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## COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2023 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

**FRISCO, TEXAS, October 30, 2023** – Comstock Resources, Inc. ("Comstock" or the "Company") (NYSE: CRK) today reported financial and operating results for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

## Highlights of 2023's Third Quarter

- Continued weak natural gas prices weighed heavily on the third quarter results.
- Natural gas and oil sales, including realized hedging gains, were \$316 million.
- Operating cash flow was \$167 million or \$0.60 per diluted share.
- Adjusted EBITDAX for the quarter was \$209 million.
- Adjusted net income was \$11.7 million for the quarter.
- Solid results from the Haynesville shale drilling program with 21 (18.1 net) operated wells turned to sales since the Company's last update with an average initial production of 29 MMcf per day.
- Latest two Western Haynesville wells were successful with average initial production rates of 34 and 35 Mmcf per day.
- Entering into new venture to fund the midstream build-out to support Western Haynesville development.

### Financial Results for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

Comstock's natural gas and oil sales in the third quarter of 2023 totaled \$315.8 million (including realized hedging gains of \$10.3 million). Operating cash flow (excluding changes in working capital) generated in the third quarter of 2023 was \$167.2 million, and net income available to common stockholders for the third quarter was \$14.7 million or \$0.05 per share. Net income in the quarter included a pre-tax \$3.9 million unrealized gain on hedging contracts held for risk management. Excluding this item and certain other items, adjusted net income available to common stockholders for the third quarter diluted share.

Comstock's production cost per Mcfe in the third quarter averaged \$0.85 per Mcfe, which was comprised of \$0.36 for gathering and transportation costs, \$0.24 for lease operating costs, \$0.20 for production and other taxes and \$0.05 for cash general and administrative expenses. Comstock's unhedged operating margin was 64% in the third quarter of 2023 and 65% after hedging.

#### Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023

Natural gas and oil sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 totaled \$991.4 million (including realized hedging gains of \$76.2 million). Operating cash flow (excluding changes in working capital) generated during the first nine months of 2023 was \$567.6 million, and net income available to common stockholders was \$103.5 million or \$0.37 per share. Adjusted net income available to common stockholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$104.8 million or \$0.38 per diluted share.

Comstock's production cost per Mcfe during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 averaged \$0.85 per Mcfe, which was comprised of \$0.36 for gathering and transportation costs, \$0.26 for lease operating costs, \$0.16 for production and other taxes and \$0.07 for cash general and administrative expenses. Comstock's unhedged operating margin was 65% during the first nine months of 2023 and 67% after hedging.

#### **Drilling Results**

Comstock drilled thirteen (10.2 net) operated horizontal Haynesville/Bossier shale wells in the third quarter of 2023 which had an average lateral length of 11,644 feet. Comstock turned 21 (18.1 net) operated wells to sales in the third quarter of 2023.

Since its last operational update in August, Comstock has turned 21 (18.1 net) operated Haynesville/Bossier shale wells to sales. These wells had initial daily production rates that averaged 29 MMcf per day. The completed lateral length of these wells averaged 10,460 feet.

Included in the wells turned to sales were the sixth and seventh successful Western Haynesville wells – the Cazey MS #1 and the Lanier CW #1. The Cazey MS #1 well was drilled to a total vertical depth of 15,986 feet and has a 10,028 foot completed lateral. The well's initial production rate was 34 MMcf per day. The Lanier CW #1 well was drilled to a total vertical depth of 17,309 feet and has a 9,577 foot completed lateral. The well's initial production rate was 35 MMcf per day.

#### **Declaration of Quarterly Dividend**

On October 30, 2023, Comstock's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.125 per common share. The dividend will be payable on December 15, 2023 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2023.

#### Midstream Partnership

Comstock is forming a midstream partnership for its Western Haynesville acreage with Quantum Capital Solutions ("QCS"), an affiliate of Quantum Capital Group. As part of this transaction, Comstock will contribute its Pinnacle gathering and treating system, which is comprised of 145-mile high pressure pipeline and the Bethel natural gas processing plant to the partnership in exchange for a total capital commitment by QCS of \$300 million to fund the future build-out of the Western Haynesville midstream system over the next several years. Comstock will control and operate the midstream system. "The new partnership with QCS is expected to fund the needed expansion for our Western Haynesville midstream development program over the next five years," stated M. Jay Allison, Chief Executive Officer of Comstock.

