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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 Variance: Access Road MVP-WE-015.02 and
Slip Mitigation Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-045
FR: 15-67-MULTI-138

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 extend the length of the southern end of MVP-AR-WE-015 Extension, which intersects MP 7.3 of the pipeline in Wallace, Wetzel County, WV, and repair a slip that occurred along the pipeline corridor between MP 39.83 and MP 39.87 in Lewis County, WV. The proposed workspace, MVP-ATWS-SM-045, a portion of which was previously surveyed with negative results, will be used to stabilize the hillside and will require tree clearing. The direct and indirect areas of potential effect (APE) are consistent with that for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted information, a visual reconnaissance was conducted for the proposed variance that documented an existing gravel driveway and previously disturbed lawn within the area proposed for extending the access road. In addition, steeply sloped terrain was observed within the un-surveyed portion of the ATWS. No archaeological resources were encountered. 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:

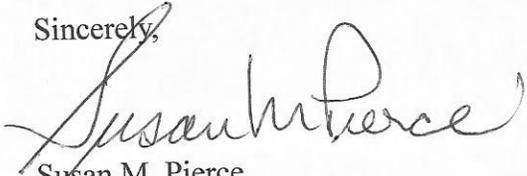
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. While the access road extension is located within the National Register-eligible Sam's Run Historic District, use of the variance will require no tree removal

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and should have limited, if any, effects on the area. While some tree clearance will be necessary for the proposed workspace, no historic properties are located within the direct or indirect APEs in the area. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these two project elements; however, we ask that you contact our office if 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 that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants