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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 Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-029, Lewis County
FR: 15-67-MULTI-124

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 near milepost 50.3 of the pipeline centerline, which is located 5.4 kilometers southwest of the community of Alum Bridge, Lewis County, WV. The slip mitigation area encompasses 0.25 hectares, a portion of which was previously surveyed with negative results. No tree-clearing or construction of aboveground pipeline facilities are proposed as part of this variance. 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 documented archaeological sites are located within the currently proposed APE. In addition, personnel from Tetra Tech conducted a visual reconnaissance of the APE and observed wooded sloping terrain. No areas suitable for subsurface investigation were identified. No cultural resources were identified. Consequently, 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:

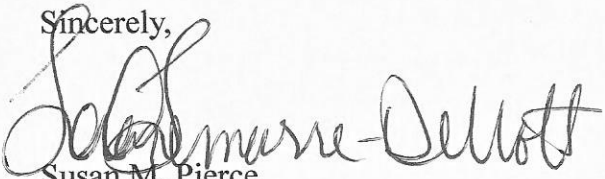
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project element. Use of the project area will require no tree clearance, it is located within the previously assessed visual area of potential effects, and repair of the slip should impose *no effect* on nearby historic architectural or other above-ground resources. No further

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consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; 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,


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