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

March 15, 2018

Matthew Eggerding, Counsel
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**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction of Various Pipeline Segments and at
Certain Workspaces, Ancillary Areas, and Access Roads**

Dear Mr. Eggerding:

I grant your March 13, 2018 request (Request for Notice to Proceed No. 15), supplemented by a March 14, 2018 filing, for Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) to commence construction of discontinuous portions of its pipeline in Doddridge, Harrison, Monroe, and Nicholas Counties, West Virginia, and Craig, Giles, and Montgomery Counties, Virginia, listed on Attachment A of your request. In Giles County, you may construct within the boundaries of the Greater Newport Rural Historic District between about mileposts 210.8 and 216.9. The Management Summary provided in Attachment B of your request 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 revegetation and preservation of buildings, would be implemented after installation of the pipeline.

In addition, as listed on Attachment A of your request, you may construct at 4 additional temporary workspace and 3 access roads in Harrison County, 1 yard in Lewis County, 1 workspace and 1 access road in Nicholas County, 1 workspace and 1 access road in Summers County, and 1 workspace in Monroe County, West Virginia. In Virginia, you may construct at 9 workspaces, 13 access roads, and an anode bed in Giles County, 1 access road in Craig County, and 1 workspace and 2 access roads in Montgomery County.

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, 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 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 FERC issued on January 21 and 29, and February 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, and March 1, 12, and 13, 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