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November 19, 2014

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal
Administration/Docketing
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: NTE Ohio, LLC, OPSB Case No. 14-534-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. McNeal:

The November 4, 2014, Joint Stipulation and Recommendation by NTE Ohio, LLC ("NTE") and the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff ("OPSB Staff"), Joint Exhibit 1, identified an agreed upon set of conditions pertaining to the construction of the Middletown Energy Center.

Within this set of conditions, Condition No. 9 requires that:

Prior to construction, the Applicant shall finalize Staff and State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") coordination of the review of potential effects, if any, on historical architecture and the Phase II cultural resources archeological work at Site 33BU1071. If the resulting coordination discloses a find of cultural or archaeological significance, or a site that could be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, then the Applicant shall submit an amendment, modification, or mitigation plan to Staff to ensure compliance with this condition. Any such mitigation effort, if needed, shall be developed in coordination with SHPO and submitted to Staff for review.

Attached to this letter is a copy of a November 17, 2014 letter from SHPO finding that site 33-BU-1071 does not meet National Register eligibility criteria, and no further archaeological work is need. Also attached is a copy of a November 18, 2014 letter from SHPO stating that no further coordination is necessary for this project unless there is a change in the scope of work. Thus, NTE is in compliance with this condition.

If you have any questions please call at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Sally W. Bloomfield

Attachments

cc: Grant Zeto (w/Attachments)



November 17, 2014

Lynn Gresock, Environmental Consultant
Tetra Tech
238 Littleton, Suite 201B
Westford, MA 01886

Re: Middletown Energy Center
Middletown, Butler County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Gresock,

This is in response to correspondence received September 30, 2014, regarding the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]) and the Memorandum of Agreement for this undertaking.

The correspondence transmits the report titled "Phase II Archaeological Investigation of Site 33-BU-1071, for the Middletown Energy Center, Middletown, Butler County, Ohio" by Robert Jacoby, September 2014. The report presents findings from archaeological investigations conducted at site 33-BU-1071 to thoroughly describe the site and offer a recommendation on the eligibility of the site for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The investigations included pedestrian walk-over, intensive shovel testing, unit excavations, and geophysical testing. The investigations resulted in the collection of additional artifacts and the identification of one feature. The feature produced a piece of fire cracked rock and residues but little else. Based on the information presented in the report we concur that site 33-BU-1071 does not meet National Register eligibility criteria. No further archaeological work is needed for this project.

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Snyder".

David Snyder, Ph.D., RPA, Archaeology Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

DMS/ds (OHPO Serial Number 1055495)



November 18, 2014

Lynn Gresock, Environmental Consultant
Telra Tech
238 Littleton, Suite 201B
Westford, MA 01886

Re: Middletown Energy Center
Middletown, Butler County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Gresock,

This is in response to correspondence from your office dated September 18, 2014 (received September 19), regarding the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]) and the Memorandum of Agreement for this undertaking.

The correspondence provides additional requested discussion on the potential for this project to adversely affect historic architectural properties. Thank you for providing the additional discussion. We agree that the Harkie Street residences as a group do not rise to the level of National Register significance. We also agree that the properties in the general project area that are associated with the Augspurger and Harkrader families do not retain association with a large surrounding setting where there is the potential for adverse effects from intrusions of a large industrial facility. For these reasons we concur that there will be no historic properties affected by the Middletown Energy Center. No further coordination with this office is necessary for this project unless there is a change in the scope of work. In addition, if new or additional properties or effects are discovered this office should be notified [36 CFR 800.13].

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Snyder".

David Snyder, Ph.D., RPA, Archaeology Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

DMS/ds (OHPO Serial Number 1055387)

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Summary: Correspondence of NTE Ohio, LLC in Compliance with Stipulation Condition No. 9
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