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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 Slip Mitigation Variances:
Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-030 and Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-033, Wetzel County
Workspace MVP-ATWS-200 (ext.), Nicholas County
FR: 15-67-MULTI-129

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 slips that occurred along the pipeline corridor in Wetzel and Nicholas Counties, WV. The workspaces will be used to stabilize the hillsides and will require tree clearing. No construction of aboveground pipeline facilities are proposed as part of these variances. 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 archaeological survey, including shovel probe excavation and/or visual inspection, was conducted within the APE for the three proposed variances. No new archaeological sites were identified. No additional cultural materials were recovered from site 46WZ125, which is located partially within the direct APE of MVP-ATWS-SM-030. Site 46WZ125 was identified during earlier survey conducted for this project and determined to be not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We remain in concurrence with that determination. Consequently, we concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary and that use of variances will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

Architectural Resources:

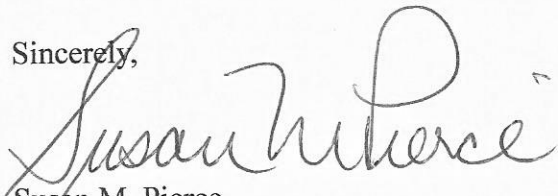
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. While limited tree clearance will be required for MVP-

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ATWS-SM-030 and MVP-ATWS-SM-033, and historic properties are located within the surrounding vicinity of the former, topography and vegetation will shield any view those properties will have of those tree clearance areas. No tree clearance will be necessary for MVP-ATWS-200 (Ext) and previous survey efforts determined no historic architectural resources are located near that area. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these three 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 printed name.

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants