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May 17, 2018

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

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Proposed Access Road MVP-NI-162, Nicholas County, WV
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
FR: 15-67-MULTI-95

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) proposes a new temporary access road, AR MVP-NI-162, in Nicholas County. The access road is 1,072 meters in length. It is located approximately 405 meters west of the centerline at MP 127.8 and intersects the main corridor near MP 127.2, west of the community of Leivasy. The construction limits of disturbance (LOD) for the access road will be limited to the existing 3-meter-wide gravel roadway and an additional 1.5 meters on either side. Because the road is currently in use, clearing will be limited to two dead trees for safety reasons.

Archaeological Resources:

The proposed access road was surveyed via pedestrian reconnaissance. The proposed access road follows Wahoo Road, an extant gravel road excavated into the hillside above an unnamed tributary to Hominy Creek. The presence of steep hillsides and previous disturbance precluded shovel probe excavation and makes it unlikely that significant archaeological sites would be encountered. No aboveground resources were observed within the proposed extension area. We concur that use of this area for an access road will have no effect on archaeological historic properties and that no further survey is necessary.

Architectural Resources:

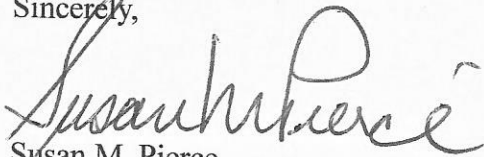
The submission indicated the proposed access road already exists and is in use. As noted above, two trees will be removed for safety precautions. Much of the access road is located within the previously-established area for potential visual effects and has been evaluated to identify nearby architectural resources. Given that the roadway is already extant and will require no tree clearance, it is our opinion

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use of it will impose *no effect* on historic architectural resources. No further consultation is necessary regarding use of the proposed temporary access road; however, we ask that you contact our office if your 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,



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