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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
Slip Mitigation Workspaces MVP-ATWS-SM-016 and MVP-ATWS-SM-017
FR: 15-67-MULTI-118

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, slips have occurred along the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) in Wetzel County, WV. Two temporary workspaces are needed to stabilize the hillside where the slips occurred. Workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-017 is located at milepost MP 0.0 – MP 0.1 north of Mobley, while workspace MVP-ATWS-SM-016 is located at MP 2.09-MP 2.14 southeast of Fairview. Both extend beyond the area previously surveyed for the proposed pipeline project and will require tree clearing.

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 workspaces. As indicated in our records, one isolated find, 46WZ135, was identified within the direct APE during the earlier survey and determined to be not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We remain in concurrence with that determination.

The current archaeological survey of the direct APE included pedestrian reconnaissance and the excavation of one shovel probe. Most of the direct APE is situated on steep terrain and is covered by the active slip. No cultural materials were identified. We concur that no further archaeological investigation is necessary. In our opinion, use of these workspaces to repair the slips will have no effect on archaeological historic properties.

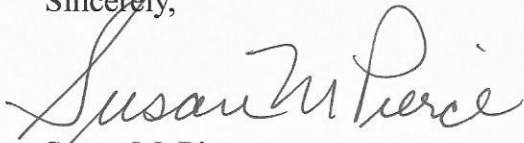
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Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. The project areas will require some tree clearance; however, they are all 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. 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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