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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
GHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 81-0658-079-U
NRC: Bell Bend Power Plant Phase 1B Investigations Management
Summary: Historic Resources
Conyngham, Nescopeck, Salem Townships, Luzerne County

Dear Ms. Cole:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

We concur with the findings of the agency that the following resources are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

1. United Reformed & Lutheran Church (Old River Church), Conyngham Township, Luzerne County: This church is an excellent example of the Federal style of architecture and meets National Register criterion C.
2. Woodcrest, 3209 SR 239, Conyngham Township, Luzerne County: This farms is eligible for its local agricultural significance and meets National Register criterion A. It may also be eligible under criterion C, for it architectural significance, however, information and photographs of its interior would need to be submitted to evaluate for this criterion.

We disagree with the findings of the agency concerning the eligibility of the following resource. In our opinion, this resource is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

3. North Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Salem Township, Luzerne County: This intact section of the canal reflects the ~~significance~~ significance of the canal in the mid to late 19th century and therefore is eligible under National Register criterion A.

We concur with the findings of the agency that the following properties are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the information supplied they are not historically or architecturally significant.

4. Thrash Farm, 783 Berwick-Hazleton Highway, Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
5. Fortner Farm, 212 E. Cherry Road, Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
6. Croll Farm, 811 River Road, Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
7. Raber Farm, 950 Berwick-Hazleton Highway, Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County
8. Michaels Farm, 4252 N. Market Street, Salem Township, Luzerne County
9. Heller Farm, 4210 N. Market Street, Salem Township, Luzerne County
10. Valley View Farm, Salem Township, Luzerne County
11. Susquehanna & Tioga Turnpike, Salem Township, Luzerne County
12. Jameson Farm, 62 Kiliti Road, Salem Township, Luzerne County

We disagree with the findings of the agency concerning the National Register eligibility of the following resources. In our opinion, these railroads are not eligible.

13. Pennsylvania & Sunbury Line of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County: This line was a connection between major Railroad lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad. While Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton were all major economic centers at the time, it does not make this spur significant nor played a significant role in the transportation of anthracite coal.
14. The Bloomsburg Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, Salem Township, Luzerne County: Based on the information provided the significance of this section of the DL&W is unproven. It does not appear to have provided significant competition to other railroad lines or to have been an important carrier in relation to other railroads.

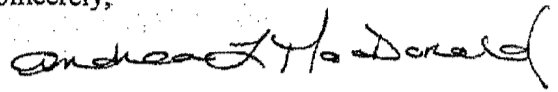
We are unable to complete our review of the following resources until additional information is submitted.

15. Stone Arch Bridge/North Market Street Bridge, Salem Township, Luzerne County: Please supply the correct length measurement of this bridge (see attached guidance for measuring bridges). The submission states that there are only 3 intact stone arch bridges in the county. Our on-line Geographical Information Submission shows that there are over 50 stone arch bridges. Please evaluate this bridge in the context of the bridge survey.
16. Wapwallopen Historic District (potential), Conyngham Township, Luzerne County: Please contact our agency to schedule a site visit to verify the presence and boundaries of a historic district.

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If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan Zacher at (717)
783-9920.

Sincerely,



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