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Greetings,

Pursuant to Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act 42 U.S.C. § 4370m (2016) ("FAST-41"), you have received an Initiating Notice for consideration to determine eligibility for coverage under FAST-41. You will have 14 days from the date of this submission to render a determination.

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Project Information

Project Title:

Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

Sector: [Pipelines](#) Type : [Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines](#)

Project Location Address:

- **City:** Mannington
State: West Virginia
County: PA
 - **City:** Chatham
State: Virginia
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Coordinates:

Project Sponsor Contact Information:

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Project Purpose:

The Project will provide up to 2.0 Bcf/d of firm natural gas transportation service from northern West Virginia to southwestern Virginia. The full Project capacity is subscribed by multiple shippers, including utilities from New York to South Carolina, to meet the growing demand for natural gas in the southeastern and Mid-Atlantic markets.

Project Description:

The Project includes construction of approximately 304 miles of new natural gas pipeline in West Virginia and Virginia, three new compressor stations in West Virginia, metering stations, taps, and appurtenant facilities.

Construction of the Project began in early 2018 following receipt of all permits and authorizations required by federal law. Construction has not been completed due to ongoing litigation. Currently, MVP's total project work is nearly 94% complete, which includes more than 55% of the right-of-way fully restored. Additional information regarding the Project and current status can be found on the Project's website (<https://www.mountainvalleypipeline.info/>).

Technical and Financial Ability:

The Project is a joint venture of five companies. Equitrans Midstream Corporation will operate the Project and own a significant interest in the joint venture. Equitrans Midstream has extensive experience with constructing and operating natural gas facilities, as discussed on its website (<https://www.equitransmidstream.com/>). Mountain Valley has expended approximately \$5.5 billion on the Project to date and remains committed to completing the Project.

Summary of Financing, Reviews and Authorizations:

Mountain Valley currently holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity (as amended) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications from both West Virginia and Virginia, among other authorizations.

Outstanding permits/authorizations/consultations required under federal law include a Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), authorizations to cross the Jefferson National Forest (U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service), and Individual Permits under Clean Water Act Section 404 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). Mountain Valley is actively working to reinstate all required permits so that it can complete construction as expeditiously as possible.

Project Assessment:

The Project was deemed a "covered project" in 2016 and continues to be listed on the dashboard. Requester submits that FERC should remain the lead agency. FERC has extensive knowledge of the Project and the relevant authorizations and has actively monitored the Project for environmental compliance during construction. In October 2017, FERC issued an order (which was subsequently affirmed by a federal appellate court) that found the Project is consistent with the public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act. FERC's role as the lead agency would be consistent with its prior finding that the Project is needed and should be constructed.

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