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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Request for Cooperating Agency Status
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. PF15-3-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

The U.S. Forest Service received your letter, dated February 27, 2015, requesting the status as a cooperating agency for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (MVP Project) proposed by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC. We accept the opportunity to participate in the project as a cooperating agency in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR § 1508.5).

We recognize that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is the lead Federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of the proposed MVP Project for compliance with NEPA and its implementing regulations in 40 CFR §§ 1500-1508. As a cooperating agency, our anticipated level of involvement will include: activities and coordination pursuant to NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR § 1501.6(b)), such as participation in the NEPA and scoping processes, and preparation of environmental analyses and development of portions of the environmental impact statement in which we have expertise.

For questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Adams, at (540) 265-5114 or by email, at jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

TONY TOOKE
Regional Forester

cc: James Twaroski, Jennifer Adams, David A. Harris, Madeline Santiago

