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April 29, 2019

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
Revisions to Direct APE for Variance Slip Mitigation Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-072
FR: 15-67-MULTI-173

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) is proposing one new workspace variance, MVP-ATWS-SM-072, that is needed to stabilize and repair a slip that has occurred in Lewis County, WV. The ATWS is located between MP 58.57 – 58.62, above and to the south of Indian Run. The direct and indirect APEs are consistent with those for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor. Tree clearing will be needed for the proposed ATWS.

Archaeological Resources:

Archaeological survey of the proposed variance extensions included visual inspection, which confirmed that the slip and ATWS are located on steep terrain. No archaeological resources were identified. As a result, we concur that no further archaeological survey is warranted. In our opinion, no archaeological historic properties are present within the proposed variance.

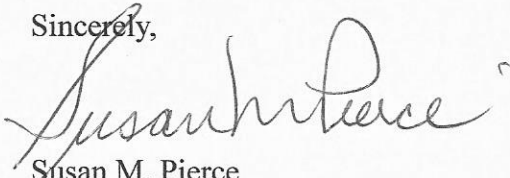
Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted documentation and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project element. Though the variance may require tree removal, it falls within the previously established visual APE for the undertaking. The report indicated a potentially historic road is nearby. That roadway is actively used, and the proposed tree clearance will have no significant effect on that resource, as it is a linear resource and would experience limited viewshed changes. Even if it were deemed eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, it is our opinion the work would have no adverse effect thereon. No other additional historic resources were located within the immediate vicinities. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these project elements; however, we ask that you contact our office if the project should change.

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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 that reads "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