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May 3, 2018

Mr. Paul Friedman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project  
Proposed Laydown Yards MVP-LY-056 and MVP-LY-057, Gilmer County, WV  
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-88

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the additional 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.

The submitted information states that Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) identified two areas, designated MVP-LY-056 and MVP-LY-057, in the community of Stout Mills, Gilmer County, for use as temporary laydown yards (LY) during pipeline construction. Laydown Yard MVP-LY-056 is located on the east side of the Little Kanawha River and west of County Route 5 (Little Kanawha Parkway) and covers approximately 1.36 hectares. Laydown Yard MVP-LY-057 is located within the Gilmer Industrial Park, approximately 304.5 meters southwest of MVP-LY-056 and covers 1.96 hectares. The direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the proposed footprint for each laydown yard.

Archaeological Resources:

As stated in the submitted materials, our records reflect that no previously documented archaeological sites are located within the proposed APE. Archaeological survey was conducted, including pedestrian reconnaissance and shovel probe excavation. No archaeological sites were identified. As a result, we concur that use of these laydown yards will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary.

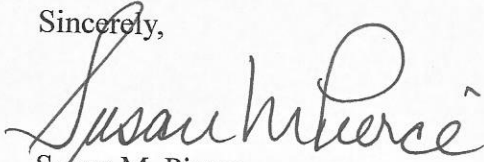
Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information. Based on available aerial imagery, the proposed laydown yard expansion is devoid of tree growth and no standing structures or buildings exist therein. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed expansion will have *no effect* on the characteristics that may qualify a property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if your 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 printed name and title.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants