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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC
Docket No. CP16-10-000

February 22, 2018

Matthew Eggerding, Counsel
Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC
625 Liberty Ave., Suite 1700
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Re: Notice to Proceed with Tree Clearing Within the Blue Ridge Parkway
Historic District between Mileposts 245.9 and 246.4 in Virginia**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your February 20, 2018 request (Request for Notice to Proceed No. 11), for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to commence with the hand-felling of trees within the Blue Ridge Parkway Historic District, between mileposts 249.5 and 246.4 in Roanoke and Franklin Counties, 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) October 13, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificates and Granting Abandonment Authority* (Order) in the above-referenced docket governing commencement of tree-clearing activities.

Specifically, we have determined that 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 for the Mountain Valley Project, in December 2017. Condition 28 is satisfied by the Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDO I) Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2017. The Director of the FERC's 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, Mountain Valley has documented in Attachment B of its February 20, 2018 request that the USDO I National Park Service (NPS) has authorized the removal of trees within the Blue Ridge Parkway Historic District.

You may **not** conduct other construction activities, including pipeline installation, within the Blue Ridge Parkway Historic District until after Mountain Valley documents that the NPS has issued a Right-of-Way Grant for its pipeline and a notice to proceed with other construction activities.

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, 16, and 21, 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

cc: Public File, Docket No. CP16-10-000