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

February 16, 2018

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

**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction of Pipeline Segments between Mileposts 217.1 and 283.9 and at Certain Workspaces and Ancillary Areas in Virginia**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your February 7, 2018 request (Request for Notice to Proceed No. 9), for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to commence construction of discontinuous portions of its pipeline between mileposts (MP) 217.1 and 283.9, and at 185 additional temporary workspaces, 62 access roads, 2 yards, 4 anode beds, and 2 points of intersection, in Craig, Franklin, Montgomery, and Roanoke 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 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 issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2017. 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. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

You may **not** construct within the Jefferson National Forest between about MPs 196.2 and 197.8, 218.5 and 219.4, and 219.8 and 220.8 until after permission is granted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDO I) Bureau of Land Management and documented in a filing with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). You may **not** construct within the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Parkway Historic District between about MPs 246.1 and 246.6 until after permission is granted by the USDOJ National Park Service and documented in a filing with the FERC. You may **not** construct within the boundaries of North Fork Valley Rural Historic District between about MPs 226.3 and 228.3, and the Bent Mountain Rural Historic District between about MPs 242.0 and 246.6, until after the Virginia Department of Historic Resources comments on the Treatment Plans filed February 2 and 14, 2018, and Mountain Valley documents the completion of fieldwork via the filing of a Management Summary, as stipulated in the PA. In addition, Mountain Valley will voluntarily withhold construction through skips along the pipeline route between about MPs 219.7 and 219.8, 223.9 and 226.1, 228.3 and 228.7, 234.1 and 234.2, 235.1 and 235.4, 238.1 and 242.0, 248.4 and 249.8, 253.7 and 253.9, 254.7 and 254.9, 257.9 and 258.0, and 258.1 and 258.4, 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, and 15, 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