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Hayes Substation Project
Certificate Condition #20 – Phase I Archaeological Survey

<u>Case No. 11-4711-EL-BLN</u>

Dear Mr. O'Dell,

The following document associated with the Hayes Substation Project ("Project") is provided for Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") Staff review and acceptance. This submittal is based on the Board Opinion, Order and Certificate issued on December 17, 2012, in particular, Condition # 20. This condition stated that a Phase I Archaeological Survey of the approved site is to be conducted and the results submitted to Staff prior to commencement of construction.

URS's investigation of the project area on behalf of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated's ("ATSI"), for both archaeology and historic architecture, determined by subsurface testing and intensive visual inspections of the project area did not result in the identification of any archaeological resources. In the attached Ohio Historical Preservation Office ("OHPO") letter dated March 1, 2013, OHPO concurred with ATSI's findings, and in summary, does not require any additional consultation.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (330) 384-2526.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Humphrys Transmission Specialist

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Regards,

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March 1, 2013

Christopher Bergman, Cultural Resources Group Leader URS Corporation 36 East 7th Street, Suite 2300 Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Bergman:

RE: Hayes Substation Project, Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio

This is in response to the receipt, on February 1, 2013, of A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Hayes Substation Project in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio. This project involves a 6-acre parcel of land where the Hayes Substation will be constructed. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office are submitted in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project (OAC 4906-15-01).

Subsurface testing and intensive visual inspection of the project area did not result in the identification of any archaeological resources. Based on the negative findings of the survey, URS has recommended that no further archaeological investigations are required for the direct APE. OHPO concurs with this recommendation and no further coordination is required for archaeological resources unless the project changes or archaeological remains are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13.

The report also included an analysis of the APE for indirect effects. Fifteen architectural resources 50 years of age or older were identified within the APE. Fourteen are considered not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. One resource, the Jacob Clays House, was originally recorded in 1978 and previously determined to be eligible. The current survey confirmed the current condition of this property and its continued eligibility. Since a historic property was present, URS assessed the potential effects of the proposed undertaking on the Jacob Clays House. URS concluded that that there will be no effect to the resource due to the presence of modern residential properties and existing larger utility infrastructure (overhead steel-tower transmission line corridor above the proposed substation) within the viewshed of the Jacob Clays House. OHPO concurs with this assessment. Therefore the project will not affect historic properties. No further coordination is required for architectural resources for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or by email at cnelson@ohiohistory.org.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Nelson, Project Reviews Manager

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