STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-19

By the Governor

WHEREAS, a major expansion is expected in the petrochemical industry throughout the Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia has an abundance of natural and human resources that could be extremely beneficial to the industry and growth; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and United States Department of Energy leaders have identified West Virginia as exceptionally well-positioned for this major expansion; and

WHEREAS, it is important to plan and prepare for growth in the petrochemical industry in and around West Virginia and to facilitate and assist in the development of downstream manufacturing operations necessary for the industry to thrive and for West Virginia to make the most of the opportunity this expansion presents to West Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby ORDER that:

1. The Governor’s Downstream Jobs Task Force (the “Task Force”) is hereby constituted within the West Virginia Development Office under Chapter 5B, Article 2 of the West Virginia Code.

2. The Task Force shall consist of the individuals identified in this Executive Order, who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The members of the Task Force may only designate individuals to serve in their place with the express written consent of the Governor.
3. Members of the Task Force shall be individuals who have education, experience, and particular knowledge regarding the economic opportunity brought by petrochemical business and how West Virginia can benefit the industry, the initial makeup of which is as follows:

(a) Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, who shall serve as the initial Chair of the Task Force;
(b) Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Revenue;
(c) West Virginia Tourism Commissioner;
(d) Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce;
(e) Dean of the West Virginia University John Chambers College of Business and Economics;
(f) Director of the Energy Institute at West Virginia University; and
(g) Such other members who may be appointed ad hoc by the Governor.

4. The Task Force will work to encourage other energy operations to locate throughout West Virginia to boost petrochemical facilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.

By the Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE