

From: [Schmidt, John](#)
To: [Stahl, Megan D.](#)
Cc: [Tiernan Lennon](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: MVP's Revised Site Specific Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:49:56 PM

Just spoke to Jim Martin. His staff are hurrying (ahead of the snow storm) to get their request to us today. Our response letter is ready to go.

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On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Stahl, Megan D. <MStahl@eqt.com> wrote:

That's good to hear. Thanks for the update!

From: Schmidt, John [mailto:john_schmidt@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Stahl, Megan D. <MStahl@eqt.com>
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No but one of his staff sent us an email and the ball is rolling.

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On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 3:06 PM, Stahl, Megan D. <MStahl@eqt.com> wrote:

John, were you successful in reaching Jim?

From: Schmidt, John [mailto:john_schmidt@fws.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 2:37 PM

To: James.Martin@ferc.gov; Lavinia DiSanto <Lavinia.DiSanto@cardno.com>; Stahl, Megan D. <MStahl@eqt.com>

Cc: Paul Phifer <paul_phifer@fws.gov>; Tiernan Lennon <tiernan_lennon@fws.gov>; Barbara Douglas <barbara_douglas@fws.gov>

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Jim,

Looks like Paul Friedman is out until Wednesday. I and the folks working on the Mountain Valley Pipeline would appreciate if you or another staff member can weigh in on this so we can keep the project moving forward. The March 31st tree cutting deadline is fast approaching.

Regards,

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From: **Schmidt, John** <john_schmidt@fws.gov>

Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 12:30 PM

Subject: MVP's Revised Site Specific Plan

To: Paul Friedman <paul.friedman@ferc.gov>, Lavinia DiSanto
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Cc: "Stahl, Megan D." <MStahl@eqt.com>, Paul Phiifer <paul_phiifer@fws.gov>, Tiernan
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Paul and Lavinia,

The WVFO has completed review of MVP's revised site-specific plan dated March 14, 2018, for the NLEB hibernacula in Braxton County WV. Based on the information provided by the applicant in the site specific plan, the Service concurs that both Options meet the objectives outlined in the following conservation measure:

"Mountain Valley, LLC will provide a site-specific plan to the Service for review and written approval prior to initiating any construction activities

within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1. The site-specific plan will ensure no alteration, physical or otherwise, of the portal's entrance or environment that will adversely affect its use by federally listed bats, including those hibernating within the portal. In the event that the Service determines the site-specific plan cannot ensure that construction activities are not likely to adversely affect federally listed bats, Mountain Valley, LLC will consider a realignment of the Project within the range of possible alternatives such that all activities are at least 0.5 mile away from portal PS-WV3-Y-1. In certain instances, conducting some activities within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1 may not adversely affect federally listed bats; however, Mountain Valley, LLC will receive Service review and written approval of all activities within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1 prior to initiating such activities."

In order for the Service to issue a written concurrence on this site-specific plan, as stated above in the conservation measure, FERC must identify which Option they would like MVP to move forward on so MVP can further evaluate appropriate design considerations and seek all necessary landowner approvals. Please be aware that if FERC selects biological **Option 1 it will require a minor amendment to the biological opinion** because an additional 0.5-acre of forested habitat removal will be necessary within 0.25-mile of the Braxton County NLEB hibernacula. We acknowledge that Option 1 may be more practicable as Option 2 has additional maintenance and safety concerns that may cause complications in the future.

To accommodate MVP's schedule, the Service requests that FERC respond to this email in a timely manner. We believe we can turn a minor amendment around within hours of FERC's response. Tlernan and I will be in the office all day today if you would like to discuss this further.

Regards,

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