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State Historic Preservation Office
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
120 Tower Building
323 Center Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
501-324-9150

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Attention: George McCluskey, Senior Archaeologist

Reference: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project
FERC Project No. 3033-012
BHPG Project No. 1193-009-00
Final Archaeological Monitoring Report

Handwritten: Date 8/19/96
This undertaking will have no effect on significant cultural resources.

Handwritten: Cathy Buford Slater, State Historic Preservation Officer

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Gentlemen:

On August 10, 1983, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Major License-Existing Dam to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) to construct and operate the Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project in Arkansas and Desha Counties near Dumas, Arkansas.

A Monitoring Plan was developed, filed and approved by your agency prior to initiating Project construction. The Monitoring Plan required that archaeological surveys be performed in different locations and at different elevations as excavation proceeded. The first Monitoring Report was filed with your office on September 6, 1994, and a response was received from your office dated September 19, 1994. The second Monitoring Report was filed with your office on October 11, 1994, and a response was received from your office dated June 6, 1995.

Monitoring was performed in the presumed location of the buried gravel bar, however the gravel bar was not specifically located and no artifacts were found at this location.

Attached are five (5) copies of the final Archaeological Monitoring Report which will be filed with FERC upon review and acceptance by the State Historic Preservation Office.

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On behalf of AECC, BHPG is therefore requesting the review of the final Archaeological Monitoring Report and a response letter from the SHPO accepting this report so the final report and the SHPO's approval can be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with AECC's FERC License 3003-0012.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

BENHAM-HOLWAY POWER GROUP



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March 16, 1994



Ms. Elaine Edwards
Regulatory Branch
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

RE: Multi County - General
Section 106 Review - COE
Final Reports Entitled "An Archeological Survey of the
Construction Impact Area of A Relocated Park and Boat
Ramp at the Proposed Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project,
Arkansas River, Desha and Arkansas Counties, Arkansas" and
"The Archeological Survey of the Construction Impact Area
of the Proposed AECC Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project,
Arkansas River, Desha and Arkansas Counties, Arkansas"
(Permit ID No. 11496)

Dear Ms. Edwards:

My staff has reviewed both volumes referenced above regarding the cultural resources in the area of the proposed Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project. We appreciate it that our previous concerns have been incorporated into these volumes. With the inclusion of the additional information, we are able to concur that no known historic properties will be impacted by the undertaking.

We also concur with the recommendation that monitoring is necessary in the area designated as "Zone 2." If cultural remains such as indian pottery, stone tools, old bottles or china are discovered during construction, this office should be notified immediately. These materials should be treated as specified in 36 CFR Part 800.11 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations. In addition should any human remains be discovered, work in the area should cease and an application for authorization to excavate (as per Arkansas Act 753) obtained from this office.



We appreciate your concern for the cultural heritage of Arkansas. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Petersen of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

George M. : Chubb

for

Cathy Buford Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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