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Ms. Bettina Washington, THPO Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) 20 Black Brook Road Aquinnah, Massachusetts 02535 <u>bettina@wampanoagtribe.net</u>

Dear Ms. Washington:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, has coordinated with your office concerning the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability and Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Project. The applicants, Eversource and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, are proposing to install a 9-mile 115-kilovolt ("kV") underground electric transmission line and construct a portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) above the new underground transmission line. This work impacts jurisdictional waters of the U.S. and is located in Sudbury, Hudson, Stowe and Marlborough, Massachusetts.

We have developed the enclosed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in consultation with consulting parties to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for adverse effects to the Central Massachusetts Railroad Corridor Historic District and other historic properties as described in the MOA. Please note this version of the MOA reflects updates made to the MOA sent to your office on May 27, 2022. We invite you to review and sign the enclosed MOA developed pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Please return one signed copy of the MOA to this office. We will send you a fully executed copy. We would appreciate a timely response no later than **August 29, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please contact Katelyn Rainville, the USACE Regulatory Project Manager, at <u>katelyn.m.rainville@usace.army.mil</u> or 978-318-8677 or Marc Paiva our New England District Archaeologist/Tribal Liaison at <u>marcos.a.paiva@usace.army.mil</u> or 978-318-8796. You may also contact the me at <u>paul.m.maniccia@usace.army.mil</u> or 978-318-8515.

Sincerely,

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## Enclosures

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