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Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
MVP Southgate Project  
Docket No. PF18-4-000

May 15, 2018

Matthew Eggerding  
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Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
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**Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

Thank you for your letter, filed May 3, 2018 requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC's (Mountain Valley) planned MVP Southgate Project. We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Mountain Valley plans to construct approximately 72 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline that would extend from an interconnection with the Mountain Valley Pipeline mainline in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, to delivery interconnects in Rockingham and Alamance Counties, North Carolina. Mountain Valley would also install two compressor stations on the planned pipeline route, one in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and one in Rockingham County, North Carolina.

Your letter also stated that Mountain Valley intends to file an application in the fourth quarter of 2018. When Mountain Valley files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on your success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation. We have selected Cardno as the third-party contractor to work solely

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under the direction of the Commission staff. Factors considered in this selection included technical approach, personnel qualifications, past work history, and clearance of any organizational conflict of interest. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with Cardno and prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Mountain Valley, and Cardno (MOU).

As specified in the MOU, Commission staff must have complete control over the scope, content, and quality of the contractor's work; sole ownership of all documents (other than those related to financial aspects) produced under the contract; and complete control over the schedule for completion of the third-party contractor's work. Commission staff will independently evaluate the results of the third-party contractor's work and the Commission, through its staff, will bear ultimate responsibility for full compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, Amanda Mardiney at (202) 502-8081.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Turpin  
Director  
Office of Energy Projects

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