

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Panatier Michael J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>DCP MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP</u> <u>370 17TH STREET</u>  (Street) <u>SUITE 2775 CO 80202</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/16/2005</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DCP Midstream Partners, LP [ DPM ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Units	5,000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Michael S. Richards, as  
Attorney-in-Fact  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/20/2005  
  
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR EXECUTING FORMS 3, 4 AND 5, FORM 144 AND SCHEDULES 13D AND 13G

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Michael S. Richards and Thomas E. Long, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned (a) Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, (b) Form 144 and (c) Schedules 13D and 13G (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, Form 144 or Schedule 13D or 13G (including amendments thereto) and timely file such Forms or Schedules with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by the attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in the attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorney-in-fact, or the attorney-in-facts substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming (nor is DCP Midstream Partners, LP assuming) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The undersigned agrees that each such attorney-in-fact may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by the undersigned to the attorney-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless DCP Midstream Partners, LP and each such attorney-in-fact against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in these respects) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statements or omissions of necessary facts in the information provided by the undersigned to such attorney-in-fact for purposes of executing, acknowledging, delivering or filing Form 3, 4 or 5, Form 144 or Schedule 13D or 13G (including amendments thereto) and agrees to reimburse DCP Midstream Partners, LP and the attorney-in-fact on demand for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5, Form 144 and Schedules 13D and 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by DCP Midstream Partners, LP, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney does not revoke any other power of attorney that the undersigned has previously granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date written below.

/s/ Michael J. Panatier

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Signature

Michael J. Panatier

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Type or Print Name

December 16, 2005

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Date