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Subject: MVP's Revised Site-Specific Plan
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Good Morning Paul and Lavinia - I've completed my review of MVP's revised site-specific plan dated March 14, 2018, for the NLEB hibernacula in Braxton County WV. Based on the information provided by the applicant in the site specific plan, the Service concurs that both Options meet the objectives outlined in the following conservation measure:

"Mountain Valley, LLC will provide a site-specific plan to the Service for review and written approval prior to initiating any construction activities within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1. The site-specific plan will ensure no alteration, physical or otherwise, of the portal's entrance or environment that will adversely affect its use by federally listed bats, including those hibernating within the portal. In the event that the Service determines the site-specific plan cannot ensure that construction activities are not likely to adversely affect federally listed bats, Mountain Valley, LLC will consider a realignment of the Project within the range of possible alternatives such that all activities are at least 0.5 mile away from portal PS-WV3-Y-1. In certain instances, conducting some activities within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1 may not adversely affect federally listed bats; however, Mountain Valley, LLC will receive Service review and written approval of all activities within 0.5 mile of portal PS-WV3-Y-1 prior to initiating such activities."

In order for the Service to issue a written concurrence on this site-specific plan, as stated in the above conservation measure, FERC must identify which Option they would like MVP to move forward on so MVP can further evaluate appropriate design considerations and seek all necessary landowner approvals. Please be aware that if FERC selects Option 1 it will require a minor amendment to the biological opinion because an additional 0.5-acre of forested habitat removal will be necessary within 0.25-mile of the Braxton County NLEB hibernacula. On the contrary, we acknowledge that Option 2 has additional maintenance and safety concerns that may cause complications in the future. Thus, Option 1 may be more practicable.

To accommodate MVP's schedule, the Service requests that FERC respond to this email in a timely manner. I'll be in the office all day today if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you.

-Tiernan

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