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Vice President, Operations
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Mr. Pierson is vice president, operations of MPLX GP LLC. He is also president of Marathon Pipe Line LLC. He serves as an industry representative on the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, which advises the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on regulatory matters.



Mr. Pierson joined Marathon Pipe Line Company in 1978 as a pipeline engineer. He also served as an internal control auditor for Marathon Oil Company before returning to a series of pipeline engineering and operations positions in Wyoming, Alaska, West Texas and Houston. In 1989 he helped develop a gas pipeline project in Syria. In 1991, Mr. Pierson was named manager of Engineering and Construction Services with responsibilities in the retail marketing sector. He then held operations manager positions for Marathon Pipe Line until 1997, when he joined an upstream development project on Sakhalin Island, Russia. In 2000 Mr. Pierson returned to operations manager positions for Marathon Ashland Pipe Line*, with responsibilities over Gulf Coast operations and the commissioning and start-up of Centennial Pipeline. He was named vice president of operations for Marathon Pipe Line LLC in 2005, and as its president in 2011. He assumed his current position with MPLX GP LLC in 2012.

Mr. Pierson graduated from Ohio Northern University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1978.

* Name changed to Marathon Petroleum Company LLC, Sept. 1, 2005, and Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Oct. 4, 2010