



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

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Mr. Frank M. Semple  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Markwest Energy Partners, L.P.  
1515 Arapahoe Street, Tower 2, Suite 700  
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Markwest Energy Partners, L.P.**  
**Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007**  
**Filed February 29, 2008**  
**File No. 1-31239**

Dear Mr. Semple:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Anne Nguyen Parker  
Branch Chief