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Mr. Randy Steffey  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
803 Front Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Re: Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton Transmission Line Project  
Surry, James City, and York Counties, Cities of Newport News and Hampton, Virginia  
DHR File No. 2011-2071

Dear Mr. Steffey:

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received on January 29, 2016 the updated tables provided by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to the consulting parties that present the lists of identified archaeological and architectural resources within the project's area of potential effects and the Corps' effect determinations for individual historic properties. DHR has reviewed these updated tables and concurs with the Corps' determinations. As stated in our November 13, 2015 letter, we agree with the Corps that this project will result in an overall adverse effect to historic properties. The February 2, 2016 consulting parties meeting drew valuable input regarding studies that may be implemented to understand the full range and severity of effects. We look forward to receiving the Corps' response to those recommendations and remain available to assist in any way we can.

Again, we would like to thank the Corps for hosting the recent consulting parties meeting and focusing the discussion on ways in which the Corps can best address the concerns of the consulting parties. If you have any questions at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at [roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Kirchen".

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