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

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project - Big Stony Creek Historic District, Temporary Impacts
FERC Docket No. CP16-10-000; DHR File No. 2014-1194

Dear Mr. Friedman:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has received additional information regarding potential temporary impacts to historic properties from laydown yard MVP-LY-029 in Giles County. Our comments are provided as assistance to Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in meeting their collective responsibility under the Programmatic Agreement executed for this project.

Temporary laydown area MVP-LY-029 will be located within the Big Stony Creek Historic District (DHR ID #035-5127) with access crossing the Big Stony Creek Railroad (DHR ID #035-5126). It is our opinion that the temporary laydown yard will not adversely affect the historic district or other historic properties due to prior disturbances and landscape impacts. Furthermore, the proposed timber mat bridge as presented should provide adequate protection for the Big Stony Railroad. MVP should monitor the bridge during use to ensure that clearance is maintained and that the resource is not impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. Should you have any questions concerning these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Kirchen".

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