



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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December 9, 2016

Donald R. Sinclair
Chief Executive Officer
Western Gas Equity Partners, LP

Benjamin M. Fink
Chief Financial Officer
Western Gas Partners, LP

1201 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380-1046

**Re: Western Gas Equity Partners, LP
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015
Filed February 25, 2016
File No. 001-35753**

**Western Gas Partners, LP
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015
Filed February 25, 2016
File No. 001-34046**

Dear Messrs. Sinclair and Fink:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa M. Kohl for

Mara L. Ransom
Assistant Director
Office of Consumer Products

cc: David Oelman, Esq.
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