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Paul Friedman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
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Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
Docket No. CP16-10-000  
Updated Request for Permission regarding Cultural Resources

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Section III.B.6 of the Programmatic Agreement for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project requires written permission from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement treatment plans. Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC requests permission to implement the treatment plan for site 44FR0372. Mountain Valley filed the treatment plan for this site on December 20, 2017. Concurrence was assumed 30 days later.

The treatment plan explains that:

“MVP attempted to avoid the site by rerouting the pipeline to a corridor approximately 230 feet north. However, the landowner preferred that the pipeline route remain in its initial location which would result in impacts on site 44FR0372 as a result of construction. This document presents an avoidance plan for site 44FR0372 that entails boring beneath identified archaeological deposits. Also included in this document is a contingency treatment plan that would be implemented in the event the proposed bore fails. The contingency treatment plan would mitigate the effects of open-cut trenching of the significant archaeological deposits at site 44FR0372.”

Mountain Valley has determined that avoidance using a bore is not a viable option. The treatment plan states that Mountain Valley would bore 15 feet below the surface to avoid impacts to the site. Upon further review, the confined workspaces, topography, and impacts to other resources make the proposed bore very difficult, risky, and time-consuming. To achieve a 15-foot bore depth, very large engineered bore pits would be required on both sides of the site. The sizes of these pits, along with the associated displacement of large amounts of soil, create significant issues regarding soil storage, environmental impacts, and permitting. In addition, Mountain Valley does not have landowner permissions for the additional workspaces necessary to complete the bore. As a result, data recovery is required to mitigate impacts on the site. Mountain Valley will use the certificated route in the immediate area.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose

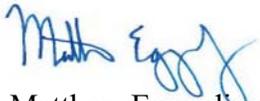
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (412) 553-5786 or meggerding@eqt.com. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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