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Re: Receipt of Notice of Hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Concerning a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) Authorizing the Coolidge Generating Station, City of Coolidge, Pinal County, Arizona
(SHPO Project No. SHPO-2008-1139)

Dear Mr. Foreman:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has received a Notice of Hearing for the Coolidge Generating Station Project. The project is to establish a new natural gas fired, simple-cycle power plant that will supply power during periods of peak electricity demands. The project consists of 12 General Electric LM6000 PC SPRINT NxGen combustion turbine generators (CTGs) designed to produce up to 575 MW of net electrical output, and a 230 kV transmission line to connect the generators to a new switchyard. The construction encompasses 100 acres of private land in Pinal County, Arizona, in Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Section 10 N1/2.

We are communicating with you as Chairman of the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), the lead agency for purposes of compliance pursuant to A. R. S. 41-861 through 41-865, A. R. S. 41-841 through 41-844, Executive Order 2006-14, and A. R. S. 40-360.06 (A) (5) enacted to protect and preserve Arizona's cultural resources. Our advice to a state agency under state statute should not be construed or used in any way to substitute for or limit our advice to a federal agency under federal law. If a federal agency has an undertaking related to the above-referenced project, that agency will need to consult with our office directly under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

A Class III intensive cultural resources survey of the 100-acre parcel is required for this project, to identify all historical and archaeological resources in the project area before ground disturbance begins. This correspondence is to notify you that as of today's date of September 10, 2008, we have not yet received the results of the cultural resources survey, and will need to comment on the findings; the project's effect upon any cultural resources located within the Area of Potential Effect; the State and National Register eligibilities of any resources identified during the survey; and any further cultural resource work recommendations for the property, before making a finding of effect. Due to the large volume of project compliance reviews across the state, we

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generally require a 30-day review period once the survey results are received in our office for review and response.

We appreciate consultation with our office concerning the proposed Coolidge Generating Station Project. We look forward to receiving the results of the Class III intensive survey and having the opportunity to comment before the CEC is issued. Thank you for considering Arizona's cultural resources in the planning efforts. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at (602) 542-7137 or cgibson@azstateparks.gov.

Sincerely,



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