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Mr. Dominick P. Cerrone, P.E. Director of Engineering Cerrone Associates, Inc. 97 14th Street Wheeling, WV 26003

RE: Central Hampshire PSD – Southwestern Hampshire County Water Extensions

FR#: 20-657-HM

Dear Mr. Cerrone:

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 Central Hampshire Public Service District proposes to undertake water system extension project in the southwestern portion of Hampshire County, West Virginia from the Hardy County/Hampshire County line up to the community of Rada. The work will involve the installation of new water lines, a new 50,000 gallon water storage tank, and a 50 GPM above-ground booster station.

Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted 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 photographs and mapping show that the proposed water lines and above-ground infrastructure will not directly affect any architectural resources or affect any historic viewsheds. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we do ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

Archaeological Resources:

A search of our records indicates that there are no previously recorded archaeological resources located within the proposed project area. Project mapping indicates that a large portion of the proposed ground disturbing activities will occur within previously disturbed areas and/or existing rights-of-way. However, there are sections of the proposed water line installation work that will occur outside of existing rights-of-way/utility corridors. We have concerns that there may be unrecorded archaeological deposits present within the proposed project area. We, therefore, request that a Phase I archaeological survey be conducted in the following areas: all areas where line installation work will occur outside of previously disturbed areas and/or existing rights-of-way; the proposed booster station site; and the proposed tank site as well as its associated access road and water line corridor. We will provide further comment upon receipt of the resulting technical report.

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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 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,

Susan M. Pierce signed electronically 2:45pm 4/29/2020

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