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Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
Southgate Project  
Docket No. CP19-14-000  
Project Update**

Dear Secretary Reese:

This letter is to reaffirm our support for the MVP Southgate Project. One hundred percent of our members are manufacturing companies. These companies do not have a substitute for natural gas. To invest and expand our operations, increased pipeline capacity is needed. Without increased supply of natural gas, we cannot increase jobs and economic growth. The manufacturing sector in North Carolina and Virginia employ 471.1 and 246.8 thousand jobs, respectively. In 2022, North Carolina's manufacturing sector contributed \$716 billion, and Virginia's contributed \$663 billion to GDP.

For several years now, manufacturing companies in the area to be supplied by this pipeline have not had adequate supply. There have been times when manufacturing facilities have had their natural gas supply curtailed at great costs, which contributes to U.S. supply chain disruptions, including to defense-related materials. Manufacturing companies are always the first to be curtailed. Alternatives such as coal and diesel fuel are not desirable substitutes.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales nationwide, over 12,000 facilities and with more than 1.8 million employees. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.

Please do all you can to speed the implementation of this pipeline project.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO