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

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
Mountain Valley Pipeline Project  
Docket No. CP16-10-000  
Update Related To COVID-19

Dear Ms. Bose:

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC is providing this update as to how our operations, employees, and contractors for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project have adapted to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

Over the past few days, the governors of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia have issued orders that concluded natural gas pipelines are “essential” businesses that may continue operations. While none of the Project facilities are located in Pennsylvania, Mountain Valley’s headquarters and its operator’s employees are located in the state. Prior to the Governor’s order closing all “non-life-sustaining” businesses in Pennsylvania, Mountain Valley’s operator had already taken proactive measures to address COVID-19, including instituting a mandatory work-from-home program for employees. Under the Governor’s order, the operator of Mountain Valley is considered “essential” and has continued transporting natural gas to support electric generation, gas distribution, and other life-sustaining functions. Mountain Valley’s team has continued operating with all management, compliance, and environmental functions. Mountain Valley will continue to work diligently to obtain all necessary permits to complete the construction of this vital infrastructure.

The Project facilities are located in West Virginia and Virginia. West Virginia has permitted “essential businesses and operations” to continue to operate, which includes “essential infrastructure.” Specifically, the Governor’s order deems construction activities related to natural gas transportation and distribution, which would include Mountain Valley, as well as the businesses and trades that support natural gas transportation and distribution, to be essential activities that may continue. In Virginia, the Governor’s order does not affect Mountain Valley’s activities.

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As you are aware, Mountain Valley has already suspended forward construction and limited its activities. During this winter, Mountain Valley has focused its activities on the maintenance of erosion and sediment control measures. These environmental protection activities will continue. To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, Mountain Valley has implemented enhanced health and safety measures, including instructing employees and contractors on social distancing and sanitation, increasing frequency of field office cleaning, eliminating non-essential in-person meetings, limiting the number of attendees and modifying processes for tailgate safety meetings, reducing crew sizes to fewer than 10 people, and adding passenger vehicles to limit the number of passengers in each vehicle. Mountain Valley is also aware that the federal and state agencies that are monitoring the Project's environmental compliance, as well as their contractors, have implemented health and safety measures. Mountain Valley will work with the applicable government agencies and offices in the event we are ordered to take measures that may prohibit or limit our ability to continue with environmental protection activities.

Mountain Valley's focus has always been on the safety and protection of our employees, contractors, the public, and the environment. Our response to COVID-19 is consistent with these core values. We will continue to reassess and adapt as circumstances change.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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