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To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for your letter dated May 20, 2022 discussing concerns regarding the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability and Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Project. I appreciate your engagement and our mutual goal of ensuring the effects to historic properties are adequately evaluated and appropriate mitigation is included in the final MOA to compensate for any unavoidable impacts.

We thoroughly considered all views and recommendations provided in our multiple engagements with the Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) when drafting the final MOA and other supporting project documents. Many of their comments have been incorporated into the MOA and project documentation, as the USACE determined appropriate. We have enclosed the final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which is being forward to all consulting parties for final review and signature today.

We recommend the SHC engage with the applicants on the language to be conveyed in the interpretive signs and discuss opportunities for the preservation of resources planned for removal from the corridor. We appreciate your engagement with our office during the Section 106 consultation process.

Sincerely,

Tammy R. Turley

Tammy R. Turley Chief, Regulatory Division

Enclosures:

Final Memorandum of Agreement USACE Permit Area Plans, dated May 23, 2022