

**EXHIBIT A**

**Supplemental Response to CSC Interrogatory Number 3:  
Letter from Connecticut State Historic Prevention Office,  
December 23, 2020**



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Mr. David R. George  
Heritage Consultants  
PO Box 310249  
Newington, CT 06131

Subject: Phase IB Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey  
Groton Utilities Line 1208/1410/400  
Groton, Connecticut  
ENV-21-0324

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the archeological survey report prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated August 2020. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed 17 structure replacements are associated with the Line 1208/1410/400 Structure Replacement Project. The submitted report is well-written, comprehensive, and meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

No previously recorded archaeological sites are located within 500 feet of any of the line structures. Similarly, no properties listed or previously determined to be eligible for listing on either the State or National Register of Historic Places are located within 500 feet of any utility structures in the project area.

Phase IB of the reconnaissance survey consisted of subsurface testing of areas deemed to have moderate to high archaeological sensitivity, and that would be subject to ground disturbing impacts as part of the proposed undertaking. A total of 67 of 71 planned shovel tests were excavated successfully throughout the proposed work area; 4 unexcavated shovel tests fell within areas characterized by previous disturbance and/or steep slopes.

The reconnaissance survey identified 2 pieces of modern glass, 1 piece of plastic, and 1 modern U-bolt; no prehistoric or historic period cultural artifacts or features were identified during the survey.

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As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project area are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities. However, please be advised that if construction plans change to include previously uninvestigated/undisturbed areas, this office should be contacted for additional consultation.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or [marena.wisniewski@ct.gov](mailto:marena.wisniewski@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Kinney  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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