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Mr. Brian Holderness
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Re: **SHPO Project No.: 014-MA-18** – Maywood to Zachary Segment and Newark to Zachary Segment, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Holderness:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which requires identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the June 2018 report entitled *Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for the Mark Twain Transmission Line Project, Maywood to Zachary Segments, Marion, Knox, and Adair Counties, Missouri* by John M. Bybee and Kathryn Drennan Warner. Based on this review it is evident that a thorough and adequate monitoring of the cultural resources has been conducted of the project area. We concur with the investigator's recommendation that archaeological sites 23KN1133 and 23KN1136 are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). We concur with the investigator's recommendation that archaeological site 23KN5 may be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion D, potential to yield information important to the understanding of prehistoric settlement patterns and subsistence strategies.

If at all possible, the proposed project should be designed to avoid disturbance of the archaeological sites 23KN1133, 23KN1136, and 23KN5 during construction, including crossing the sites during dry conditions or the use of matting to minimize rutting the site surface. There will be **"no historic properties affected"** by the current project, on the condition that a qualified archaeological monitor is present during the initial excavation activities within the area of 23KN5. A summary should be prepared, and submitted to this office to document the completion of the monitoring and project. If monitoring the project is not feasible, please submit documentation to this office outlining the reasons.



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Please be advised that, should project plans change, information documenting the revisions should be submitted to this office for further review. In the event that cultural materials are encountered during further project activities, all construction should be halted, and this office notified as soon as possible in order to determine the appropriate course of action.

If you have any questions, please write Heather Gibb at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (014-MA-18) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

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