#### **Earnings Call Information**

Comstock has planned a conference call for 10:00 a.m. Central Time on October 31, 2023, to discuss the third quarter 2023 operational and financial results. Investors wishing to listen should visit the Company's website at <u>www.comstockresources.com</u> for a live webcast. Investors wishing to participate in the conference call telephonically will need to register at <u>https://register.vevent.com/register/BIfc74a143ead8420db183d8bae</u> 061d4c9. Upon registering to participate in the conference call, participants will receive the dial-in number and a personal PIN number to access the conference call. On the day of the call, please dial in at least 15 minutes in advance to ensure a timely connection to the call. The conference call will also be broadcast live in listen-only mode and can be accessed via the website URL: <u>https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/5d543ov4</u>.

If you are unable to participate in the original conference call, a web replay will be available for twelve months beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT on October 31, 2023. The replay of the conference can be accessed using the webcast link: <u>https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/5d543ov4</u>.

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. Information concerning the assumptions, uncertainties and risks that may affect the actual results can be found in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") available on the Company's website or the SEC's website at sec.gov.

Comstock Resources, Inc. is a leading independent natural gas producer with operations focused on the development of the Haynesville shale in North Louisiana and East Texas. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2023		2022		2023		2022	
Revenues:									
Natural gas sales	\$	304,141	\$	994,979	\$	911,065	\$	2,376,774	
Oil sales		1,309		1,936		4,111		6,324	
Total natural gas and oil sales		305,450		996,915		915,176		2,383,098	
Gas services		71,287		193,090		239,350		322,575	
Total revenues		376,737		1,190,005		1,154,526		2,705,673	
Operating expenses:									
Production and ad valorem taxes		25,386		24,531		59,891		60,080	
Gathering and transportation		47,012		44,740		137,981		113,797	
Lease operating		31,664		28,608		100,525		79,873	
Exploration				—		1,775		3,363	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		148,190		129,065		422,350		354,994	
Gas services		67,632		181,818		224,317		305,271	
General and administrative		9,586		10,165		31,992		27,451	
Loss on sale of assets				_		(125)		(21)	
Total operating expenses		329,470		418,927		978,706		944,808	
Operating income		47,267		771,078		175,820		1,760,865	
Other income (expenses):									
Gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments		14,276		(271,335)		76,190		(781,654)	
Other income		409		56		1,467		506	
Interest expense		(43,624)		(41,393)		(121,082)		(132, 204)	
Loss on early retirement of debt				_				(46,840)	
Total other expenses		(28,939)		(312,672)		(43,425)		(960,192)	
Income before income taxes		18,328		458,406		132,395		800,673	
Provision for income taxes		(3,608)		(102,810)		(28,878)		(179,610)	
Net income		14,720		355,596		103,517		621,063	
Preferred stock dividends				(4,411)				(13,089)	
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	14,720	\$	351,185	\$	103,517	\$	607,974	
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Net income per share:									
Basic	\$	0.05	\$	1.50	\$	0.37	\$	2.61	
Diluted	\$	0.05	\$	1.28	\$	0.37	\$	2.24	
Weighted average shares outstanding:	φ 	0.05	φ	1.20	φ	0.57	φ	2.27	
Basic		276,999		232,482		276,741		232,170	
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Diluted		276,999	_	277,715	_	276,741		277,605	
Dividends per share	\$	0.125	\$		\$	0.375	\$		

#### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Mon Septem		
		2023		2022		2023		2022
Natural gas production (MMcf)		130,528		128,902		383,902	_	367,758
Oil production (Mbbls)		17		21		57		66
Total production (MMcfe)		130,629		129,025		384,241		368,152
Natural gas sales	\$	304,141	\$	994,979	\$	911,065	\$	2,376,774
Natural gas hedging settlements <sup>(1)</sup>		10,344		(304,489)		76,221		(679,038)
Total natural gas including hedging		314,485		690,490		987,286		1,697,736
Oil sales		1,309		1,936		4,111		6,324
Total natural gas and oil sales including hedging	\$	315,794	\$	692,426	\$	991,397	\$	1,704,060
Average natural gas price (per Mcf)	\$	2.33	\$	7.72	\$	2.37	\$	6.46
Average natural gas price including hedging (per Mcf)	\$	2.41	\$	5.36	\$	2.57	\$	4.62
Average oil price (per barrel)	\$	77.00	\$	92.19	\$	72.12	\$	95.82
Average price (per Mcfe)	\$	2.34	\$	7.73	\$	2.38	\$	6.47
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe)	\$	2.42	\$	5.37	\$	2.58	\$	4.63
Production and ad valorem taxes	\$	25,386	\$	24,531	\$	59,891	\$	60,080
Gathering and transportation		47,012		44,740		137,981		113,797
Lease operating		31,664		28,608		100,525		79,873
Cash general and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>		6,931	_	8,323		24,985		22,533
Total production costs	\$	110,993	\$	106,202	\$	323,382	\$	276,283
Production and ad valorem taxes (per Mcfe)	\$	0.20	\$	0.19	\$	0.16	\$	0.16
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe)		0.36		0.35		0.36		0.31
Lease operating (per Mcfe)		0.24		0.22		0.26		0.22
Cash general and administrative (per Mcfe)		0.05		0.06		0.07		0.06
Total production costs (per Mcfe)	\$	0.85	\$	0.82	\$	0.85	\$	0.75
Unhedged operating margin		64%	ó	89%	65%		, 0	88%
Hedged operating margin		65%	ó	85%	)	67%	Ó	84%
Gas services revenue	\$	71,287	\$	193,090	\$	239,350	\$	322,575
Gas services expenses		67,632		181,818		224,317		305,271
Gas services margin	\$	3,655	\$	11,272	\$	15,033	\$	17,304
Natural Gas and Oil Capital Expenditures:								
Proved property acquisitions	\$		\$		\$		\$	205
Unproved property acquisitions		19,998		12,214		76,646		37,396
Total natural gas and oil properties acquisitions	\$	19,998	\$	12,214	\$	76,646	\$	37,601
Exploration and Development:			_					
Development leasehold	\$	5,369	\$	3,011	\$	19,087	\$	8,298
Exploratory drilling and completion	+	74,737	Ŧ	18,606	-	179,049	*	49,003
Development drilling and completion		229,594		204,954		740,808		619,373
Other development costs		1,418		15,563		18,868		52,500
Total exploration and development capital expenditures	\$	311,118	\$	242,134	\$	957,812	\$	729,174
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(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results.

(2) Excludes stock-based compensation.

#### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Month Septembe				
		2023		2022	2023			2022	
ADJUSTED NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON									
STOCKHOLDERS:									
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	14,720	\$	351,185	\$	103,517	\$	607,974	
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments		(3,932)		(33,154)		31		102,616	
Loss on early retirement of debt		—						46,840	
Non-cash interest amortization from adjusting debt assumed in									
acquisition to fair value								4,174	
Exploration expense				—		1,775		3,363	
Gain on sale of assets						(125)		(21)	
Adjustment to (provision for) benefit from income taxes		946 7,580		(418)			(29,959)		
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	11,734	\$	325,611	\$	104,780	\$	734,987	
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders per share <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	0.04	\$	1.18	\$	0.38	\$	2.68	
Diluted shares outstanding		276,999		277,715		276,741	_	277,605	
		210,000	-	277,710	-	270,711	-	277,000	
ADJUSTED EBITDAX:									
Net income	\$	14,720	\$	355,596	\$	103,517	\$	621,063	
Interest expense	φ	43,624	Ψ	41,393	Ψ	121,082	Ψ	132,204	
Income taxes		3,608		102,810		28,878		179,610	
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization		148,190		129,065		422,350		354,994	
Exploration						1.775		3,363	
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments		(3,932)		(33,154)		31		102,616	
Stock-based compensation		2,655		1,842		7,006		4,918	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt								46,840	
Gain on sale of assets						(125)		(21)	
Total Adjusted EBITDAX <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	208,865	\$	597,552	\$	684,514	\$	1,445,587	

(1) Adjusted net income available to common stockholders is presented because of its acceptance by investors and by Comstock management as an indicator of the Company's profitability excluding loss on early retirement of debt, non-cash unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments, gains and losses on sales of assets and other unusual items.

