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August 1, 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 New Bridge Workspace BSS Future Bridge Site  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-114

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the 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) is proposing to construct a new bridge over the Right Fork of the Holly River and an associated workspace. The proposed bridge and workspace will be located and south of the community of Fishers Crossing in Webster County, approximately 205 meters south of MP 84.0 of the pipeline centerline. The new bridge will replace an unsafe extant bridge. A portion of the proposed BSS bridge site and its associated workspace were previously surveyed with negative results. The current survey focuses on the remaining 0.22 hectares.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted materials, the direct area of potential effect (APE) included the proposed limits of disturbance for the bridge and its associated workspace. Archaeological survey of the direct APE included pedestrian reconnaissance and shovel probe excavation. A total of three shovel probes were excavated. No cultural materials were identified. We concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary. In our opinion, the proposed variance will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

Architectural Resources:

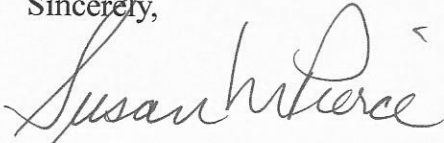
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project element. The project area will require some tree clearance; however, it is located within the previously-assessed visual area of potential effects. Additionally, no new historic architectural resources were documented within the project element's direct or indirect

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APEs. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed variance 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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants