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Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC
Docket No. CP16-10-000

February 21, 2018

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Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction of Pipeline Segments between Mileposts 65.5 and 196.3 and at Certain Workspaces and Ancillary Areas in West Virginia

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your February 12, 2018 request (Request for Notice to Proceed No. 10), for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to commence construction of discontinuous portions of its pipeline between mileposts (MP) 65.5 and 196.3, and at 507 additional temporary workspaces, the Sherwood Interconnection, 2 access roads, 2 yards, and 19 anode beds, in Braxton, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Summers, and Webster Counties, West Virginia, listed on Attachment A of your request. In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan, filed on October 31, 2017, and its supplements. The Implementation Plan and your supplements included the information necessary to meet the conditions of the Commission's October 13, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificates and Granting Abandonment Authority* (Order) in the above-referenced docket governing commencement of construction.

Specifically, we have determined that, as to the above-referenced pipeline segments, workspaces, yards, ancillary areas, and access roads, Mountain Valley has satisfied Environmental Condition 9 and applicable Conditions 12 through 33 in Appendix C of the Order. Condition 15 is satisfied by the execution of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Mountain Valley Project, in December 2017. Condition 28 is satisfied by the Biological Opinion (BO) issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2017. In accordance with the BO, Mountain Valley should document in a filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the placement of an acoustic device outside the entrance of the Greenville Saltpeter Cave near MP 184 to monitor bat activity. The Director of the Office of Energy Projects and Commission staff have reviewed and approved applicable plans, as required by Environmental Conditions 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24 of the Order. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

You may **not** construct within the boundaries of the Losch/Cunningham Farmstead (Historic Site BX-351) or use access road MVP-BR-090.01 at about MP 69.9, until after Mountain Valley documents the completion of fieldwork outlined in the Treatment Plan via the filing of a Management Summary, in accordance with Stipulation IV.H of the PA and as required in our permission to implement treatment measures issued on January 29, 2018. In addition, Mountain Valley will voluntarily withhold construction through skips along the pipeline route between about MPs 66.9 to 67.2, 77.3 to 77.5, 113.4 to 113.7, 154.3 to 154.6, 159.3 to 161.1, 161.2 to 164.4, 165.9 to 166.6, 171.3 to 171.4, 176.8 to 191.4, and 194.5 to 195.9, listed on Attachment A.

This letter does **not** authorize any construction activities anywhere else within the project area, that was not previously authorized in letters from the FERC issued on January 21 and 29, and February 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2018. I remind you that Mountain Valley must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order.

Sincerely,



Paul Friedman
Environmental Project Manager

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