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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Linda Daugherty
Regional Director
Office of Pipeline Safety, Southern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
United States Department of Transportation
233 Peachtree St., Suite 600
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: MarkWest Energy Appalachia Pipeline

Dear Ms. Daugherty,

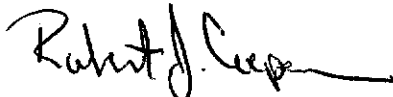
As you know, MarkWest is the operator of a portion of the referenced pipeline under a lease agreement from Equitable Production Company. MarkWest has advised Equitable that it has suspended operation of the pipeline.

We understand that MarkWest also informed your office of its decision to suspend operation of the pipeline and filed a report and notifications with the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in accordance with applicable regulations. We assume that MarkWest's notices and report fully satisfy applicable regulatory requirements.

Equitable has not had access to all of the specific information and technical data that prompted MarkWest's decision to suspend operation of the line and notify the Southern Region. We have been provided with limited information, and, at this point, must rely on the operator's judgment as to notification and the content thereof.

Please advise if any further notifications from Equitable are required.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Cooper
Director of Facilities and Tech Training

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