

## **By Electronic Mail**

November 10, 2023

Mr. Bryan Lethcoe Director, Southwest Region Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration US Department of Transportation 8701 South Gessner, Suite 630 Houston, Texas 77074

## Re: CPF No. 4-2023-056-NOPSO Notice of Proposed Safety Order

Dear Mr. Lethcoe:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) dated October 13, 2023 was received by Mid Valley Pipeline Company (MVPL or Company) via electronic mail on the same day.

The Notice contains a list of Preliminary Findings and numerous Proposed Corrective Measures to be applied to the MVPL pipeline system. Via this correspondence and as afforded by 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(2), MVPL is seeking to engage with PHMSA in informal consultation meetings in order to ultimately resolve this matter via a Consent Agreement. Although the informal consultation process shall commence within 30 days of the Operator's request for the same, 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(2) allows that PHMSA may extend this time by request or otherwise for good cause. The Company requests that PHMSA exercise its ability to extend this time as needed during the course of the informal consultation process.

The Company also desires to preserve its right to request a Hearing per 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(3) within 10 days following the conclusion of informal consultation should the parties be unable to reach a conclusion that results in a Consent Agreement.

MVPL appreciates PHMSA's consideration of this request. Please coordinate the proposed scheduling of the informal consultation and address any questions or requests for further information to me at (713) 989-7126 or via email at todd.nardozzi@energytransfer.com.

Sincerely,

Todd Nardozzi Director – DOT Compliance

Cc: Todd Stamm, SVP Operations Leif Jensen, VP Tech Services Heidi Murchison, Chief Counsel