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to A. E. Kintigh

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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

SUBJECT: New Haven 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN50-596
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Dear Mr. Reagan:

To facilitate coordination of the Draft Environmental statement, we believe that the subject letter from the Department of the Interior should have been sent directly to the NRC. We have also forwarded the letter to B. Goodale of the New York State Public Service Commission for PSC staff review.

We are providing the following clarifications in response to the letter:

- 1) Subsurface testing for prehistoric resources of the site area was conducted. This and methodology for the archaeological investigations which were done are presented in Section 6.1.4.2.8 of the New Haven 1 and 2 Environmental Report (ER).
- 2) Sections 2.6.1, 2.6.2, and 2.6.3 describe historic, archaeological and cultural resources of the site and the area within five miles of the site. The archaeological findings found onsite were submitted to Mr. Frederick L. Rath, New York State Division of Historic Preservation, for evaluation for the National Register. This is also discussed in Section 2.6.3 of the ER.

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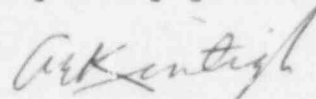
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3) Because the locations of the transmission line right-of-way cannot be definitively determined until a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is received pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, archaeological potential along the proposed routes can only be generally determined from the existing literature. Once a final right-of-way location is established, it is NYSEG's intention to undertake field investigations at areas of archaeological sensitivity and to consult with the appropriate State officials regarding protection of archaeological resources.

4) The impact of operation of New Haven 1 and 2 on the accessibility of historic sites is discussed in Sections 8.2.3.2 and 8.2.3.3.

We hope these clarifications will aid in the review undertaken by the Department of the Interior.

Very truly yours,



A. E. Kintigh
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Dear Mr. Kintigh:

We have reviewed the environmental report for the construction stage of the New Haven Nuclear Station, Oswego County, New York, and have the following comments.

"Field investigation" of the station site provided some information on historic archeological resources, including the remains of several 19th and early 20th century structures (p. 4.1-10). However, it is unclear whether there was any subsurface testing of the site area to determine the existence of prehistoric archeological resources. Exactly what type of investigation was done should be made explicit. If further work is planned, this should also be described. Finally, on page 4.1-12 it is stated, "While construction activities as presently planned may affect to varying degrees all of the sites noted above, mitigating measures are available which can extract and preserve the information from these sites. Should any of these sites be deemed particularly significant; appropriate mitigation measures may be considered." These properties must be fully evaluated for National Register eligibility. For those that are eligible, consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) must take place on findings of adverse effect, and appropriate mitigation measures be concurred in by him and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 CFR 800). Preservation and avoidance remain preferable (and often less costly and less delaying) to mitigation.

For proposed transmission facilities, it is obvious from the statement on page 3.9-27 on the archeological potential of the Little Salmon River and Catfish Creek areas that more field investigation is needed there. In addition, there should be consultation with the SHPO on whether further survey work is recommended along the proposed New Haven-Marcy corridor.

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The draft environmental statement should discuss these points, and include the views of the New York State Historic Preservation Officer.

We hope these comments are helpful. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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