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Via EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549-4628

Attn: Mara L. Ransom, Assistant Director Office of Consumer Products

Re: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. Registration Statement on Form S-3 File No. 333-215893

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 of Regulation C of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned, on behalf of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the "*Partnership*"), respectfully requests that the effective date of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 referred to above be accelerated so that it will become effective at 5:00 p.m., New York time, on March 2, 2017, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Partnership hereby acknowledges that:

- should the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the Partnership from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the Partnership may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Very truly yours,

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By:/s/ John W. McReynoldsName:John W. McReynoldsTitle:President

cc: William N. Finnegan IV, Latham & Watkins LLP Debbie P. Yee, Latham & Watkins LLP