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November 10, 2014

Alan Leveillee
PAL Inc
26 Main Street
Pawtucket RI 02860

RE: Phase I Archaeological Survey
National Grid Newport Distribution Line- Jepson Substation
Middletown, RI

Dear Mr. Leveillee,

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has reviewed the results of the above-referenced survey conducted by PAL Inc. As no cultural material was recovered, and no significant or potentially significant archaeological sites were identified, we concur with PAL's finding that no further archaeological work is warranted. It is our conclusion that this project will have no effect on any significant archaeological resources (those listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places).

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Taylor, Senior Archaeologist at this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Laura Ernst, NGRID

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16 September, 2015

Deborah Cox
PAL, Inc.
26 Main Street
Pawtucket RI 02860

RE: Phase I Archaeological Survey
Newport Distribution Supply- Lines 61 & 62

Dear Ms. Cox:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has reviewed the report of the above-referenced survey.

We concur that no significant or potentially significant archaeological sites will be affected by the proposed structure replacements; no further archaeological investigations are warranted.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Taylor, Archaeologist at this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
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Cc: Laura Ernst, National Grid

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2 December 2015

Stephen Olausen
Executive Director/Senior Architectural Historian
PAL, Inc.
26 Main Street
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

Re: Historic Architectural Reconnaissance Survey and Effects Assessment
Newport Distribution Supply- Lines 61 & 62
69kV to 115kV Upgrade and Rebuild Project
Portsmouth, Rhode Island
PAL# 2893.02

Dear Mr. Olausen:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the above-referenced historic architectural survey report. The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid, is proposing to upgrade its existing 69kV electrical supply Lines 61 & 62 to 115kV between the Dexter and Jepson substations, a distance of 4.3 miles. There are 69 existing structures along the route: 44 single-circuit, wood H-frame structures installed in 2001, and 25 double-circuit wood, 3-pole structures installed in the mid-1980s. All 69 structures will be replaced with single-pole, single-circuit, weathering steel poles on concrete caisson foundations with davit arms facing inward to the centerline of the ROW. A total of 94 new, steel replacement structures will be installed: 38 single-pole, single circuit dead end structures and 56 single-pole, single-circuit suspension structures. The average height of the existing structures is 54.5 feet, and the average height of the new structures will be 89 feet. The tallest new structure will be 95 feet.

The transmission line passes through two historic properties: the Battle of Rhode Island Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated National Historic Landmark; and the Lawton-Almy Hall Farm/Lakeside Farm (559 Union Street). The transmission line also passes near other properties listed in or potentially eligible for the National Register.

At this time, the RIHPHC cannot render a decision regarding the project's effect to historic properties. Additional information is requested to clarify the proposed project, particularly since the average height of the towers will be 34.5 feet (or 63 percent) taller than the existing towers. Please submit documentation that identifies the location and height of each of the existing structures, as well as the location, height and individual structure type for the proposed structures. The submitted report states that the existing Jepson Substation will be relocated; however, the new substation location does not appear to be depicted on the plans. Please identify the proposed substation location on the resubmitted plans.

To: Stephen Olausen
Re: Newport Distribution Supply, Portsmouth

2 December 2015

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Modica, Senior Project Review Coordinator of this office.

Very truly yours,



For

Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

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