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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 Access Road MVP- AR-WE-015 (Extension)
FR: 15-67-MULTI-120

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.

According to the submitted information, Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) proposes to extend access road (AR) MVP-AR-WE-015 from its intersection with the proposed pipeline at Milepost (MP) 7.2 south for 0.95 kilometers to Sam's Run Road. The proposed variance is located in the unincorporated town of Wallace, Wetzel County, WV. No tree-clearing or construction of aboveground pipeline facilities are proposed as part of this variance.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted materials, the direct area of potential effect (APE) is consistent with that for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor and includes the proposed limits of disturbance for the access road extension. Archaeological survey of the direct APE included pedestrian reconnaissance and the excavation of five shovel probes. Most of the APE was observed to be situated on steep or previously disturbed terrain. No cultural materials were identified. We concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary. In our opinion, extension of access road MVP- AR-WE-015 will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

Architectural Resources:

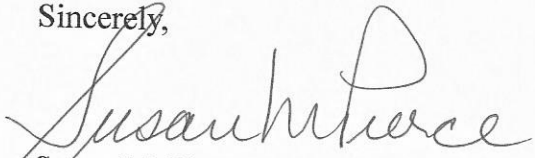
We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project element. Use of the project area will require no tree clearance and the variance is entirely located within the previously assessed visual area of potential effects. Additionally, no new historic architectural resources were documented within the project elements' direct or indirect APEs. Though the variance will extend through the National Register-eligible

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Sam's Run Historic District, it is our opinion use of the roadway will not alter any of the characteristics that qualify the district for inclusion in the National Register. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed variances 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,



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