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Ms. Angie Curl
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Via email: acurl@regioneight.org

RE: Central Hampshire PSD – Southwestern Hampshire County Water Project (Phases I & II)
FR#: 21-882-HM

Dear Ms. Curl:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine potential effects on cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to the submitted information, the Hampshire County Commission along with the Central Hampshire Public Service District proposes to undertake a phased water system extension project in the vicinity of Purgitsville in the southwestern portion of Hampshire County, West Virginia. The project will include the installation of new water lines, a new water storage tank, and an above-ground booster station. The project was previously submitted for review by Cerrone Associates, Inc. in March 2020 (FR#: 20-657-HM) prior to it being separated into three phases. Phase III will be submitted under a separate cover at a later date.

Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the revised project information and determined that the proposed water line will pass adjacent to the Old Pine Church (NR# 12001049). The church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. However, it is our opinion the proposed underground water line will have no effect on this resource. The included mapping and project details show that the proposed water lines and above-ground infrastructure will not directly affect any architectural resources or affect any historic viewsheds. Therefore, we have determined that no architectural resources or districts will be affected by the proposed project. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we do ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

Archaeological Resources:

The current submission indicates that a Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey was recently conducted within the current project area by Weller & Associates, Inc. However, the resulting technical report was not

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included with the current submission. Please forward the Phase I archaeological survey technical report and associated GIS shape files to our office for review. We will provide further comment upon its receipt.

Cemetery Resources:

Project mapping indicates that several sections of the proposed water line corridor will run adjacent to several cemeteries including the Old Pine Church Cemetery which is a contributing resource of the Old Pine Church National Register of Historic Places listed property (NR# 12001049). No ground disturbing activities will take place within the cemeteries and no above-ground infrastructure will be located within any of the cemeteries' direct viewsheds. Therefore, it is our opinion that Phases I and II of the proposed water system extension project will have no effect on cemetery resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Benjamin M. Riggle, Structural Historian, or Carolyn M. Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,



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