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State Historic Preservation Office

January 16, 2020

Mr. Ken Livingston
Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.
416 Asylum Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Subject: Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey
Old Town Substation Rebuild Project
280, 312, 330 Kaechele Place
Bridgeport, Connecticut
ENV-20-0315

Dear Mr. Livingston:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the cultural resource review prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated May 11, 2018, and by Fitzgerald & Haliday, Inc. (Fitzgerald & Haliday), dated November 4, 2019, respectively. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and require permitting from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and therefore, are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed activities includes the expansion and rebuild of an existing electrical substation, located at 280 Kaechele Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The proposed rebuild will expand the substation north and east into adjoining parcels, with the compound measuring approx. 270 feet by 380 feet. Construction activities include tree removal, construction of retaining walls along the north, east, and southern boundaries of the compound, erection of chain-link fencing around the entire complex, and construction of a new control house, to be located in the northeast portion of the Project Area. The existing control house is proposed to be demolished following completion of the new one. Existing transformers, distribution equipment, and transmission tower are to remain.

The cultural resource review conducted by Heritage included consisted of a review of literature to identify previously completed cultural resource surveys and recorded sites, review of historic maps, and pedestrian survey of the study area. No previously identified archaeological sites or properties listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are located within 0.5 mile of the project area. The Merritt Parkway (NR# 91000410), is located just outside 0.5 miles from the Project Area; however, it will not be impacted by the undertaking.

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The pedestrian survey identified stone features related to a former residence, constructed between c. 1948, and do not appear eligible for Listing on the National Register.

Similarly, the cultural resource review conducted by Fitzgerald & Haliday included literature and file review, review of historic maps, and pedestrian survey. The survey did not identify any above ground resources within a 0.25 mile radius of the Project Area, and did not recommend any as being potentially eligible for listing on either the State or National Register.

As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas 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, SHPO 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) 256-2754 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary B. Dunne".

Mary B. Dunne
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