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June 11, 2018

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

RE:

Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

FERC Docket No. CP 16-10

Proposed Workspaces MVP-ATWS-SM-001, MVP-ATWS-SM-002, MVP-ATWS-SM-003

And MVP-ATWS-SM-007

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#### 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) has added four new variances to the proposed pipeline project. The variances consist of Workspaces MVP-ATWS-SM-001 in Wetzel County, MVP-ATWS-SM-002 in Webster County, MVP-ATWS-SM-003 in Harrison County, and MVP-ATWS-SM-007 in Doddridge County, WV. The direct and indirect Areas of Potential Effect (APE) that have been defined for the variances are consistent with those associated with the previously considered project. It is our understanding that portions of the workspaces were previously surveyed. The submitted information covers those areas that have not been previously surveyed.

### Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted materials, archaeological survey of the proposed variances included pedestrian reconnaissance and the excavation of one shovel probe. Most of the currently proposed APE was observed to consist of previously disturbance or steeply sloped terrain. No new archaeological resources were identified. We concur that the addition of these variances to the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary.

### Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned four (4) project elements. None of the project areas will require tree clearance. No new or additional historic architectural resources were documented within any of the project elements' direct or indirect APEs. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed project access roads and workspaces will have *no effect* on historic architectural resources. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if the project

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# 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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