

In reply refer to 2016-HAM-35242-2

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Dear Dr. McKelway:

RE: Duke Energy D000B Line Replacement, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

This is in response to the receipt, on September 8, 2016, of *Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Line D000BReplacement Project, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.* The comments of the State Historic Preservation Office are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Subsurface testing, surface collection and intensive visual inspection of the project area resulted in the identification of three previously unrecorded archaeological sites. Site 33 HA 860 is a small artifact scatter associated with a 19th/20th century dancehall. Site 33 HA 866 is a small artifact scatter associated with a 19th/20th century lunch counter. The portions of these sites in the construction corridor appear to have limited potential for in situ artifacts or archaeological features. Site 33 HA 861 is a 19th/20th century artifact scatter. I concur with the opinion that additional testing or avoidance is needed at 33 HA 861. Provided that site 33 HA 861 is avoided and protected, I concur with the opinion that this project will not affect historic properties. No further coordination is required unless the project changes or additional 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.

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

Sincerely

Nathan J. Young, Project Reviews Manager

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