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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Mohammed Shoab
Regional Director (Acting), Southern Region OPS
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
United States Department of Transportation
233 Peachtree Street, Suite 600
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Notice of Proposed Violation CPF No. 2-2006-5001

Dear Mr. Shoab:

I am writing on behalf of Equitable Production Company ("Equitable") to request an extension to our response deadline in connection with the above referenced Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty ("Notice"). I have communicated with counsel for MarkWest Hydrocarbon, Inc. (MarkWest) and understand that MarkWest is requesting an extension to a date sixty days after the Office of Pipeline Safety produces the complete administrative record in this case to both respondents. Equitable concurs with and hereby joins that request.

Equitable reserves all rights to respond fully to the Notice at the appropriate time.

Please add my name and contact information to your distribution list for communications related to this Notice. I look forward to working together with you and your office to reach an appropriate resolution of this Notice, and I thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



J. Gordon Arbuckle

cc: Dallas Rea, OPS
Sandy Fraley, Equitable Production Company
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