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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC Docket No. CP16-10-000 Notice Regarding Project Shipper Commitments

Dear Ms. Bose:

On October 13, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project ("MVP Project").<sup>1</sup> In the Certificate Order, the Commission acknowledged that the MVP Project is fully subscribed by five shippers and found that these shipper agreements "are the best evidence that additional gas will be needed" in the MVP Project's target markets.<sup>2</sup> The Commission concluded that "Mountain Valley has sufficiently demonstrated that there is market demand for its project" and that "end users will generally benefit" from the MVP Project because it "will serve to ensure future domestic energy supplies and enhance the pipeline grid by connecting sources of natural gas to markets in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast regions."<sup>3</sup>

Mountain Valley recently announced its MVP Southgate Project.<sup>4</sup> As currently conceived, MVP Southgate will connect with the MVP Project and include pipeline and compression facilities in southwestern Virginia and central North Carolina. MVP Southgate is anchored by a firm capacity commitment from Public Service Company of North Carolina, Incorporated ("PSNC"), a local distribution company serving residential, commercial, and industrial customers in North Carolina.

In addition to being an anchor shipper on MVP Southgate, PSNC has also become a shipper on the MVP Project. Consistent with the Commission's regulations and policies, two MVP Project shippers allocated a total of 250,000 Dth/d of their capacity to PSNC, and PSNC executed agreements for such capacity.<sup>5</sup> Following this allocation, the MVP Project continues to be fully subscribed. Mountain Valley's addition of another local distribution company as the sixth shipper

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, 161 FERC ¶ 61,043 (2017) ("Certificate Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*. at P 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Commission accepted Mountain Valley's pre-filing request on May 15, 2018 (Docket No. PF18-4-000).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As a result of the capacity allocation to PSNC, the firm capacity commitments held by EQT Energy, LLC and USG Properties Marcellus Holdings, LLC on the MVP Project decreased to 1,165,000 Dth/d and 125,000 Dth/d, respectively.

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on the MVP Project reinforces the Commission's conclusion that there is a clear market demand for this important infrastructure project and provides further evidence that end users benefit directly from the MVP Project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (412) 553-5786 or meggerding@eqt.com. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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