

Appendix B – Cultural Resources Correspondence

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Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11D, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499

October 10, 2012

Ms. Elizabeth Ann Brown
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Dear Ms. Brown:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA), LIMESTONE COUNTY WATER AND SEWAR
AUTHORITY WATER LINE, WHEELER RESERVOIR, LIMESTONE COUNTY, DECATUR,
ALABAMA

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Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), we are seeking your concurrence with TVA's findings that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Michaelyn Harle in Knoxville, Tennessee, at (865) 632-2248 or by e-mail at mharle@tva.gov.

Sincerely,

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Clinton E. Jones
Senior Manager
Biological and Cultural Compliance
Environmental Permits and Compliance

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STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-0900

FRANK W. WHITE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEL: 334-242-3184
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November 19, 2012

Michaelyn Harle
TVA
400 West Summit Hill Drive
WT 11D
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499

Re: AHC 13-0066
CRA
Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority Water Line
Wheeler Reservoir, Limestone County

Dear Ms. Harle:

Upon review of the cultural resource assessment conducted by Panamerican Consultants, Inc. for the above referenced project, we have determined that project activities will have no adverse effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's non-renewable resources. Should you have any questions, the point of contact for this matter is Amanda Hill at 334-230-2692. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Ann Brown".

Elizabeth Ann Brown
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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TVA finds that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking. By this letter, TVA is providing notification of these findings and is seeking your comments regarding this undertaking and any properties that may be of religious and cultural significance and may be eligible for listing in the NRHP pursuant to 36CFR §§ 800.2 (c)(2)(ii), 800.3 (f)(2), and 800.4 (a)(4)(b).

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Please respond by November 24, 2012, if you have any comments on the proposed undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact me in Knoxville, Tennessee, at (865) 632-6461 or by email at pbezzell@tva.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bernard Ezzell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Bernard Ezzell
Tribal Liaison and Corporate Historian
Communications
WT 11D-K

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IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town

Cherokee Nation

Chickasaw Nation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Kialegee Tribal Town

Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma,

Seminole Tribe of Florida

Shawnee Tribe

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

From: Richard Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 4:24 PM
To: Ezzell, Patricia Bernard
Subject: RE: TVA, LIMESTONE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY WATER LINE, WHEELER RESERVOIR, LIMESTONE COUNTY, DECATUR, ALABAMA

The Cherokee Nation has no knowledge of any historic, cultural or sacred sites within the affected area. Should any ground disturbance reveal an archaeological site or human remains, we ask that the all activity cease immediately and the Cherokee Nation and other appropriate agencies be contacted immediately.

Thank you,

Dr. Richard L. Allen
Policy Analyst
NAGPRA/Section 106 Contact
Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465
[REDACTED]

From: Amber Jarrett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 4:07 PM
To: Ezzell, Patricia Bernard
Subject: TN & AL projects

February 4, 2013

Pat B. Ezzell
Tribal Liaison and Corporate Historian
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 W. Summit Hill Drive
460 WT 11D-K
Knoxville, TN 37902
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Ezzell,

Thank you for the emails regarding the proposed projects delineated in the below list. After reviewing the information, we are in agreement with the assessments and have no objections to the proposed undertakings.

We concur with the finding of no adverse effect to historic properties and do not presently know of any specific historic properties or properties of significant religious or sacred value in the project area.

In the event the agency becomes aware of the need to enforce other statutes we request to be notified under NEPA, NAGPRA, AIRFA, ARPA, NHPA and Professional Standards. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Amber Jarrett, preservation and repatriation manager, at [REDACTED] or Ms. LaDonna Brown, historic preservation officer, at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Lisa John, Secretary
Culture and Humanities

Project Description	Location
TVA proposal to cost share with the US Coast Guard for the removal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel	Hamilton County, TN

at the Chickamauga Coast Guard Base, Tennessee River Mile 472.0 left bank, Hamilton County, Tennessee. We understand the material will be placed along the surrounding shoreline up to but not exceeding the existing bank and the bank will be stabilized.	
Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority's request of a permanent easement on TVA land. We understand this proposed project's goal is to install a subterranean 30-inch water line across the Tennessee River at River Mile 304.6 connecting to the city of Decatur's water system.	Limestone County, AL
TVA's proposal to build a new 161-kV substation approximately two miles north of Crossville, Dekalb County, Alabama.	Dekalb County, AL

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Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority Easement

From: Lisa LaRue-Baker - UKB THPO [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Ezzell, Patricia Bernard
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: TVA, LIMESTONE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY WATER LINE, WHEELER RESERVOIR, LIMESTONE COUNTY, DECATUR, ALABAMA

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has reviewed your projects for Section 106 NHPA purposes, and cultural resources. At this time, we have no objection or comment. However, if any human remains or funerary items are inadvertently discovered, please cease all work and contact us immediately.

Lisa LaRue-Baker
Acting THPO
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
PO Box 746
Tahlequah, OK 74465

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From: Terry Cole [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 4:05 PM
To: Ezzell, Patricia Bernard
Subject: RE: TVA, LIMESTONE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY WATER LINE, WHEELER RESERVOIR, LIMESTONE COUNTY, DECATUR, ALABAMA

The Muscogee(Creek)Nation concurs with TVA, that no historic properties will be affected by this project. Thank you
Terry D. Cole, Deputy THPO

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