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RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline and Equitrans Expansion Project Supplemental EIS #50036 Comments of EQT Energy, LLC

Dear Dr. Wilkes: EQT Energy, LLC ("EQT Energy") is a natural gas marketing company focused on the purchase and sale of natural gas produced in the Appalachian Basin and EQT Energy's parent company, EQT Corporation ("EQT"), is the largest producer of natural gas in the United States. EQT Energy is a foundation shipper on the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (the "Project") and has subscribed to 1,165,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity. The Project has been subject to substantial regulatory review, with state and federal agencies concluding this critical infrastructure system can be built safely and coexist with natural resources.

The United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (the "Forest Service") issued its first Record of Decision for the Project in 2017, and in 2018 Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC ("Mountain Valley") was authorized to begin construction along the 3.5 mile right-of-way in the Jefferson National Forest. Mountain Valley prepared a detailed Plan of Development for the 3.5 miles of the Project in the Jefferson National Forest, with numerous appendices that included minimization and conservation measures for the forest. As described in its recently issued Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the Forest Service has thoroughly reviewed additional information related to the Project's potential sedimentation impacts and has appropriately confirmed that short-term effects on water resources would be minor to moderate and long-term effects would be minor.

EQT has previously expressed its support for the Project, and it continues to be a critical part of our plan for responsible energy development. Due to EQT's and its customers ongoing need for the Project capacity, it is of the utmost importance that the Forest Service complete its review so that Mountain Valley may finish construction and place the Project in service. Accordingly, we would ask that the Forest Service take such action as expeditiously as possible. Respectfully submitted,