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January 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Pope Furr
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FROM: Renee Gledhill-Earley *Renee Gledhill-Earley*
Environmental Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Historic Structures Survey Report, Upgrade Existing NC 191 (Brevard Road) from NC 146 (Long Shoals Road) to North of the Blue Ridge Parkway, PA 17-09-0012, U-3403B, Buncombe County, ER 18-1113

Thank you for your January 9, 2019, letter concerning the above-referenced report and our opinion that the Westhaven Gas Station (BN6359) might well be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, if the interior is intact. Given that we have been unsuccessful in gaining access to the interior, we concur with your opining that the property is not eligible, barring the owner's eventually allowing interior access or raising his own concerns about the eligibility of the property.

We appreciate your time and understanding in this matter and look forward to your report on the one additional property identified in the expanded study area.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.



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Ms. Renee Gledhill-Earley
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Due -- 1/22/19

Dear Renee:

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P/E 1/22/19

RE: Historic Structures Survey Report, Upgrade Existing NC 191 (Brevard Road) from NC 146 (Long Shoals Road) to North of the Blue Ridge Parkway, U-3403B, PA 17-09-0012, Buncombe County, ER 18-1113

Thank you for your June 11, 2018 memorandum concerning the report referenced above. As a part of your review your office did not concur with the recommendation of our surveyor that the Westhaven Gas Station (BN6359) was not eligible for listing in the National Register. Subsequently, I conferred with Annie McDonald of your Western NC office and she offered to contact the property owner for access the site, particularly the interior. Over the past six months Ms. McDonald has only received tacit responses from the property owner (Carl Koon of Asheville Oil Company, of which Sea Nic Enterprises (owner of the Westhaven Gas Station) is a subsidiary) and as of December 2018 the property owner deferred access to the tenant, who appears disinclined to facilitate a site visit.

Considering that your June 2018 letter states that you are "hesitant to the determine the property not eligible without knowledge of the interior" and attempts to access the interior have been unsuccessful, NCDOT feels that we have made a good faith effort to comply with your request and ask that you concur with our finding that the property is not eligible for listing in the National Register. If additional information becomes available or the property owner raises concerns, NCDOT will re-evaluate the property as a part of the project planning process.

The northern portion of the project area has been recently expanded and the study of one additional potential historic resource is required. Once that evaluation is completed we will submit it to your office for comments.

Sincerely,

Mary Pope Furr
Historic Architecture Team