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November 7, 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  
Proposed Slip Mitigation Workspaces  
MVP-ATWS-SM-037, MVP-ATWS-SM-038, and MVP-ATWS-039  
Wetzel County, West Virginia  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-131

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 County, WV. The workspaces will be used to stabilize the hillsides and will require tree clearing. No construction of aboveground pipeline facilities is 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 that visual inspection was conducted within the APE for the three proposed variances. Steeply sloped terrain and disturbance resulting from the slip were observed, precluding the need for shovel probe excavation. No new archaeological sites were identified. 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:

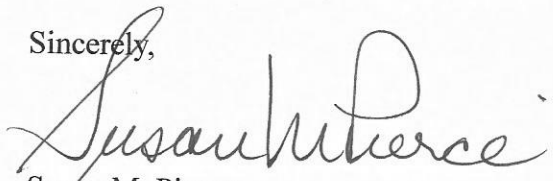
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. While limited tree clearance will be required for the three (3) proposed variances, all of those areas are located within the previously evaluated visual APE, no additional resources were documented by field surveys, and topography in the area will further prevent any views of the proposed tree removal. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these three

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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