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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 Variances: Access Road MVP-ANC-009-Variance
and Access Road and Workspace MVP-FS-002
FR: 15-67-MULTI-135

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 two new variances that are located outside of areas that were previously surveyed. Proposed variance MVP-ANC-009-Variance consists of an extension of previously proposed temporary access road MVP-ANC-009, which is located in Bridgeport, Harrison County near MP 22.2. Proposed variance MVP-FS-002 consists of a temporary workspace and access road located approximately 14.02 kilometers west of MP 116.1 in Summersville, Nicholas County. No construction of aboveground pipeline facilities or tree clearing 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:

Visual inspection of the APE confirmed that both proposed access roads will follow existing paved roads. A total of four shovel probes were excavated within the proposed workspace. Evidence of previous disturbance was observed. 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:

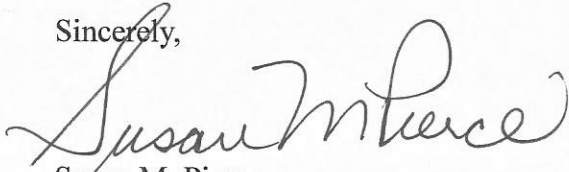
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. No tree clearance will be necessary to make use of the existing access roads. Thus, use of the proposed access roads will have no effect on historic architectural

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resources. No further consultation is necessary regarding the various 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 black 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