

Advisory
Council On
Historic
Preservation

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February 13, 1979

Mr. Daniel R. Muller
Division of Environmental Projects
Division of Reactor Licensing
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Muller:

By letter of September 15, 1977, the Council requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigate the applicability of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) and/or Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" to the River Bend Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, an undertaking by NRC that may have an effect upon cultural resources that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

We have not yet received a reply. We would appreciate it if you would look into this matter and let us have a reply as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Jane King at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Sincerely,

B. R. Storey

for Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Office
of Review and Compliance

Enclosure

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February 5, 1979

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Mr. E. Bernard Carrier, Assistant Secretary
Office of Program Development - State of Louisiana
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
P. O. Box 44257
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Sir:

File G10.5: Environmental - History, Land Use,
Transport, Transmission, and Seismology

Attached are two copies of the following information you
requested in your letters dated September 21, 1978 and September
22, 1978:

- 1) Archaeological and historical site surveys
- 2) Description of the Environmental settings for the transmission
routes
- 3) Known historical and prehistorical sites closest to the
project area.
- 4) Spot find forms for sites 1 and 2
- 5) Site forms for sites 3-7
- 6) Site form for site 8
- 7) GSU commitments

We recognize, as you stated in both of these letters, that your
final clearance for the transmission line routes has been given.

Sincerely,



J. E. Booker
Manager - River Bend Project

WJR/mb

Attachments

GSU Commitments

In regard to E. Bernard Carrier's letter dated September 22, 1978 and comments (5)-(8) therein; Gulf States Utilities will suspend construction and notify Mr. Carrier's office if any additional artifacts are encountered during such construction activities at sites 1 and 2; Gulf States Utilities will take every reasonable effort to avoid any physical impact in the vicinities of sites 3-7, will access these areas carefully, will not locate any structural foundations within 25 feet of breastworks, and subsurface disturbances in close proximity to sites 3-7 will be monitored by a professional archaeologist; Gulf States Utilities will not affect site 8 with any construction activity; Gulf States Utilities will have any subsurface terrain alteration occurring within the limits of the Port Hudson Battlefield National Historic Landmark monitored by a professional archaeologist.

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E. BERNARD CARRIER, PhD
Assistant Secretary

J. LARRY CRAIN, PhD
Secretary

September 22, 1978

Mr. William J. Reed, Jr.
Gulf States Utilities Company
Post Office Box 2951
Beaumont, Texas 77704

Re: Cultural Resources Survey of the
Gulf States Utilities Transmission
Line Rights of Way, Louisiana:
Line 752 - routes A and D
Line 352 - routes C and E

Dear Mr. Reed:

The Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has reviewed the above referenced survey report prepared by R. W. Neuman of Louisiana State University. I would like to submit the following comments and recommendations at this time:

- (1) The report should include a brief description of the environmental setting including elevation, drainage, major floral and faunal communities.
- (2) Spot find forms should be submitted for sites 1 and 2 with accompanying sketch map showing the locations of subsurface testing.
- (3) Site forms should be completed and submitted for sites 3-7 (Civil War breastworks). Separate forms should be completed for sites 3 and 7. Sites 4-6 can be considered one site due to their close proximity.
- (4) A site form should be completed for site 8 (Riddle Family Cemetery). Site numbers and spot find numbers will be assigned by the Division when the forms are submitted to this office. The additional environmental data can be submitted as an addendum to the report.
- (5) Sites 1 and 2 do not appear to meet the criteria for state registry or National Register consideration. No further work is recommended at this time. If additional artifacts (pottery, arrowheads, other stone tools) are

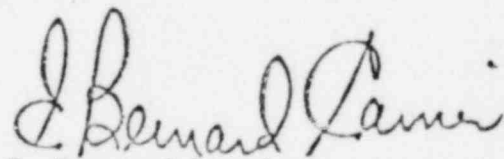
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encountered during construction, this office should be notified immediately and construction temporarily halted.

- (6) Every effort should be made to avoid any physical impact (terrain alteration) in the vicinities of sites 3-7. Access roads required for construction of the transmission lines should be routed well away from these features. Any subsurface disturbance in close proximity to sites 3-7 (e.g. core holes for placement of transmission poles) should be monitored by a professional archaeologist. No cores should be placed within 25 feet of any of the breastworks.
- (7) Site 8 (Riddle Cemetery) should be avoided by all construction activities.
- (8) Any subsurface terrain alteration occurring within the limits of the Port Hudson Battlefield National Historic Landmark should be monitored by a professional archaeologist.

If these recommendations are followed, the adverse impacts on the Port Hudson Battlefield and other cultural resources within the project area should be minimized. This letter can be considered as my final clearance of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



E. Bernard Carrier
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: R. W. Neuman

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E. BERNARD CARRIER, PhD
Assistant Secretary

J. LARRY CRAIN, PhD
Secretary

September 21, 1978

Mr. William J. Reed, Jr.
Gulf States Utilities Company
Post Office Box 2951
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Re: An Archaeological and Historical
Site Survey of the River Bend
Station Transmission Line,
Route B, Louisiana 1978

Dear Mr. Reed:

The Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has reviewed the above referenced cultural resources survey report prepared by R. W. Neuman of Louisiana State University.

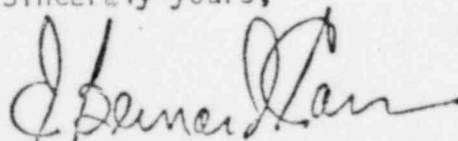
In order to meet the criteria set forth in the draft "Standards for Cultural Resources Surveys" in the Antiquities Code of Louisiana, the following additional information should be included in the report:

- (1) Description of the environmental setting of the project area including elevations, landforms, floral and faunal communities;
- (2) Discussion of the location and cultural associations of known historic and prehistoric sites closest to the project area;
- (3) Brief discussion of why no sites were located during the survey;
- (4) Two copies of each report should be submitted to this office.

I request that this additional information be submitted as an addendum to the final report.

Since no historic or prehistoric sites were located during the field survey, I hereby give my final clearance for this phase of transmission line construction.

Sincerely yours,



E. Bernard Carrier

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