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December 10, 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 Variance: Access Road MVP-WB-126.02 and  
Slip Mitigation Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-046  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-139

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 construct a new access road, MVP-WB-126.02, which will intersect MP 96.55 of the pipeline near the town of Erbacon in Webster County, WV, and repair a slip that occurred along the pipeline corridor between MP 86.67 and MP 86.71 in Webster County, WV. The proposed workspace, MVP-ATWS-SM-046, 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 a steep gravel road 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:

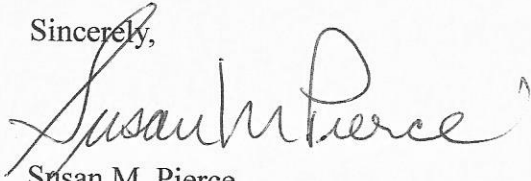
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. While limited tree clearance will be required for the proposed workspace, the area is located entirely within the previously evaluated indirect APE and no documented historic architectural resources are located within or will have a view of that variance.

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Though some of the proposed new access road is located outside of the previously established indirect APE, no tree clearance will be necessary for its use or construction and no aboveground resources will have a view of that variance. 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.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants