

Appendix B – Cultural Resource Correspondence

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August 7, 2012

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Dear Mr. McIntyre:

**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA), PHASED IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION,
TVA DOWNTOWN KNOXVILLE PARKING GARAGE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the City of Knoxville (City) have entered into a conditional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the proposed construction of a parking garage to be located on the northern portion of the block bounded by Summer Place, Union Avenue, Walnut Street and Locust Street in Knoxville, Tennessee. The proposed location for the undertaking is currently owned by third parties. An abandoned building (Picture 1) covers a majority of the lot and the remainder is either an existing parking lot or building foundations (Picture 2). TVA considers the area of potential effects (APE) for archaeology to be any area that would be affected by land-disturbing activities associated with the construction of the proposed undertaking (Figure 1). The architectural APE is a 0.5-mile viewshed surrounding the proposed undertaking (Figure 2).

A preliminary review indicates three historic properties (Daylight Building, Old Knoxville City Hall, and the Market Square Historic District) listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are located within the architectural APE.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(2) TVA is proposing to use a phased process for identification and evaluation efforts. Following the City's purchase of the property, a Phase I cultural resources survey would be conducted prior to any work occurring that could potentially affect a historic property. Any historic properties (archaeological sites, historic sites, and historic structures) that could potentially be adversely affected by the proposed undertaking would in consultation be treated by measures to avoid, and/or minimize such effects. If it is determined in consultation that historic properties would be adversely affected by the proposed undertaking TVA would, in consultation, enter into a memorandum of agreement pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6 to resolve the adverse effects.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(f), TVA will seek the participation of the City of Knoxville, Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Knox Heritage, the East Tennessee Historical

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Society, and the Market Square District Association as invited consulting parties in the Section 106 process.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(f)(2), TVA is also seeking comments from federally recognized Indian tribes regarding properties that may have religious and cultural significance to their tribe and eligible for the NRHP.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(g) TVA is seeking your agreement to addressing multiple steps in the section 106 process as long as the consulting parties and the public have an adequate opportunity to express their views as provided in § 800.2(d).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marianne Shuler at (865) 632-2464 or mmschuler@tva.gov.

Sincerely,



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Commercial and residential development during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries has altered the original landform at the proposed location of the parking garage to the extent that it is highly unlikely that any prehistoric or proto-historic sites are present within the archaeological APE.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.3(f)(2), TVA is consulting with the following federally recognized Indian tribes regarding historic properties within the proposed project's APE that may be of religious and cultural significance and are eligible for listing in the NRHP: Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Shawnee Tribe.

By this letter, TVA is providing notification of this undertaking and is seeking your comments regarding any properties that may be of religious and cultural significance and may be eligible for the NRHP pursuant to 36CFR Parts 800.2 (c)(2)(ii), 800.3 (f)(2), and 800.4 (a)(4)(b).

Please respond by August 20, 2012, if you have any comments on the proposed undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact me 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.

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