(2) Adjusted net income available to common stockholders per share is calculated to include the dilutive effects of unvested restricted stock pursuant to the two-class method and performance stock units and preferred stock pursuant to the treasury stock method.

(3) Adjusted EBITDAX is presented in the earnings release because management believes that adjusted EBITDAX, which represents Comstock's results from operations before interest, income taxes, and certain non-cash items, including loss on early retirement of debt, depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration expense, is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by certain investors and financial analysts.

#### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Mon Septem		
	2023			2022	2023		2022	
OPERATING CASH FLOW <sup>(1)</sup> :								
Net income	\$	14,720	\$	355,596	\$	103,517	\$ 621,063	
Reconciling items:								
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments		(3,932)		(33,154)		31	102,616	
Deferred income taxes		3,608		78,060		28,878	148,389	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		148,190		129,065		422,350	354,994	
Loss on early retirement of debt							46,840	
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs		1,989		1,444		5,980	8,542	
Stock-based compensation		2,655		1,842		7,006	4,918	
Gain on sale of assets						(125)	(21)	
Operating cash flow	\$	167,230	\$	532,853	\$	567,637	\$ 1,287,341	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(20,887)		(155,682)		295,323	(359,600)	
(Increase) decrease in other current assets		(1,825)		(522)		(624)	359	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(73,753)		156,873		(73,697)	301,956	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	70,765	\$	533,522	\$	788,639	\$ 1,230,056	

	Three Months Ended September 30,				 Nine Mon Septem		
		2023 2022		2022	2023		2022
FREE CASH FLOW <sup>(2)</sup> :							
Operating cash flow	\$	167,230	\$	532,853	\$ 567,637	\$	1,287,341
Less:							
Exploration and development capital expenditures		(311,118)		(242,134)	(957,812)		(729,174)
Other capital expenditures		(10,563)		(603)	(22,076)		(713)
Preferred stock dividends				(4,411)	 		(13,089)
Free cash flow (deficit) from operations	\$	(154,451)	\$	285,705	\$ (412,251)	\$	544,365
Acquisitions of natural gas and oil properties		(19,998)		(12,347)	(76,646)		(54,492)
Proceeds from divestitures					41,295		93
Free cash flow (deficit) after acquisition and divestiture activity	\$	(174,449)	\$	273,358	\$ (447,602)	\$	489,966

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating cash flow is presented in the earnings release because management believes it to be useful to investors as a common alternative measure of cash flows which excludes changes to other working capital accounts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Free cash flow from operations and free cash flow after acquisition and divestiture activity are presented in the earnings release because management believes them to be useful indicators of the Company's ability to internally fund acquisitions and debt maturities after exploration and development capital expenditures, preferred dividend payments, proved and unproved property acquisitions, and proceeds from divestiture of natural gas and oil properties.

### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	Sej	ptember 30, 2023	De	cember 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,835	\$	54,652
Accounts receivable		214,804		510,127
Derivative financial instruments		23,973		23,884
Other current assets		68,572		56,324
Total current assets		327,184		644,987
Property and equipment, net		5,219,961		4,622,655
Goodwill		335,897		335,897
Operating lease right-of-use assets		148,066		90,716
	\$	6,031,108	\$	5,694,255
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Accounts payable	\$	503,564	\$	530,195
Accrued costs		103,666		183,111
Operating leases		52,731		38,411
Derivative financial instruments				4,420
Total current liabilities		659,961		756,137
Long-term debt		2,503,407		2,152,571
Deferred income taxes		454,612		425,734
Derivative financial instruments		4,540		
Long-term operating leases		95,397		52,385
Asset retirement obligation		30,434		29,114
Total liabilities		3,748,351		3,415,941
Stockholders' Equity:				
Common stock		139,214		138,759
Additional paid-in capital		1,258,069		1,253,417
Accumulated earnings		885,474		886,138
Total stockholders' equity		2,282,757		2,278,314
	\$	6,031,108	\$	5,694,255