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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
Status of Tree-Felling Activities

Dear Ms. Bose:

On October 13, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC to construct and operate the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project.

Mountain Valley began constructing the Project on February 5, 2018. The Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Project required tree-felling activities to conclude in certain areas prior to April 1, 2018 due to federally-listed bats. Between February 5, 2018 and March 31, 2018, Mountain Valley successfully felled 100 percent of the trees in these areas in compliance with the Biological Opinion. Mountain Valley also completed tree-felling activities in additional areas prior to April 1, 2018. The map attached to this letter depicts the areas felled prior to April 1, 2018.

The Biological Opinion for the Project also permits tree-felling activities to occur in certain bat habitats from April 1–May 31, August 1–September 30, and November 15–March 31. The attached map depicts the areas where tree-felling activities are permitted during these time periods. Mountain Valley continues to fell trees in these areas as allowed by the Biological Opinion.

In addition, beginning April 1, 2018, Mountain Valley has implemented processes to avoid and minimize impacts to migratory birds. Mountain Valley is conducting pre-felling avian surveys in accordance with the Migratory Bird Conservation Plan for the Project. The Plan allows tree-felling activities to be conducted within seven days of negative surveys. If the trees are not felled within seven days, then the area is resurveyed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed the Migratory Bird Conservation Plan for the Project and agreed the Plan is consistent with their recommendations to minimize impacts to migratory birds and their habitat.

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

Respectfully submitted,

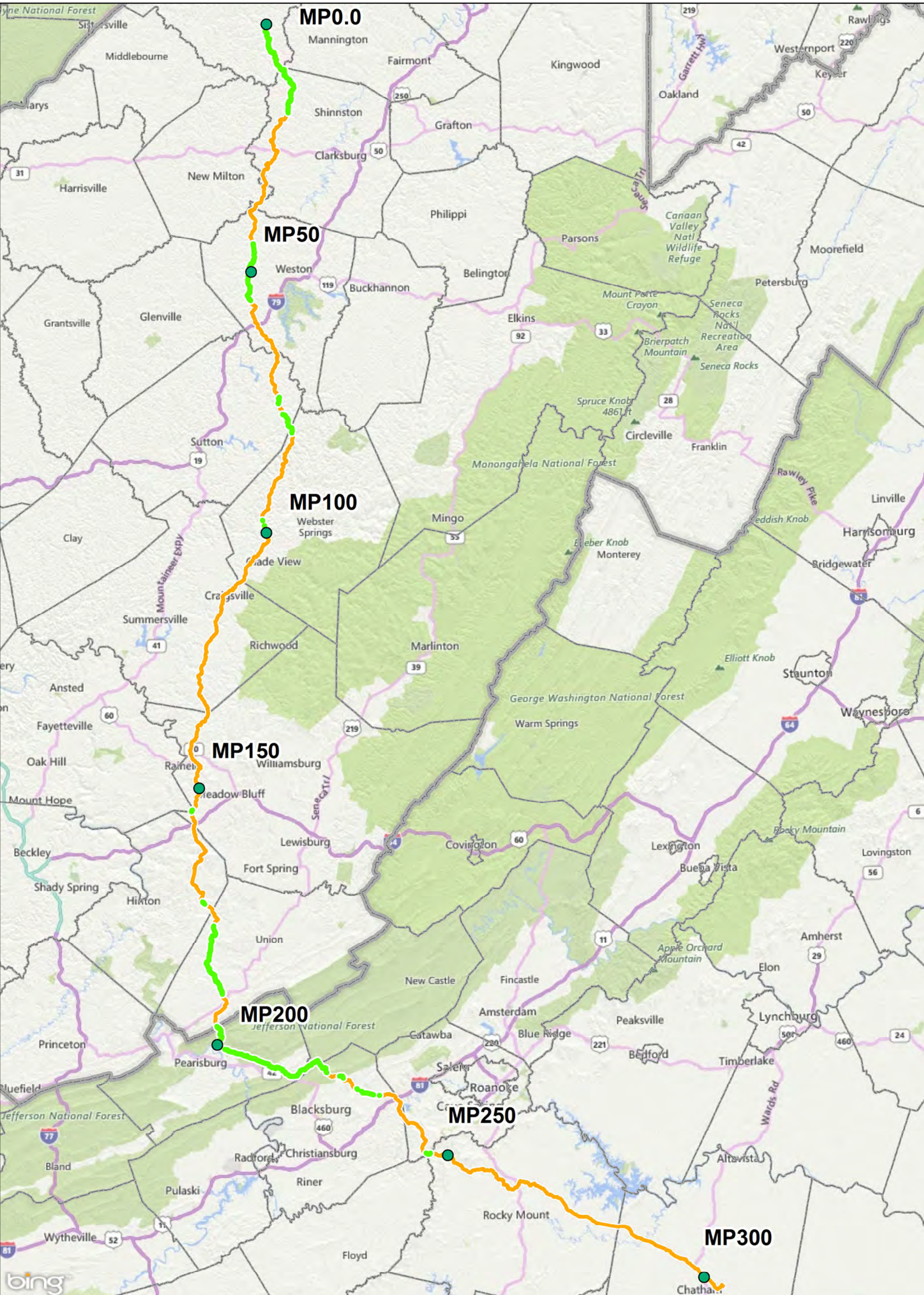
MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE, LLC
by and through its operator,
EQM Gathering Opco, LLC

By: 

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Attachment

cc: All Parties
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Tree-Felling Status



LEGEND

- Felled prior to 4/1/18
- Biological Opinion permits felling 4/1-5/31, 8/1-9/30, and 11/15-3/31

