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November 14, 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-031, MVP-ATWS-SM-035,  
and MVP-ATWS-SM-036  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-130

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 near MP 1.2, 2.2 and 6.61. The workspaces will be used to stabilize the hillsides. 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 proposed workspaces. Steeply sloped terrain and disturbance resulting from the slip were observed, precluding the need for shovel probe excavation. No new archaeological sites were identified in any of the proposed workspaces. Consequently, we concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary and that use of variances will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

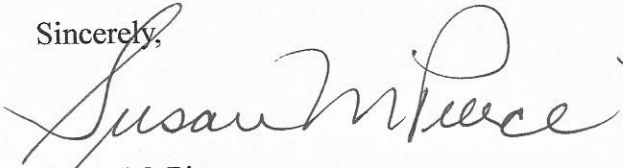
Architectural Resources:

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 variances, no documented historic architectural resources will have a view of the proposed workspaces. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding the various project elements; 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