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RE: ER06-683 Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant - Potential New Facility, Monroe County (NRC)

Dear Mr. Weir:

This is a response to your letter dated January 11 to Robert Christensen of our office, and follows up on the site visit to the project area on March 19 that included Mr. Christensen along with Cheryl Chidester and Elaine Robinson of Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group (CCRG). That visit confirmed CCRG's opinion; stated in the January 11 letter; that the project area seems to contain a relatively small number of properties that have the potential to meet the national register criteria.

It was agreed that for this project, only those properties of obvious historic significance would be surveyed, with photography, mapping, and research being performed and inventory forms created. Other properties that appeared to be fifty or more year old that possess a degree of integrity above the norm for the area would be photographed, their sites mapped, and listed by street address in the project report. The properties to be inventoried include the St. Charles Boromeo Church Complex, the two church cemeteries, and a few other houses at Oldport; several of the houses/cottages (including the outdoor fireplace at one) at the tip of Stony Point; selected individual properties at Detroit Beach, Woodland Beach, Stony Point, and Estral Beach, including two of the subdivision entrance portals; and various other houses, farm complexes, the Ste. Anne's Church and Grotto, one school building, and a roller skating rink. The work should include inspecting the interiors of St. Charles Boromeo Church and the roller rink as part of evaluations of national register eligibility for those properties. Streetscape views may be provided as appropriate to illustrate the general character of the platted areas for purposes of the report.

The project work will include research on the history of the study area in general and on the Oldport settlement and the communities of Estral Beach, Stony Point, and Woodland Beach, including such aspects as the platting and developmental history, ethnic history, and social and recreational history. If the research suggests additional properties, including districts, may be eligible for the national register based on historical considerations not evident from visual inspection of the project area, the project team and national register coordinator will consult on what further steps need to be taken to complete the project. The project report will include recommendations concerning national register eligibility with the rationale, in terms of the national register criteria, for each property or district evaluated as eligible specifically defined.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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