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MVP Southgate drops appeal of air-pollution control board ruling

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The Mountain Valley Pipeline has dropped its appeal of a denial for an air quality permit in Virginia for the Southgate extension of its 303-mile pipeline.

The Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals granted MVP's request to withdraw the request for a review of the air permit, which was filed Dec. 31 by MVP against Virginia's State Air Pollution Control Board. The review occurred after the Dec. 3, 2021, denial of an air permit for a 27,000-horsepower compressor station in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, as a part of its MVP Southgate extension of the stalled Mountain Valley Pipeline project. MVP, which is based in Pittsburgh, plans to take southwestern Pennsylvania natural gas through West Virginia and Virginia and, through Southgate, into North Carolina.

"Recent developments, including approval of legislation affecting Virginia's permitting process, made withdrawal of this appeal the appropriate and prudent action at this time," MVP spokesman [Shawn Day](#) told the Business Times on Tuesday. "Mountain Valley remains committed to the MVP Southgate project and continues to evaluate its options to help meet strong residential and business demand for affordable, reliable natural gas."

MVP and MVP Southgate are being built, and will be operated, by Canonsburg-based Equitrans Midstream Corp. (NYSE: ETRN). MVP and Equitrans have been set back by two appeals court rulings earlier this year that threw into disarray the plans for the \$6.3 billion pipeline to be completed by the end of the summer 2022, four years overdue. It's not clear when MVP will be completed. Just last week Equitrans was denied its request for a review of the two Circuit Court orders.