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March 11, 2011

Mr. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
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Dear Mr. McIntyre:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA), CLINCH RIVER SITE CHARACTERIZATION
PROJECT, ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In a letter dated February 17, 2011, TVA consulted with your office regarding the proposed geophysical investigations at TVA's Clinch River site, in Roane County, Tennessee. By this letter, TVA is submitting the completed draft Phase I report titled *Phase I Archaeological Survey, TVA Clinch River Site Characterization Project, Roane County, Tennessee*.

The archaeological survey conducted by TRC from January 3 to February 2, 2011, identified five newly recorded archaeological sites (40RE585-589):

- 40RE585 and 40RE589 [Exempted from Disclosure by Statute]
- 40RE586 and 40RE587 consists of late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century farmsteads;
- 40RE588, the Hensley Cemetery, dates to the early- to mid-twentieth century.

TVA finds 40RE585-587 and 40RE589 ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to a lack of intact archaeological deposits and/or research potential, and 40RE588 ineligible due to inability to associate the cemetery with significant individuals or events and lack of architectural distinction.

In your February 28, 2011, letter, your office concurred that previously recorded sites 40RE106-108, 40RE165, and 40RE166 are potentially eligible for the NRHP. In addition to these potentially eligible archaeological sites, TRC also revisited sites 40RE120, 40RE152, 40RE154, and 40RE163:

- Site 40RE120 consists of the structural debris of a twentieth century farmstead and a scatter of historic artifacts;
- Sites 40RE152, 40RE154, and 40RE163 [Exempted from Disclosure by Statute]

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- Previously recorded site 40RE153[

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- Site 40RE159[

] Exempted from Disclosure by Statute

TVA finds sites 40RE120, 40RE152, 40RE154, and 40RE163 ineligible for the NRHP due to a lack of intact archaeological deposits and/or research potential.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), TVA will avoid all potentially eligible sites and the Hensley Cemetery within the APE for this undertaking. Should project plans change or unanticipated discoveries encountered, TVA will consult with your office.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.3(f)(2), TVA is consulting with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding properties within the proposed project's APE that may have religious and cultural significance.

TVA has read the enclosed report and agrees with the recommendations of the authors. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, TVA is seeking your concurrence that sites 40RE585-589, 40RE120, 40RE152, 40RE154, and 40RE163 are ineligible for the NRHP.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Yarnell in Knoxville at (865) 632-3463 or by email at wryarnell@tva.gov.

Sincerely,

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