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Ms. Kimberly Bose
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

March 21, 2018

Dear Ms. Bose,

We are writing to you with new information regarding Native American artifacts found on our property that have recently been attributed to "Lakota, Dakota, Nakota peoples" (Rhodd) on our parcel of land in Roanoke County, VA (Tax Map Parcel: 110.00-01-50.00-0000///MVP Parcel: VA-RO-057) . Our property is in the path of the intended corridor for the Mountain Valley Pipeline; Docket Number: CP 16-10-000. Because 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 "an authentic Siouan site" (Rhodd) has been evaluated and findings of new areas of concern which are located within the intended corridor margins 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 the first week of March, 2018 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. Some of those artifacts were found on properties near us 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. We had the chance to invite these Tribal leaders to visit our property.

During their visit our property was identified as having significance as "an encampment and having rock formations" which deserve further evaluation (Vance, Rhodd). Also, many artifacts of ours were viewed and recommended as "being important and in need of further evaluation" (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.

The proposed route of MVP on our property travels through the corridor work limits of these "Tribally significant " (Rhodd) areas. Therefore, we ask that you intervene and stop/cease any tree felling intentions (or actions if they begin) and, all 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, including by the Sioux Tribe, before any damage occurs, by appropriate methods and avoided.

Sincerely,

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