

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

February 23, 2009

Mr. Frank M. Semple President and Chief Executive Officer Markwest Energy Partners, L.P. 1515 Arapahoe Street, Tower 2, Suite 700 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Markwest Energy Partners, L.P.

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

Filed February 29, 2008

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Dear Mr. Semple:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Anne Nguyen Parker Branch Chief