

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

**Requirement D-1 – PHMC Clearance Letters** 

Regional Energy Access Expansion Project – Effort Loop

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RE: ER 2020-0289-042-E; FERC: Phase I Archaeological Investigation for the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC Regional Energy Access Expansion, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Wyoming, and York Counties.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Thank you for submitting the report for the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

We concur with the findings in the report that the following properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to a lack of integrity and/or significance:

36LU0125; 36LU0318; 36LU0328; 36LU0353; 36LU0354; 36MR0085; 36MR0087

We also concur that the portions of sites **36LU0121** and **36LU0337** within the current APE do not contribute to the sites' overall NRHP eligibility and the current undertaking will have **No Adverse Effect** on either site.

Finally, we concur with your recommended to avoidance plans for sites **36LU0110**, **36LU0311** and **36LU0352** and the current undertaking will have **No Adverse Effect** on these sites. We also accept the proposed Unanticipated Discovery Plan (UDP) and will keep it on file.

This report meets our standards and specifications as outlined in *Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in Pennsylvania* (SHPO 2017) and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeological Documentation. We agree with the recommendations of this report and, in our opinion, no further archaeological work is necessary for this project.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this review, please contact me at (717) 772-0923 or chanson@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief Division of Environmental Review

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RE: ER 2020-0289-042-G; FERC: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company LLC; Regional Energy Access; Monroe and Luzerne Counties; Architectural and Historical Resources Investigations

Dear Ms. Cress.

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

## **Above Ground Resources**

Thank you for providing the architectural and historical resources investigation report for our review. We are requesting additional information on the following properties:

- Key No. 212561 (WPA Wall): Due to the potential for a direct effect, please prepare a full Historic Resource Survey Form (HRSF) for this property. A copy of the HRSF is found here: https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Pages/Forms-Guidance.aspx
- Key No. 202435 (Novicki House): Due to the potential for a direct effect, please prepare a full HRSF for this property that applies the statewide agricultural context within the appropriate agricultural region. A copy of the agricultural context and registration requirements for that region is available via the agricultural history website here: <a href="http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/agriculture/history/index.html">http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/agriculture/history/index.html</a> The HRSF should include all of the required attachments for agricultural properties. A list of these requirements as well as a copy of the HRSF is found here: <a href="https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Pages/Forms-Guidance.aspx">https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Pages/Forms-Guidance.aspx</a>. An example can be provided upon request.
- Key No. 211516 (Friedman Farm): Due to the potential for a direct effect, please prepare
  a full HRSF for this property that applies the statewide agricultural context within the
  appropriate agricultural region. A copy of the agricultural context and registration
  requirements for that region is available via the agricultural history website here:
  <a href="http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/agriculture/history/index.html">http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/agriculture/history/index.html</a> The HRSF
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  can be provided upon request.

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Based on the information received and available within our files, we concur with the scope and level of effort utilized to identify historic properties for this project, appropriate pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4, on the remaining properties as individual resources. However, if the proposed pipeline route changes and/or if additional above ground features are proposed that have the potential to directly affect identified resources, additional information in the form of a HRSF for individual buildings and/or potential historic districts may be required for those properties (in consultation with our office).

For questions concerning this review and/or for future submittals, please contact Emma Diehl at <a href="mailto:emdiehl@pa.gov">emdiehl@pa.gov</a> or (717) 787-9121.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief

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