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October 24, 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  
Slip Mitigation Variance: Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-034  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-128

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 a new workspace area needed to repair a slip along the pipeline between mileposts 52.6 and 52.7 of the pipeline centerline, near the community of Alum Bridge in Lewis County, WV. The workspace 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:

As indicated in the submitted materials, no previously identified archaeological sites are located within or within the vicinity of the proposed workspace. In addition, personnel from Tetra Tech conducted a pedestrian reconnaissance and observed sloped terrain and disturbance resulting from the current slip. No cultural resources were identified. We concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary and that use of the area will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

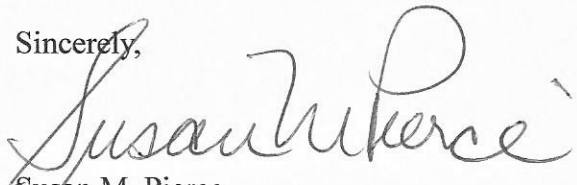
Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and concur no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project element. The slip area falls within the previously surveyed visual APE and no additional architectural resources were documented within the direct APE. Therefore, the work will have no effect on historic resources. No further consultation is necessary for the slip area; 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