from derivative financial instruments held to manage oil and gas price risks of \$12.8 million and Covey Park merger related transaction costs of \$1.4 million. Excluding these items, the net income for the second quarter of 2019 would have been \$12.7 million or \$0.12 per diluted share.

Comstock produced 40.9 billion cubic feet ("Bcf") of natural gas and 695,000 barrels of oil or 45.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent ("Bcfe") in the second quarter of 2019. The Company's natural gas production averaged 450 million cubic feet ("MMcf") per day, an increase of 88% over natural gas production in the Predecessor second quarter of 2018 and 22% higher than the first quarter of 2019. The growth in natural gas production was primarily attributable to Comstock's Haynesville shale drilling program. Oil production in the second quarter of 2019, which averaged 7,628 barrels of oil per day, increased from the 990 barrels per day produced in the Predecessor second quarter of 2018 due to production from the Bakken Shale properties. Oil production in the second quarter of 2018 was primarily attributable to the Company's Eagle Ford shale properties which were sold on April 30, 2018.

Comstock's average realized natural gas price, including hedging gains, decreased 13% to \$2.29 per Mcf in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to \$2.64 per Mcf realized in the Predecessor second quarter of 2018. The Company's average realized oil price, including hedging gains, decreased by 9% to \$52.12 per barrel in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to \$57.56 per barrel in the Predecessor second quarter of 2018. Oil and gas sales were \$130.1 million (including realized hedging gains and losses) in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to the Predecessor 2018 second quarter sales of \$62.6 million. EBITDAX, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, amortization, exploration expense and other noncash expenses, of \$93.2 million in the second quarter of 2019 increased by 110% over EBITDAX of \$44.3 million for the Predecessor second quarter of 2018. The Company's operating cash flow generated in the second quarter of 2019 (before working capital changes and the merger related costs) of \$66.3 million increased 151% over operating cash flow of \$26.4 million in the Predecessor second quarter of 2018.

Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2019

For the first six months of 2019, Comstock reported net income of \$35.0 million or \$0.33 per diluted share as compared to a net loss of \$75.9 million or \$4.99 per share for the Predecessor first six months of 2018. The first six months of 2019 results included an unrealized loss from derivative financial instruments held to manage oil and gas price risks of \$0.2 million and the merger related transaction costs of \$1.4 million. Excluding these items, the net income for the first six months of 2019 would have been \$36.3 million or \$0.34 per share.

Comstock produced 74.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 1.5 million barrels of oil or 83.1 Bcfe in the first

six months of 2019. The Company's natural gas production averaged 409 MMcf per day, an increase of 71% over natural gas production in the Predecessor first six months of 2018. Oil production in the first six months of 2019, which averaged 8,313 barrels of oil per day, increased from the 1,547 barrels per day produced in the Predecessor first six months of 2018 due to production from the contributed Bakken Shale properties.

Comstock's average realized natural gas price, including hedging gains, decreased 7% to \$2.55 per Mcf in the first six months of 2019 as compared to \$2.73 per Mcf realized in the Predecessor first six months of 2018. The Company's average realized oil price, including hedging gains, decreased by 25% to \$48.71 per barrel in the first six months of 2019 as compared to \$65.12 per barrel in the Predecessor first six months of 2018. Oil and gas sales were \$262.3 million (including realized hedging gains and losses) in the first six months of 2019 as compared to the Predecessor first six months of 2018 sales of \$136.6 million. EBITDAX of \$190.2 million in the first six months of 2019 increased by 94% over EBITDAX of \$98.0 million for the Predecessor first six months of 2018. The Company's operating cash flow generated in the first six months of 2019 (before working capital changes and the merger related costs) of \$137.0 million increased 120% over operating cash flow of \$62.2 million in the Predecessor first six months of 2018.

Drilling Results

Comstock reported the results to date of its 2019 Haynesville/Bossier shale drilling program which is driving the strong production growth in 2019. During the first six months of 2019, Comstock spent \$181.9 million on its development activities. Comstock spent \$155.9 million on drilling and completing Haynesville shale wells. Comstock drilled 21 (14.2 net) horizontal Haynesville/Bossier shale wells during the first six months of 2019, which had an average lateral length of approximately 8,016 feet. Comstock also completed 19 (5.2 net) wells that were drilled in 2018. Twelve (9.4 net) of the wells drilled in the first six months of 2019 were also completed. Comstock also spent \$15.9 million drilling four (2.2 net) Eagle Ford shale oil wells and an additional \$10.1 million primarily on leasehold and other development activity.

Since the last operational update, Comstock reported on ten new Haynesville shale wells. The average initial production rate of these wells was 24 MMcf per day. The wells had completed lateral lengths ranging from 4,426 feet to 11,319 feet, with an average completed lateral length of 6,970 feet. Each well was tested at initial production rates of 22 to 28 MMcf per day. The four Eagle Ford shale wells in South Texas drilled in 2019 have been completed and had an average initial production rate of 1,034 barrels of oil equivalent (85% oil) per well.

Covey Park 2019 Results

On July 16, 2019 Comstock completed the previously announced acquisition of Covey Park Energy, LLC ("Covey Park") pursuant to a merger in which the Company was the surviving entity. The Company's financial results will include the results of operations of Covey Park in the third quarter of 2019 beginning on July 16, 2019.

For the three months ended June 30, 2019, Covey Park produced 67.6 Bcf of natural gas and 11,000 barrels of oil or 68 Bcfe. Covey Park's average realized sales price (including hedging gains) was \$2.68 per Mcf for natural gas and \$59.94 per barrel for oil. Total oil and gas sales for the second quarter of 2019 (including hedging gains) were \$182.1 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, Covey Park produced 131.0 Bcf of natural gas and 20,000 barrels of oil or 131 Bcfe. The average realized sales price (including hedging gains) was \$2.74 per Mcf for natural gas and \$58.25 per barrel for oil. Total oil and gas sales for the six months ended June 30, 2019 (including realized hedging gains) were \$359.7 million.

During the first six months of 2019, Covey Park drilled 17 Haynesville shale wells (15.5 net) and completed 19 wells (17.7 net). The average per well initial production rate of these wells was 20 MMcf per day. The wells had completed lateral lengths ranging from 4,200 feet to 9,492 feet, with an average completed lateral length of 7,403 feet. Each well was tested at initial production rates of 12 to 30 MMcf per day.

With completion of the Covey Park acquisition, Comstock's 2019 annual drilling and completion budget will be \$538 million which includes drilling activity on Covey Park properties subsequent to the closing of the

merger. Activity planned for 2019 includes completing 19 (5.2 net) wells drilled by Comstock in 2018 and drilling 78 (57.4 net) Haynesville/Bossier shale wells in 2019. Comstock is also spending \$21.2 million in 2019 on its Eagle Ford shale and Bakken shale oil properties.

Other

Comstock has planned a conference call for 10:00 a.m. Central Time on August 7, 2019, to discuss the second quarter of 2019 operational and financial results. Investors wishing to participate should visit the Company's website at www.comstockresources.com for a live web cast or dial 844-776-7840 (international dial-in use 661-378-9538) and provide access code 6057864 when prompted. If you are unable to participate in the original conference call, a web replay will be available approximately 24 hours following the completion of the call on Comstock's website at www.comstockresources.com. The web replay will be available for approximately one week. A replay of the conference call will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT August 7, 2019 and will continue until 1:00 p.m. August 14, 2019. To hear the replay, call 855-859-2056 (404-537-3406 if calling from outside the US). The conference call access code is 6057864.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described herein. Although the Company believes the expectations in such statements to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct.

[Comstock Resources Inc.](#) is an independent energy company based in Frisco, Texas engaged in oil and gas acquisitions, exploration and development, and its assets are primarily located in Texas, Louisiana and North Dakota. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

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OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2019	2018 (Predecessor)	Six Months 2019
Revenues:			
Natural gas sales.....	\$ 91,951	\$ 56,265	\$ 182,083
Oil sales.....	36,165	5,184	72,914
Total oil and gas sales.....	128,116	61,449	254,997
Operating expenses:			
Production taxes.....	5,827	1,112	11,766
Gathering and transportation.....	10,502	4,398	17,932
Lease operating.....	14,452	7,948	29,337
Depreciation, depletion and amortization.....	46,847	26,798	84,437
General and administrative.....	6,841	6,639	14,655
Loss on sale of oil and gas properties.....	26	6,838	25
Total operating expenses.....	84,495	53,733	158,152
Operating income.....	43,621	7,716	96,845
Other income (expenses):			
Gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments.....	14,744	(1,638)	7,087
Other income.....	155	327	248
Interest expense.....	(28,568)	(40,213)	(56,419)
Transaction costs.....	(1,443)	(317)	(1,443)

Total other income (expenses).....	(15,112)	(41,841)	(50,527)
Income (loss) before income taxes.....	28,509	(34,125)	46,318
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes.....	(7,102)	122	(11,336)
Net income (loss).....	\$ 21,407	\$ (34,003)	\$ 34,982
Net income (loss) per share – basic and diluted.....	\$ 0.20	\$ (2.22)	\$ 0.33
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted.....	105,457	15,340	105,457

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OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2019	2018 (Predecessor)
OPERATING CASH FLOW:		
Net income (loss).....	\$ 21,407	\$ (34,003)
Reconciling items:		
Deferred income taxes.....	7,078	(146)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization.....	46,847	26,798
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments.....	(12,797)	2,746
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs.....	1,623	12,211
Interest paid in-kind.....	–	10,169
Stock-based compensation.....	623	1,508
Transaction costs.....	1,443	317
Loss on sale of oil and gas properties.....	26	6,838
Operating cash flow.....	66,250	26,438
Transaction costs.....	(1,443)	(317)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable.....	9,951	(2,172)
Decrease in other current assets.....	15	169
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	23,538	41,324
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	\$ 98,311	\$ 65,442
EBITDAX:		
Net income (loss).....	\$ 21,407	\$ (34,003)
Interest expense.....	28,568	40,213
Income taxes.....	7,102	(122)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization.....	46,847	26,798
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments.....	(12,797)	2,746
Transaction costs.....	1,443	317
Stock-based compensation.....	623	1,508
Loss on sale of oil and gas properties.....	26	6,838
Total Adjusted EBITDAX.....	\$ 93,219	\$ 44,295

	As of June 30, 2019	As of December 2018
BALANCE SHEET DATA:		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 46,747	\$ 23,193
Derivative financial instruments.....	14,284	15,401
Other current assets.....	90,410	120,83
Property and equipment, net.....	1,765,445	1,667,
Other.....	366,010	360,43
Total assets.....	\$ 2,282,896	\$ 2,187,
Current liabilities.....	\$ 228,625	\$ 206,85
Long-term debt.....	1,267,390	1,244,
Deferred income taxes.....	173,253	161,91
Other non-current liabilities.....	2,348	&mdas
Asset retirement obligation.....	5,456	5,136
Stockholders' equity.....	605,824	569,57
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	\$ 2,282,896	\$ 2,187,

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REGIONAL OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	For the Three Months Haynesville/ Bossier
Gas production (MMcf).....	
Oil production (Mbbls).....	
Total production (MMcfe).....	
Natural gas sales.....	\$
Natural gas hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	
Total natural gas including hedging.....	
Oil sales.....	
Oil hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	
Total oil including hedging.....	
Total oil and gas sales including hedging.....	\$
Average gas price (per Mcf).....	\$
Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf).....	
Average oil price (per barrel).....	\$
Average oil price including hedging (per barrel).....	
Average price (per Mcfe).....	\$
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe).....	
Production taxes.....	\$
Gathering and transportation.....	\$
Lease operating.....	\$
Production taxes (per Mcfe).....	\$
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe).....	\$
Lease operating (per Mcfe).....	\$
Oil and Gas Capital Expenditures:	
Development leasehold.....	\$

Development drilling and completion.....	
Other development.....	
Total.....	\$

(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results

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REGIONAL OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	For the Three Mo
	Haynesville/ Bossier
Gas production (MMcf).....	20,682
Oil production (Mbbbls).....	—
Total production (MMcfe).....	20,682
Natural gas sales.....	\$ 53,294
Natural gas hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	—
Total natural gas including hedging.....	53,294
Oil sales.....	—
Total oil and gas sales including hedging.....	\$ 53,294
Average gas price (per Mcf).....	\$ 2.58
Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf).....	—
Average oil price (per barrel).....	\$ —
Average price (per Mcfe).....	\$ 2.58
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe).....	—
Production taxes.....	\$ 833
Gathering and transportation.....	\$ 4,037
Lease operating.....	\$ 3,081
Production taxes (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.04
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.20
Lease operating (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.14
Oil and Gas Capital Expenditures:	
Development leasehold.....	\$ 1,191
Development drilling and completion.....	38,090
Other development.....	3,920
Total.....	\$ 43,201

(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results

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REGIONAL OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

For the Six Months E

Haynesville/ Bossier

Gas production (MMcf).....	
Oil production (Mbbbls).....	
Total production (MMcfe).....	
Natural gas sales.....	\$
Natural gas hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	
Total natural gas including hedging.....	
Oil sales.....	
Oil hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	
Total oil including hedging.....	
Total oil and gas sales including hedging.....	\$
Average gas price (per Mcf).....	\$
Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf).....	
Average oil price (per barrel).....	\$
Average oil price including hedging (per barrel).....	
Average price (per Mcfe).....	\$
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe).....	
Production taxes.....	\$
Gathering and transportation.....	\$
Lease operating.....	\$
Production taxes (per Mcfe).....	\$
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe).....	\$
Lease operating (per Mcfe).....	\$
Oil and Gas Capital Expenditures:	
Development leasehold.....	\$
Development drilling and completion.....	
Other development.....	
Total.....	\$

(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results

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REGIONAL OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

For the Six Months

Haynesville/ Bossier

Gas production (MMcf).....	40,679
Oil production (Mbbbls).....	—
Total production (MMcfe).....	40,679
Natural gas sales.....	\$ 107,858
Natural gas hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾	—
Total natural gas including hedging.....	107,858
Oil sales.....	—
Total oil and gas sales including hedging.....	\$ 107,858
Average gas price (per Mcf).....	\$ 2.65

Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf).....	
Average oil price (per barrel).....	\$ —
Average price (per Mcfe).....	\$ 2.65
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe).....	
Production taxes.....	\$ 1,901
Gathering and transportation.....	\$ 7,743
Lease operating.....	\$ 5,976
Production taxes (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.05
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.19
Lease operating (per Mcfe).....	\$ 0.14
Oil and Gas Capital Expenditures:	
Development leasehold.....	\$ 2,344
Development drilling and completion.....	76,629
Other development.....	10,247
Total.....	\$ 89,220

(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results

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(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	For the Three Months En	
	Comstock	Covey Park
Gas production (MMcf).....		40,928
Oil production (Mbbbls).....		695
Total production (MMcfe).....		45,093
Natural gas sales.....	\$	91,951
Natural gas hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾		1,932
Total natural gas including hedging.....		93,883
Oil sales.....		36,165
Oil hedging settlements ⁽¹⁾		15
Total oil including hedging.....		36,180
Total oil and gas sales including hedging.....	\$	130,063
Average gas price (per Mcf).....	\$	2.25
Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf).....	\$	2.29
Average oil price (per barrel).....	\$	52.10
Average oil price including hedging (per barrel).....	\$	52.12
Average price (per Mcfe).....	\$	2.84
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe).....	\$	2.88
Production taxes.....	\$	5,827
Gathering and transportation.....	\$	10,502
Lease operating.....	\$	14,452
Production taxes (per Mcfe).....	\$	0.13
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe).....	\$	0.23
Lease operating (per Mcfe).....	\$	0.32

- (1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results
- (2) Pro forma for an acquisition which completed on March 5, 2019

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