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Mr. Tony Banks  
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Re: (1) *Archaeological Survey as part of a Cultural Resource Survey of the Proposed North Anna – Ladysmith 500kV Transmission Line, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Caroline Counties, Virginia*

(2) *Architectural Survey of the Proposed North Anna – Ladysmith 500kV Transmission Line, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Caroline Counties, Virginia*

DHR File No. 2009-0430

Dear Mr. Banks:

We have received the reports referenced above prepared by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for Dominion Resources, Inc. These studies were conducted in accordance with Section II of DHR's *Guidelines for Assessing Impacts of Proposed Electric Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities on Historic Resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia* (January 2008). We reserve the right to provide additional comment as part of consultation with any responsible Federal agency under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, if applicable.

Archaeological shovel testing was conducted at 56 proposed tower locations and at several other points where warranted. The survey identified four new archaeological sites and three artifact locations. The locations are, by definition, not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and no additional investigation of these resources is warranted. The consultant recommends, and DHR concurs, that sites **44CE0624**, **44SP0616**, and **44SP0617** are *not eligible* for listing in the National Register and that site **44SP0618** is *potentially eligible* for listing. We understand that site 44SP0618 will be avoided. As such, no further investigations are warranted at this time. If and when access roads and staging areas are identified and if those locations require additional ground disturbance of intact soils, additional archaeological survey of those locations is recommended.

Regarding the architectural survey, the consultant recommends, and DHR concurs, that the Farm, Blantons Road (DHR ID #016-5042) is *potentially eligible* for listing in the National Register. It is our opinion that the three following properties in Spotsylvania County may also be potentially eligible and warrant additional consideration:

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**088-054 Pine Forest:** Not surveyed due to inaccessibility. Though the report references the property being found ineligible in 1980, our review of the archives file reveals some confusion regarding eligibility. It appears that the property was reconsidered and found eligible, but that there was concern at that time about its deteriorated condition. The file contains 1980s correspondence from someone who acquired the property with plans to restore it; however, there is nothing in the file to indicate whether this ever occurred. If the property is still extant, it could be eligible, or the property may indeed be a ruin.

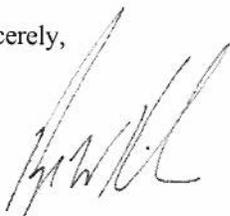
**088-0126 Llangollen:** This property was surveyed by the consultant and recommended ineligible due to exterior alterations and neglect. Intrigued by its form and two interior chimneys, we reviewed the archives file and concluded that this property may have significant interior features that would compensate for exterior integrity issues.

**088-0133 Bel-air:** This property was not surveyed due to inaccessibility. The archives file contains nothing recent and the photos show a property in neglected condition. Like Pine Forest, if this property is still standing and has received appropriate attention, it may be eligible.

In the case of Pine Forest and Bel-air, we recommend the use of aerial photos and/or Google Earth to confirm whether the properties are still standing. If they are extant and there is reason to conclude that they are in stable condition, we recommend consideration of the effect of the transmission line on these two properties. In the case of Llangollen, we recommend additional evaluation to include documentation of the interior.

Please provide the requested information at your earliest convenience. We are uncertain whether the tiered analysis of impacts on known resources as presented in Section I of DHR's *Guidelines for Assessing Impacts of Proposed Electric Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities on Historic Resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia* has been completed. Please ensure that this stage of analysis is satisfied prior to submitting your application to the SCC. Finally, please submit to our Archives the necessary architectural documentation for the 53 surveyed properties. If you have any questions concerning our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at [roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,



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