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

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Combined County Report 2
Harrison, Lewis, and Nicholas Counties, West Virginia
FR: 15-67-MULTI-91

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the technical report titled *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Cultural Resources Survey Combined County Report 2 Harrison, Lewis, and Nicholas Counties, West Virginia*. 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 technical report documents the results of architectural and archaeological surveys conducted within a portion of a redesigned access road in Harrison County (WV-HA-ATL-WE-015.01) and four proposed laydown yards (MVP-LY-060, MVP-LY-063, MVP-LY-064, and MVP-LY-066) in Lewis and Nicholas Counties, West Virginia. The direct and indirect Areas of Potential Effect (APE) that were defined for this survey are consistent with those for the previously considered pipeline project.

Archaeological Resources:

Archaeological survey of the abovementioned parcels included pedestrian reconnaissance and shovel probe excavation. Extensive prior disturbance was observed over most of the currently proposed APE. Modern foundation remains possibly associated with coal mining were identified in MVP-LY-066. No new archaeological resources were discovered. As a result, we concur that no further work is necessary for this portion of the proposed project.

Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and concur with the consultant's recommendations that the proposed additional temporary access road and four (4) laydown yards will have *no effect* on historic architectural resources. Only one former structure, a demolished mobile home, is within the direct or indirect areas of potential effects for the access road. The proposed tree clearance should have no significant or lasting affect on the historic characteristics associated with nearby resources' viewsheds. The nature of the 4 laydown yards should also impose no permanent viewshed changes on extant structures. 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,



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