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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20246

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC
Docket Nos. CP16-10-000, CP21-57-000, and CP19-477-000
Request for Extension of Time

Dear Secretary Bose:

On October 13, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP) to construct a major interstate natural gas pipeline that is needed to serve areas of the State of North Carolina that currently are not being adequately served with natural gas. At present MVP is approximately 94% complete. However, the project is currently at a standstill due to ongoing legal challenges related to permits required to finish the project. MVP has requested additional time from FERC to complete the pipeline. Person County, North Carolina supports MVP's request for additional time and asks that the FERC grant the extension of time as soon as possible.

Person County is home to two important generating plants, the Mayo and Roxboro generating stations, both owned by Duke Energy Progress, LLC. These generating plants represent significant employment and property tax revenue for Person County, the loss of which would be devastating to the County and to the Person County community. The County is a party to a proceeding at the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC), in which the NCUC is developing a "carbon plan" pursuant to North Carolina law. The initial proposed carbon plan, while still under review by the NCUC, calls for retiring the Mayo and Roxboro plants in 2029 and by 2034, respectively. The County recently submitted comments to the NCUC identifying the present constraints on the availability of natural gas in North Carolina and the resulting upward pressure on natural gas prices in Transco Zone 5 and the significant opportunity presented by the retirement of these plants to locate new natural gas fired

generation resources at or near the site of the Mayo and Roxboro generating stations. However, the County believes that this opportunity can only be realized if MVP and the related MVP Southgate projects are completed. The completion of these projects is dependent upon MVP being granted the requested extension and afforded the time needed to obtain permits from agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and, ultimately, to complete construction in accordance with the FERC issued CPCN.

Therefore, Person County respectfully requests that FERC grant MVP's Request for Extension of Time without modification or delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Powell", written in a cursive style.

Gordon Powell, Chairman
Person County Board of Commissioners