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Kimberly Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First St. NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Docket No. CP16-10 Mountain Valley Pipeline

Dear Ms. Bose:

**This letter is being submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to document our official opposition to the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). This 42" pipeline is being proposed by the corporation EQT/Next Era to cross through West Virginia and Virginia including Monroe and Greenbrier Counties, WV where we live.**

Friends of The Second Creek, Inc. (FOTSC) is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our clean water and precious history in and around Second Creek which flows in both Monroe and Greenbrier Counties, WV. FOTSC, staffed fully by volunteers, is funded by individual donations and gifts as well as by grants from WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).

**FOTSC is serious in our efforts to protect our waters' quality and quantity. After reading some of the information about MVP it is our consensus this 42" pipeline has the unquestionable potential to forever harm our local waters. Over the years WVDEP has provided not only financial support to FOTSC but more importantly has instilled in our members the many ways people must protect our water and local environment. We are taught to step into the water; take water samples; catch and count and release macroinvertebrates; and become aware of potential hazards and threats to our waters' health. MVP is a direct and immediate threat to FOTSC's mission for clean water.**

Second Creek begins on Peters Mountain, and although it is not located on MVP's current route, our water is threatened. Recent studies indicate that **ALL water on Peters Mountain is connected**. Blasting and construction of MVP, which is slated to cross Peters Mountain, could very well disrupt the water flow of all its springs. In fact 67% of Monroe County's incorporated municipalities have their water sources on Peters Mountain as do 75% of Monroe's Public

Service Districts. The private springs and wells from which a vast number of local homes and businesses obtain their water are directly threatened by contamination and/or permanent flow disruption if MVP is permitted to proceed.

**MVP threatens the documentation of our history, a critical factor in preserving our local culture.** FOTSC is actively documenting the history in our Second Creek watershed. Although this endeavor is worthwhile and rewarding, it is a slow and tedious process. The history in Monroe County is strongly connected by water, as is well documented in the numerous early 19<sup>th</sup> century resorts centered around healing springs. Along its 26 mile course, Second Creek had many water-powered mills, including grain and woolen mills, their products served local communities and resorts. These resorts were used by the wealthy populace when it was necessary to escape unhealthy conditions festering in many Southern cities, as well as providing places to socialize and strengthen political and business dealings.

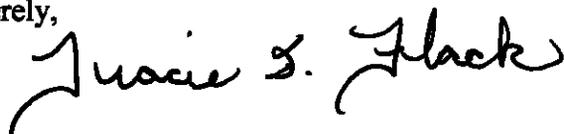
**MVP threatens to blast, bulldoze and industrialize our historical lands, forever destroying sites that were once used by indigenous people.** US Rt 219, now named Seneca Trail, bisects Monroe County north to south and was once the trade and hunting route used by Native Americans. Unknown locations protect the many sacred sites, villages and other trails which were certainly used for thousands of years before white man landed on this continent. Most of Monroe County's early history has yet to be documented. The proposed construction of MVP would run roughshod over multiple sites, this before any true survey process is completed and before any archeological documentation could occur.

**The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is a shoddy and incomplete document. It certainly does not fully address important environmental and cultural issues in our area. The application's extremely short time frame, with the favored method for "public involvement" clustered around holidays, is a sham. Many people still think MVP means Most Valuable Player, and FERC and FRACK are simply obscene and vulgar words.**

**The FERC's application process requires the general public to generate vast amounts of data and statistics. Currently FERC's court has made corporations "the worthy party" and we-the-people must defend our rights to clean water and air and personal property. Furthermore, FERC's process requires the people to GIVE newly researched data to EQT/First Energy at NO CHARGE. The majority of the public-submitted data is of a confidential nature, mandated to be on public display, nonetheless, it is given freely to the corporations. The entire FERC process puts people under severe and unwarranted financial and emotional duress. Well, it is downright unAmerican.**

**The FERC must reject the application for MVP. Action to the contrary will forever meld our United States government as an accomplice in the corporate takeover of our land, our water, our property and our very way of life.**

Sincerely,



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FOTSC President