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Matthew Eggerding, Counsel  
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625 Liberty Ave., Suite 1700  
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**Re: Implementation of Treatment Plans in Virginia**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your March 9, 2018 request, for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to implement the site-specific measures outlined in the Treatment Plans for the Big Stony Creek Historic District (Historic Site No. 35-5127) and Greater Newport Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 35-412) in Giles County, Virginia; the North Fork Valley Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 60-574) in Montgomery County, Virginia; the Bent Mountain Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5677), Coles Terry Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5689), and Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5731) in Roanoke County, Virginia; and the north side of archaeological site 44FR370 in Franklin County, Virginia, with certain criteria cited below. This approval is in accordance with Stipulation III.B.6 of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Mountain Valley Project executed in December 2017,

Mountain Valley filed revised Treatment Plans for the Big Stony Creek Historic District on February 5, 2018; for the Greater Newport Rural Historic District on February 13, 2018; for the North Fork Valley Rural Historic District on February 2, 2018; for the Bent Mountain Rural Historic District, Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District, and the Coles Terry Historic District on February 14, 2018; and the north side of archaeological site 44FR370 on January 16, 2018. In accordance with Stipulation III.B.1 of the PA, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, representing the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), accepted certain of those Treatment Plans in letters dated March 8 and 9, 2018. In the case of the North Fork Valley Rural Historic District and archaeological site 44FR370, the SHPO did not file timely comments within the review period, so we assume concurrence with those Treatment Plans, pursuant to Stipulations III.B.1 and 2 and IV.A of the PA. In its revised Treatment Plans, Mountain Valley documented consultations with consulting parties and other stakeholders regarding disagreements with measures in draft plans. After consideration of comments from other

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consulting parties and stakeholders on both draft and revised plans, FERC staff approves the Revised Treatment Plans in accordance with Stipulation III.B.5 of the PA.

In the case of all sites to be treated, Mountain Valley must have landowner permission or executed easement agreements prior to implementation of treatment measures. Mountain Valley cannot construct within the boundaries of any of the adversely affected historic properties until after it has documented that field work has been completed, through the filing of Management Summaries in accordance with Stipulation IV.H of the PA, and receives a notice to proceed with construction from FERC.

The Management Summaries should address the comments of the SHPO and other consulting parties on the Revised Treatment Plans. For example, for the Greater Newport Rural Historic District, Mountain Valley should consider having the Newport Community Center and Park Preservation Fund be provided to and administered by Preserve Newport Historic Properties, as suggested by Giles County. For the Bent Mountain Rural Historic District, Mountain Valley should document that Roanoke County is willing to accept and manage the mitigation funds, and file a revised avoidance plan that increases the buffer from the Henry-Waldron Cemetery (Historic Site No. 80-5690). This would also address the March 8, 2018 comments of James and Karen Scott. In response to the March 5, 2018 comments of Montgomery County regarding the North Fork Valley Rural Historic District, Mountain Valley should document that it discussed the proposed exhibit with the Montgomery Museum, and indicate if the Museum is willing or capable to administer the mitigation funds. As an alternative, Mountain Valley should consider another non-profit administrator for the funds, and the use of mitigation money to restore and preserve specific historic resources within the District, such as Bennetts Mill.

If you have any questions, please contact me at telephone number 202-502-8059 or email to [paul.friedman@ferc.gov](mailto:paul.friedman@ferc.gov). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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