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Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC
Docket No. CP16-10-000

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**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction of Various Pipeline Segments and at
Certain Workspaces and Access Roads**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your March 20, 2018 request (Request for Notice to Proceed No. 17), for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to commence construction of discontinuous portions of its pipeline in Giles, Craig, Montgomery, and Roanoke Counties, Virginia, listed on Attachment A of your request. In addition, you may construct at 3 additional temporary workspaces in Lewis County, West Virginia; and 1 workspace, 1 access road, and 1 anode bed in Giles County, Virginia; 10 workspaces, 5 access roads, and 1 anode bed in Montgomery County; and 14 workspaces, 5 access road, and 1 anode bed in Roanoke County, Virginia, also listed on Attachment A.

In Giles County, you may construct within the boundaries of the Big Stony Creek Historic District (Historic Site No. 35-5127) between about mileposts (MP) 200.2 and 200.5. The Management Summary filed March 14, 2018, indicated that there would be no on-the-ground cultural resources fieldwork within the Historic District as part of the Treatment Plan, and that all treatment measures, including but not limited to vegetation enhancement and Historic American Landscape Survey documentation, would be implemented after installation of the pipeline.

In Montgomery County, you may construct within the boundaries of the North Fork Valley Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 60-574) between about MPs 226.3 and 228.3. The Management Summary filed March 15, 2018 indicated that there would be no on-the-ground cultural resources fieldwork within the Historic District as part of the Treatment Plan, and that all treatment measures, including but not limited to vegetation enhancement and development of an historic exhibit, would be implemented after installation of the pipeline. However, the Treatment Plan should be revised to address the March 23, 2018 comments of Montgomery County, and our letter of March 13, 2018. Mountain Valley should document an agreement with the Montgomery Museum to host the historic exhibit, or find another non-profit partner for the exhibit, and

consider using funds for the preservation of building in the Historic District.

In Roanoke County, you may construct within the boundaries of the Bent Mountain Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5677), Bent Mountain Apple Orchard Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5731), and the Coles-Terry Rural Historic District (Historic Site No. 80-5689) between about MPs 240.1 and 245.9. The Management Summary filed March 14, 2018, indicated that there would be no on-the-ground cultural resources fieldwork within the Historic District as part of the Treatment Plan, and that all treatment measures, including but not limited to vegetation enhancement, restoration and preservation of the Bent Mountain Elementary School, and submittal of National Register of Historic Places nomination forms, would be implemented after installation of the pipeline. However, as stated in our March 13, 2018 letter, the Treatment Plan should be revised to document an agreement with Roanoke County to manage the mitigation funds, or another non-profit partner should be found. Mountain Valley should also consider increasing the buffer from the Henry-Waldron Cemetery (Historic Site No. 80-5690).

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, 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 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.

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, 21, and 22, and March 1, 12, 14, 15, and 22, 2018. I remind you that Mountain Valley must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Friedman
Environmental Project Manager

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

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