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On September 25, 2019, Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) issued a press release concerning a letter and presentation directed to its board of directors. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as [Exhibit 1](#).

On September 25, 2019, MPC sent an email communication to its employees, and posted to its internal website the same communication, concerning the September 25 press release, a copy of which is filed herewith as [Exhibit 2](#).

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We have based our forward-looking statements on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry. We caution that these statements are not guarantees of future performance and you should not rely unduly on them, as they involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that we cannot predict. In addition, we have based many of these forward-looking statements on assumptions about future events that may prove to be inaccurate. While our management considers these assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Accordingly, our actual results may differ materially from the future performance that we have expressed or forecast in our forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements except to the extent required by applicable law.

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## Section 2: EX-1 (EXHIBIT 1)

Exhibit 1



**Marathon  
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NEWS RELEASE

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### MARATHON PETROLEUM RESPONDS TO ELLIOTT MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

**FINDLAY, Ohio, Sept. 25, 2019** - Marathon Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: MPC) today issued the following statement regarding the letter and presentation released by Elliott Management to MPC's Board of Directors.

MPC engages in regular communication with its shareholders and welcomes constructive input related to enhancing shareholder value. The company's Board of Directors and management team remain focused on delivering long-term value for shareholders, and will continue to take actions to achieve that objective.

MPC's management team and independent Board have a strong track record of taking action to deliver shareholder value. Since becoming an independent company in 2011, MPC has generated total shareholder return of 254%, exceeding the S&P, which has returned 174%. At the same time MPC has returned over \$20 billion to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

Our strong operational results and cash flow generation have allowed us to build upon our commitment to returning capital to our shareholders, having returned approximately \$850 million to our shareholders in the second quarter of 2019 and more than \$2.1 billion year-to-date through a mix of dividends and share repurchases.

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#### **About Marathon Petroleum Corporation**

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## **Section 3: EX-2 (EXHIBIT 2)**

Exhibit 2

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As you may have seen, investment firm Elliott Management - one of MPC's shareholders - this morning announced a proposal to separate Marathon Petroleum Corporation into three companies. We understand that you may have questions about Elliott's proposal and other media commentary, and we have responded publicly with the statement below. When we have more to share, we'll let you know. In the meantime, our day-to-day focus remains unchanged: safely providing the fuels and other products that help enhance life's possibilities, across our entire organization.

Sincerely,  
Gary R. Heminger  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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