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Dear Ms. Bose,

We are writing to you with critical new information regarding the finding of a site, comprised of multiple features, with one containing a Native American burial attributable to "Lakota, Dakota, Nakota peoples" (Rhodd) on our parcels of land in Roanoke County, VA( 111..00-01-62.01-0000 and 117.00-01-38.00-0000) in the path of the intended corridor(and an intended access road) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline; Docket Number: CP 16-10-000. Because of the gravity of this new information we are asking you to intervene and stop/cease any tree felling intentions (or actions if they begin) and, also stop all Notice To Proceed activity atop Bent Mountain until this finding of "an authentic Siouan site"(Rhodd) and associated new areas of concern ( the burial and two stone features (Rhodd), which are located within the intended corridor on our property have been evaluated. Our property lies within the Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District (VDHR #080-5731) and has been documented in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for separate layers of historical significance, 1890-1972 and 300BC-500AD. (Pulice, VDHR). This new identification may add a layer dating to 9,000BC.

This finding was made by chance during a visit last week to our area in Roanoke County and to Franklin County, by Sioux Tribal Leaders (previously not included in any evaluation, or consultation of the MVP project by FERC) to see properties with known findings of Native American artifacts. Those artifacts were found on neighboring properties, in part, during archeological survey activity(Tetra Tech) for the route of MVP on Bent Mountain during the fall and summer of 2016 and 2017. As neighbors came to understand that various parcels with similar findings and proximity to one another had artifacts this led a concerned individual to contact these Tribal leaders to see the properties and, led the Tribal visitors to see other neighboring impacted properties. My husband and I were interested as well and invited them to come to our property.

Our property was visited and by happenstance, within the intended corridor, a critical unique finding of a Siouan burial ; considered at this first finding to be a "bona fide Siouan place of sepulcher" (Rhodd) was identified. Four additional important findings were found near this one burial on our property in

the limited amount of time they had to walk with me; and it was stated these places are "considered at this point to have ceremonial or other cultural significance "(Vance, Rhodd).

The visitors were Steve Vance, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Cultural Preservation Office, 98 Willow St., PO Box 590, Eagle Butte, SD 57625 and Ben Rhodd, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Archeologist, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, PO Box 809, Rosebud, SD 57570.

Neither Mr. Vance nor Mr. Rhodd were visiting properties in an official capacity. Of note though is their considerable experience and that Mr. Rhodd, B.A., M.S., RPA, is an archeologist (who meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards) with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and is "versed in mountain, desert, prairie, and riverine ecosystems inclusive of the cultural landscapes contained therein" (Rhodd). See his attached letter to Mr. Ira Matt, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Native American Affairs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Our property and these others lie within The Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District VDHR 080-5731. Please see previous cultural attachment filings of ours: "Overview of Historic District and Landscape; Elements of Original Road Network Developed Around Abundant Water Resources While Supporting Commerce of Apple Orchard and Trades". Accession Number: 201706235030. These critical new areas on our property also impact water resources documented by us in previous filings "Inadequate Reporting of Water Resources on our Property" Accession Number: 201706225015.

The proposed route of MVP on our property traverses through this newly identified, "Tribally significant " (Rhodd) area where the pipeline corridor is planned. As it stands presently this pipeline route is in a completely inappropriate spot of going right through a "bona fide Siouan burial site" (Rhodd).

We ask that the route be changed and that all tree felling and Notice to Proceed be paused on Bent Mountain in Roanoke County within the Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District VDHR #080-5731 until this sensitive site can be evaluated, before any damage occurs, by appropriate methods and avoided.

Sincerely;

Kathy and Jim Chandler (see Attached Letter by Mr. Rhodd)

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