

**APPENDIX G**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES CORRESPONDENCE**



**Tetra Tech to Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**

**Class II Cultural Resource Inventory**

**May 15, 2013**

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May 15, 2013

Mr. Mark Tobias  
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Colorado History Museum  
1300 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the United Power III Transmission System Improvement Project in Adams County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Tobias:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) conducted a Class III survey of approximately 53.68 acres in Adams County, Colorado, which Tri-State has proposed as the preferred route for the United Power Phase III Transmission System Improvement Project (Project). The survey was conducted under contract with Tri-State and was conducted prior to ground-disturbing activities associated with the construction of a transmission line. The surveyed areas consisted of privately owned land as determined by Tri-State and their contractors. As funding for the project is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NRHP) applies to the Project. Tasks conducted for the cultural resource evaluation included a file search at the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP), and an intensive pedestrian survey of the proposed Project area in portions of Sections 10, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29, Township 1S, Range 66W.

This work was conducted under Tetra Tech's State of Colorado Permit 2012-69. Four new and one previously recorded cultural resources were identified and recorded. The newly recorded cultural resources were historic (5AM.2827 [UP-AH-01], 5AM.464.18 [UP-AH-02], 5AM.465.15 [UP-AH-04], and 5AM.2828 [UP-AH-ISO-1]), as was the one previously recorded site (5AM.139). Tetra Tech's recommendation on the NRHP eligibility for these resources is that none of them is eligible under any criteria. The rationale behind these recommendations is detailed on the site forms for each resource.

Tetra Tech, Inc. is submitting a set of site forms and a copy of the cultural resource report for the United Power Phase III Transmission System Improvement Project in Adams County, Colorado. In addition to the paper site forms and report Tetra Tech has included a CD containing the electronic versions of the site forms and report, as well as a CD containing a zip file of the site and survey GIS data recorded in NAD 83 Zone 13 and corrected using ArcGIS 9.3.

Mr. Mark Tobias  
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Colorado History Museum  
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If you have any questions about the project or information on the attached site forms, please feel free to contact me at (303) 980-3601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Anderson".

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**State Historic Preservation Officer to Tetra Tech**  
**Response RE: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory**  
**June 13, 2013**

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June 13, 2013

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Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the United Power III Transmission System Improvement Project in Adams County, Colorado (CHS #64076)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 15, 2013 (received by our office on May 17, 2013) regarding the subject project that is receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Services.

Based on our review of the documentation provided, we offer the following comments:

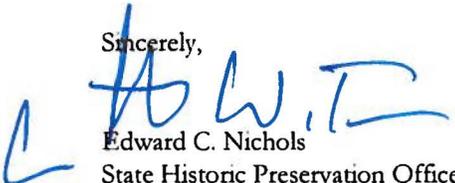
1. We concur that sites 5AM139 and 5AM2827 as well as isolated find 5AM2828 are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).
2. We concur that linear segment 5AM465.15 supports the eligibility of the overall linear resource and that avoidance and minimization measures should be implemented as described within the report/site form.
3. We are unable to concur that linear segment 5AM464.18 is not eligible for the NRHP. In our opinion, the Burlington Northern Railroad (site 5AM464) has made significant contributions to the development of transportation and settlement within Adams County and is likely eligible under National Register Criterion A at the local level of significance. Furthermore, we believe that the resource has maintained many of the seven aspects of integrity including location, design, setting, workmanship, and feeling and, as such, we recommend that 5AM464.18 be considered supporting of the overall linear resource.
4. Finally, assuming that linear resources 5AM464 and 5AM465 will be avoided by project design, as is currently shown, we recommend a finding of no adverse effect pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(b).

The consultation process does involve other consulting parties such as local governments and Tribes, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 are required to be notified of the undertaking. Additional information provided by the local government, Tribes or other consulting parties may cause our office to re-evaluate our comments and recommendations.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the projects, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mark Tobias, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4674 or [mark.tobias@state.co.us](mailto:mark.tobias@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



Edward C. Nichols

State Historic Preservation Officer  
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