

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

17 December 2009

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.

File No. 1-31239 -- CF# 24353

MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on November 9, 2009.

Based on representations by MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1 through August 10, 2019

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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