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RE: Des. No./DHPA No.: 0300798/1774

Dear Patrick:

I and my staff have had an opportunity to review the documentation you provided on October 10, 2013 regarding the four properties that have been relocated within the Old Jeffersonville Historic District. Thank you for the high quality documentation you provided which greatly assisted our review.

As you know, relocating properties within a National Register listed district can be problematic for several reasons. Resources will automatically lose integrity of location and may have their setting, material integrity, and design seriously affected. The district as a whole also might be weakened by the diminishment of its environmental integrity and/or a creation of a false sense of history.

All four resources – 502 W. Market St., 115 Fort St., 502 W. Riverside Dr., and 432 W. Riverside Dr., modest residential properties, were located on small lots with flat topography. They were all oriented close to the street and neighbored by similarly modest residential resources. The documentation confirms that in their new locations the four houses have been sited on similarly sized lots and set back approximately the same distance from the street in residential sections of the district. Care has been taken to retain materials and character defining features or replace in kind. They are located throughout the district and not clustered as a group which mitigates the impact on the district.

Consequently, we agree with your assessment that all four resources still contribute to the Old Jeffersonville Historic District. As you note in your letter, final certification of eligibility for federal tax credit programs rests with the Keeper of the National Register. We appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comment.

Sincerely,

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