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**US Army Corps of
Engineers
Norfolk District
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Received by: RLS
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Re: Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton Proposed 500/230 kV Transmission Line and Switching Station
Surry, Charles City, James City, and York Counties; City of Williamsburg
DHR File No. 2011-2071

Dear Mr. Steffey:

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has received from the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) a summary of consultation regarding the identification of architectural properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The summary table includes 337 architectural resources identified by the Corps within the APE for Indirect Effects. These 337 resources include 22 resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), of which one (1) resource is also a National Historic Landmark (NHL). The Corps is recommending an additional 20 resources as eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP as determined through survey. Three (3) resources are noted as located outside of the Indirect APE. DHR concurs with the Corps that the additional 20 architectural resources are eligible or potentially eligible for NRHP listing. Please see the attached table (*Architectural_Resource_Tables_DHR_05012015.xlsx*) for a complete list of resources. We understand that the NRHP eligibility of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail is still under consideration by the Corps. Please continue to consult with DHR regarding these resources.

DHR also concurs that the survey efforts to date meet applicable standards and guidelines and are sufficient to identify architectural properties that may be affected by this undertaking. Additional studies may be necessary if changes to the scope of the project require updates to the APE. Once NRHP eligibility is resolved for the trails, we look forward to consultation with the Corps regarding the effect of the undertaking on historic properties. If you have any questions concerning these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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