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December 10, 2018

Mr. Paul Friedman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
Proposed Slip Mitigation Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-050
FR: 15-67-MULTI-137

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the information that was submitted for the abovementioned undertaking. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, U.S. 36 CFR § 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to the submitted information, Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) proposes to repair a slip that occurred along the pipeline corridor. The ATWS abuts the pipeline corridor between MP 1.77 and MP 1.86 and the western edge of Access Road MVP-WE-008/o2 in Wetzel County, WV. A majority of the workspace was previously surveyed, during which one archaeological site, 46WZ127, and one aboveground architectural resource, WZ-0152/46WZ136, were recorded. These resources were determined not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The direct and indirect areas of potential effect (APE) are consistent with that for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor.

Archaeological Resources:

The submitted information states that visual inspection was conducted within the currently proposed APE. Steeply sloped terrain and disturbance resulting from the slip were observed, precluding the need for shovel probe excavation. No new archaeological sites were identified. Consequently, we concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary and that use of this workspace will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

Architectural Resources:

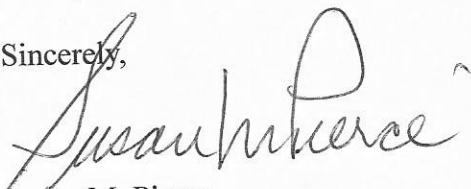
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. While limited tree clearance will be required for the proposed variance, the element is located within the previously established indirect APE. No historic architectural resources are located nearby or will have a view of the variance. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these project elements; however, we ask that you contact our office if

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the project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Lora A. Lamarre-DeMott, Senior Archaeologist, or Mitchell K. Schaefer, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants