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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 Yard MVP-LY-065, Webster County, WV  
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-87

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 an area, designated MVP-LY-065, in Webster County, for use as a temporary laydown yard during pipeline construction. The laydown yard is located within a mixed commercial and residential zone along State Route 20 approximately 2.2 kilometers east of the Town of Cowen. It is situated on a flat above Glade Run, a tributary of the Gauley River. The direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the proposed footprint for the laydown yard and covers approximately 0.71 hectares.

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 the proposed APE has been previously disturbed and is currently used to stage construction equipment and materials and for parking vehicles and trailers. This makes it unlikely that archaeological materials would be encountered during MVP's use of the area as a laydown yard. As a result, we concur that use of Laydown Yard MVP-LY-065 will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary.

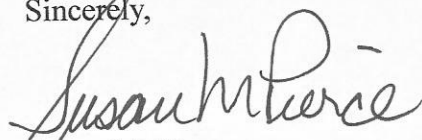
Architectural Resources:

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.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants