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Ms. Teresa P. Rogers Licensing Coordinator Appalachian Power PO Box 2021 Roanoke, VA 24022

Re: London/Marmet (FERC No. 1175), Winfield (FERC No. 1290) relicense

FR#: 08-603-Multi-4

Dear Ms. Rogers:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine potential effects to 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.

We have reviewed the Revised Study Plans, Additional Information for the Pre-Application Document; specifically, the Cultural Resource Revised Study Plan. In an April 29, 2009, conversation between your organization and this office, it was clarified that the scope of this project included only existing facilities and that no new transmission lines, buildings or structures are proposed. During that telephone conversation, we suggested that you work with the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to develop the scope of the study prior to submittal to us for comment.

Submitted information states that the Cultural Resource Study Plan will include the development of a Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). Additionally, this information indicates that you will consult with this office, the Corps, federally-recognized Indian tribes who have an interest in the Project areas and interested parties regarding how historic properties within the Projects' APE will be managed during the term of the new license. Additionally, the document will be prepared by, or under the direct supervision, of a person or persons who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards' professional qualifications for architectural history and archaeology. It is our understanding that we will have the opportunity to review and comment prior to the finalization and implementation of this plan. We will provide further comments as requested as your project continues.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Shirley Stewart Burns, Historian or Lora Lamarre, Senior Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.

Singerely,

Susan M. Pierce

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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