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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. CP16-10-000
Notice to Proceed No. 23

Dear Ms. Bose:

On May 14, 2018, the Commission issued Notice to Proceed No. 23 to Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project. Mountain Valley is filing this letter to clarify the avoidance of cultural site 44FR370 and the construction activities authorized in Notice to Proceed No. 23.

- On June 30, 2017, Mountain Valley filed an avoidance plan for site 44FR0370. That plan included a route through Locus E.
- On January 26, 2018, Mountain Valley filed the treatment plan for the northern sector of this site. As explained in the plan, “MVP previously submitted an avoidance plan and a contingency treatment plan for site 44FR0370 to the VDHR on June 30, 2017. The VDHR accepted the avoidance plan and the contingency treatment plan in a letter dated October 27, 2017. MVP continues to work with the landowner to secure the route proposed in the avoidance plan. Tetra Tech prepared this treatment plan on the northern route to be implemented if the avoidance route cannot be used for construction.”
- On March 9, 2018, Mountain Valley requested authorization to implement the treatment plan for the northern sector. The Commission authorized the implementation on March 13, 2018.
- On May 16, 2018, Mountain Valley representatives spoke with Commission Staff regarding the discrepancy between the approved treatment plan for 44FR370 and the references to 44FR370 in Notice to Proceed No. 23. Commission Staff agreed that the approved treatment plan would allow Mountain Valley to use the northern route and to hand-fell trees within the site boundary and do full construction outside the site. Commission Staff instructed Mountain Valley to file this communication on the docket to clarify the permitted construction activities using the northern route.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (412) 553-5786 or meggerding@eqt.com. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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