



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 21, 2023

The Honorable Willie Phillips
The Honorable James Danly
The Honorable Allison Clements
The Honorable Mark Christie
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st St NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing about the impact the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project can have in support of the Nation's energy security and energy supply. I recognize that, as the lead federal agency for the project under the FAST-41 framework, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has completed its regulatory authorizations for the MVP project, and I request that if there is any further Commission-related action on this project, it proceeds expeditiously.

Energy infrastructure, like the MVP project, can help ensure the reliable delivery of energy that heats homes and businesses, and powers electric generators that support the reliability of the electric system.

Natural gas—and the infrastructure, such as MVP, that supports its delivery and use—can play an important role as part of the clean energy transition, particularly with broad advances in and deployment of carbon capture technology facilitated by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. Similarly, new pipeline infrastructure is needed to support the rapid growth of hydrogen as an emissions-free fuel, and to transport carbon dioxide from its point of capture to the location of its use or sequestration.

As extreme weather events continue to strain the U.S. energy system, adequate pipeline and transmission capacity is critical to maintaining energy reliability, availability, and security. The MVP project will extend the Equitrans transmission system to the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company's Zone 5 compressor station 165 near Gretna, Virginia. It is designed to move 2.0 Bcf/d of natural gas and is intended to further alleviate pipeline congestion. It can also help unlock additional natural gas supplies and delivery, which, in turn can enhance regional and national energy security.

While the Department takes no position regarding the outstanding agency actions required under federal or state law related to the construction of the MVP project, nor on any pending litigation, we submit the view that the MVP project will enhance the Nation's critical infrastructure for energy and national security. We appreciate the

Commission's prompt actions to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities regarding natural gas infrastructure under the Natural Gas Act, and the interagency coordination it provides as the lead federal agency for the project under FAST-41.

We look forward to continuing to work with FERC to ensure consumers have access to reliable, cost-effective, and clean energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Granholm', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer M. Granholm

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