



July 16, 2018

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Re: Furman Fendley 100kV Transmission Project
Union County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 18-KL0152

Dear Tommy Jackson:

Thank you for your email of July 2, 2018 regarding the above-referenced proposed undertaking. We also received the survey forms, photographs, shapefiles and revised draft report, *Cultural Resources Survey of the Furman Fendley 100kV Transmission Project, Union County, South Carolina*, as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

Thank you for addressing our technical comments. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) investigated for the proposed undertaking is defined as a 3.4-acre tract and a 3.72-mile long and 70-foot wide corridor with a 100-ft buffer area. Three previously recorded archaeological sites (38UN0034, 38UN0035, and 38UN0082) and no previously recorded above-ground resources were identified in the APE. Sites 38UN0034, 38UN0035 and 38UN0082 were not relocated in the APE during the survey. Two newly recorded above-ground resources (SHPO Site Nos. 1418 and 1419) and no newly recorded archaeological sites were identified during the investigations. SHPO Sites Nos. 1418 and 1419 are recommended as not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Our office concurs with this recommendation.

Based on the description of the APE and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with the assessment that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP will be affected by this project.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal

materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

Our office accepts the revised draft report as final. To complete the reporting process, please provide at least three (3) hard copies of a final report: one (1) bound hard copy and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for the SHPO; one (1) bound and one (1) unbound hard copies and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for SCIAA. Investigators should send all copies directly to the SHPO. The SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 18-KL0152 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or KLewis@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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