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via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. Andrew L. Schroeder
Vice President, Finance and Treasurer
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155 Inverness Drive West, Suite 200
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Re: MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.
Form S-3
Filed April 25, 2007
File No. 333-142358

Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007
Filed May 7, 2007
File No. 1-31239

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

We have limited our review of your filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your documents in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filings. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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1. Please specifically incorporate by reference into the prospectus all subsequent Exchange Act filings, including the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 filed on May 7, 2007.

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2. We note your statement that your disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that *material information* was accumulated and communicated to management. Please revise to state, if true, that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that you file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management. Please also state, if true, that your disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that you file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

Closing Comments

Please amend your Form 10-Q in response to these comments within ten business days of your receipt of this letter or tell us when you will amend it. As appropriate, please amend your registration statement in response to these comments. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendments that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendments and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Act of 1933 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event the company requests acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statements, it should furnish a letter, at the time of such request, acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in connection with our review of your filings or in response to our comments on your filing.

We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statements as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statements. We will act on the request and, pursuant to delegated authority, grant acceleration of the effective date.

We direct your attention to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requesting acceleration of a registration statement. Please allow adequate time after the filing of any amendment for further review before submitting a request for acceleration. Please provide this request at least two business days in advance of the requested effective date.

Please contact Donna Levy at (202) 551-3292, or in her absence, Timothy Levenberg, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3707, with any questions.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall
Assistant Director

cc: David P. Oelman, Esq. (by facsimile)
D. Levy
T. Levenberg