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Ms. Megan L. Neylon Mountain Valley Pipeline 625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report Addendum 2 and Phase II

Archaeological Evaluation Site 44PY0442, Pittsylvania County, Virginia (December 2016)

DHR File No. 2014-1194; FERC #CP16-10

Dear Ms. Neylon:

We have received for review the report referenced above prepared by Tetra Tech for Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP). We provide the following comments as assistance to the MVP and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in meeting their collective responsibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The archaeological survey of 244 acres in Pittsylvania County resulted in the identification of five (5) sites. The consultant recommends and DHR concurs that the following four (4) sites are <u>not eligible</u> for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP): **44PY0431**, **44PY0432**, **44PY0433**, and **44PY0441**. The remaining site, 44PY0442, was recommended at the conclusion of the Phase IB survey as potentially eligible for VLR/NRHP listing and subjected to Phase II evaluation.

The Phase II evaluation of site 44PY0442 considered the eligibility of the resource for listing in the VLR/NRHP. The archaeological subcommittee of our Department's National Register Eligibility Evaluation Team concurs that **44PY0442** is *not eligible* for listing in the VLR/NRHP and no further archaeological investigation of this resource is warranted.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov">roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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