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RE: *Terrestrial and Underwater Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Large Component Transport Route, King William, Hanover, and Louisa Counties, Virginia*
DHR File No. 2000-1210

Dear Ms. Lanterman:

We have received for review the above-referenced report prepared by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for Dominion Resource Services, Inc. (Dominion). This study considered the potential impacts of the proposed 66-mile large component transport route (LCTR) on historic properties. The LCTR extends from the Mattaponi River near the town of Walkerton to the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County. Our comments are provided as assistance to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers in meeting their joint responsibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We are pleased to inform you that this study is consistent with the approved scope of work and all applicable guidelines. The archaeological survey considered six areas of proposed ground disturbance along the LCTR and the potential for submerged resource in the area to be impacted within the Mattaponi River. The underwater investigations identified one possible historic resource; however, upon additional evaluation, this was determined to be of modern origin. No additional underwater investigations are warranted at this time. The terrestrial survey expanded the boundaries of the previously-recorded archaeological site 44KW0081 and identified three additional artifact locations. The artifact locations are, by definition, ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and no further consideration of these resources is warranted.

Site 44KW0081, a multi-component resource with deposits dating from the Middle Archaic period through the 19th century, was determined eligible for listing in the National Register in 1993 as part of a bridge replacement project. Earlier studies focused on the areas to be impacted by the bridge project. The current study extended the eastern boundary of the site into the area of potential effect for the LCTR. We concur that the expanded area of site 44KW0081 contributes to the National Register eligibility of the resource and should be treated as an historic property for the purposes of compliance with Section 106.

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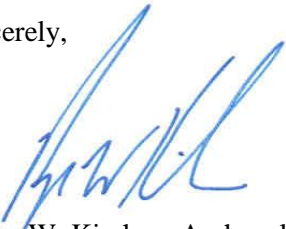
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The proposed LCTR route crosses the expanded area of site 44KW0081. To address potential impacts to site 44KW0081, Dominion has prepared a Ground Disturbance Plan (GDP) which was provided as an attachment to your July 7, 2011 letter. Based on the results of the archaeological study, we concur that the full implementation of the GDP will sufficiently minimize impacts to site 44KW0081. Accordingly, we find that the LCTR will not adversely affect historic properties and that no additional archaeological study is warranted in support of the LCTR.

Thank you for your continued consultation on the potential impacts of this project on historic resources. We look forward to working with NRC and Dominion to conclude the Section 106 process. We request that Dominion prepare for our review a summary of consultation to date and a list of cultural resource commitments for the North Anna Power Station Unit 3 so that all parties clearly understand how cultural resources will be protected during the construction of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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