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Subject: Re: MVP BO - Conservation Measures
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I agree that it needs to be specifically mentioned in the BO since it would not be contained in any other referenced documents that are available to the public or FERC.
Good work in getting all these issues worked out!

On Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 2:33 PM, Lennon, Tiernan <tiernan_lennon@fws.gov> wrote:

Hey All - As you know MVP committed to the following conservation measure this morning:

"Mountain Valley, LCC 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, LCC will reroute the Project 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, LCC 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."

Since this conservation measure avoids adverse effects to portal PS-WV3-Y-1, and hibernating individuals, I think it is important that we include this measure in the proposed action section of the BO. Currently the Conservation Measures section reads as follows: *Conservation measures proposed as part of the action (measures that will avoid, minimize, and mitigate effects of the proposed action on the species and/or benefit the species as a whole) are referred to as avoidance and minimization measures (AMMs) in this Opinion. AMMs are provided in the FEIS (FERC 2017a) and BA (FERC 2017b) and discussed, as applicable, in Appendix B.*

Since this measure was not included in the FEIS or the BA, I recommend we revise this section to include MVP's newly proposed measure. Let me know what your thoughts are on this or if we need to discuss as a group.

Thanks,
Tiernan

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