

Attachment A – Correspondences

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Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499

November 20, 2009

Mr. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
Clover Bottom Mansion
2941 Lebanon Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0442

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

THE APPROXIMATELY 8.4 MILES OF PROPOSED UTILITY CORRIDOR FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HARRIMAN AND KINGSTON IN ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) proposes to restore and repair underground utilities affected by the Kingston ash slide for the municipalities of Harriman and Kingston in Roane County, Tennessee. Staff from the TVA Historic and Archaeological Permitting Compliance identified the area of potential effect (APE) as the approximately 8.4 miles of the areas under consideration for the replacement and enhancement of water, sewer, natural gas, and communications distribution networks. The majority of the APE was located in corridors within road or railroad rights-of-way or areas within existing major utility corridors that have been previously disturbed. Approximately .25-mile of the project corridor remained unaffected from previous disturbance. All the proposed work will be below ground and has no potential to visually affect historic structures.

TVA contracted with TRC, Inc. (TRC) to conduct the cultural resources survey of the APE. Prior to the field survey, TRC conducted archival research at the Tennessee Division of Archaeology (TDOA) and the Tennessee Historical Commission to identify all documented historic properties within and adjacent to the APE. Archival research identified no previously recorded archaeological sites within the APE.

Following the archival research, TRC conducted the cultural resources survey. Please find enclosed a copy of the *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 8.4 Miles of Proposed Utility Corridor for the Municipalities of Harriman and Kingston in Roane County, Tennessee*.

During the archaeological survey conducted on November 2-5, 2009, TRC identified one new archaeological resource (Locus JH-1), based on one positive shovel test with historic artifacts. This resource did not meet TDOA's minimum criteria for a classification of an archaeological site. Therefore, the resource was not considered eligible for the National Register of Historical Places.

It is TVA's opinion that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking and no further investigations are recommended. TVA has reviewed the enclosed report and agrees with the recommendations of the authors. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, we are seeking your concurrence with TVA's findings and recommendations.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Richard Yarnell at 865/632-3463
or wryarnell@tva.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Howard".

A. Eric Howard
Federal Preservation Officer
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Enclosure
cc: Kimberly Hodges (EDMS), LP 2V-C



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December 7, 2009

Mr. A. Eric Howard
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RE: TVA, CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT, 8.4 MILE UTILITY CORRIDOR,
HARRIMAN, ROANE COUNTY, TN

Dear Mr. Howard:

At your request, our office has reviewed the above-referenced cultural resources survey report in accordance with regulations codified at 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739). Based on the information provided, we concur that the project area contains no historic properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If project plans are changed or archaeological remains are discovered during construction, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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