

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

24 September 2012

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

MARKWEST ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

File No. 1-31239 -- CF# 28691

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 August 6, 2012.

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 2.1 through May 7, 2022

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

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