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Office of the Secretary

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Nelson O. FittsEsq. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 5<sup>20</sup> Street New York, New York 10019

Re: In the Matter of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and The Williams Companies, Inc. , File No. 1510172

Dear Mr. Fitts

The Federal Trade Commission has conducted an investigation to determine whether a proposed acquisition by mergy Transfer Equity, L.P. ("ETE'of The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Williams") may violateSection 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18, or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Adt5 U.S.C. § 45. On June 9, 2016, the Commission accepted for public comment an Agreemera(0)16(I 4(0mo)160.00(r)-7(e)-3)n2(s)-(Ia)6(7.4TJ 12.3[)-2(e)4(O)Tj8(g)d4