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December 21, 1983

Mr. B. J. Youngblood
Licensing Branch No. 1
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Subject: Braidwood Station Unit 1 and 2
Environmental Review
NRC Docket Nos. 50-456/457

Reference: B. J. Youngblood letter to D. L. Farrar
dated October 12, 1983.

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

Enclosed is a copy of the U.S. Department of Interior form (FHR-8-300), "National Register of Historic Place, Inventory - Nomination Form", which has been completed in light of the information that is presently available concerning archeological site 11 Ka 179.

Since it is apparent that sufficient data is not available to make a determination of eligibility, Commonwealth Edison has made arrangements with the Illinois State Museum Society to conduct additional field investigations during the 1984 spring field work season. Upon completion of these investigations the information obtained should be adequate to make a firm decision as to the eligibility of site 11Ka179.

In the meantime, the site has not been disturbed by construction of any Commonwealth Edison facilities and to the best of our knowledge no other activity has occurred or is planned that will impact on the site.

Your office will be informed as soon as the further investigations are completed. If there are any further questions regarding this matter please contact C. L. McDonough at (312)294-4431.

Sincerely,

E. D. Swartz
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

Enclosure

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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic

and/or common 11Ka179

2. Location

street & number NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SEC 9, T31N, R11E ☒ not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Illinois code _____ county Kankakee code _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Chicago Title and Trust Company, Trust No. 45553, April 26, 1983

street & number 111 West Washington Street

city, town Chicago, _____ vicinity of _____ state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kankakee County Courthouse

street & number East Court Street

city, town Kankakee _____ state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ nodate _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date December 15, 1983

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

11Ka179, a prehistoric archaeological site, was located in a fallow field and pasture on a level area of the northern bluff of the Kankakee River. The surface of the fallow field had a variety of prehistoric artifacts on it. No artifacts were visible on the surface of the pasture. However, shovel probing located a rich concentration of artifacts and organic remains beneath the surface.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The significance of this site has not yet been determined. It was described as potentially eligible in the 1981 report of investigations of the transmission line corridor. This determination is based on the discovery of well-preserved prehistoric artifacts and organic remains discovered while inspecting the site surface and excavating a limited number of shovel-test holes to evaluate the site in the pasture. A pit feature was discovered by shovel testing. This pit yielded well-preserved organic remains including both flora and fauna. Ceramic sherds from the site are classified as Late Mississippian in age, AD 1,000 to AD 1,380. It is possible that the pasture area of the site has never been plowed and that extensive well-preserved remains of a Mississippian village are preserved.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Knight, Frances 1981 Archaeological Investigations Along the Proposed Braidwood-to-Crete Power Line Corridor, Kankakee and Will Counties Illinois. Illinois State Museum Society, Archaeological Research Program. Springfield.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Current boundary delineation is based on shovel probing in pasture area and artifact scatter in cultivated field. Further analysis is required to precisely delimit boundary.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Illinois State Museum

date December 15, 1983

street & number Spring and Edwards

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city or town Springfield

state Illinois

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date _____

Chief of Registration