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April 23, 2018

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

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Proposed MVP-LY-017 Laydown Yard, Lewis County, WV
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
FR: 15-67-MULTI-83

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 to expand the area of a previously surveyed laydown yard MVP-LY-017 in Raleigh County, which will be used as a temporary laydown yard. The proposed yard is located on County Route 1 (Old Mill Road) north of Turnertown. The proposed expansion would add approximately 3.37 acres to the south of the previously surveyed yard. The direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed yard expansion is defined as its footprint.

Archaeological Resources:

As stated in the submitted materials, our records reflect that no previously documented archaeological sites are located within the proposed APE. In addition, available information indicates this area has been previously disturbed by a variety of activities associated with modern development and is currently covered in gravel. This makes it unlikely that significant archaeological resources would be encountered. As a result, we concur that use of the parcel as a laydown yard will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary regarding this laydown yard.

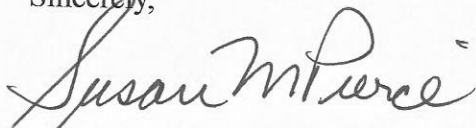
Architectural Resources:

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