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Mr. Brown:

Subject: Illinois Solar Farm Sidney, Champaign County, Illinois

Jackson Group has initiated the Section 106 consultation process with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources-Historic Preservation Office (IHPO). They have 30 days to respond and a determination of whether cultural resource surveys are required for the proposed project will be determined.

A review of the Illinois archaeological GIS database was conducted by professionals who meet the 36 CFR 61 Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards on October 2, 2018. A standard 1.6 km (1 mi) records check was conducted around the project location. There are seven previously completed surveys (10357, 10597, 16615, 20688, 20697, 90692, 99999) within the records check area. There is one previous survey completed within the project area (20688). That survey terminates at an existing electrical substation and was conducted for a power transmission line extending from the substation that travels to the west.

There are twenty-eight archaeological sites within the records check area but none are within the project area. The closest archaeological site is 11CH240, which is 0.19 km (0.12 mi) to the north of the proposed project area.

11CH16	11CH17	11CH18	11CH21	11CH23	11CH24
11CH25	11CH172	11CH215	11CH216	11CH217	11CH218
11CH219	11CH220	11CH221	11CH222	11CH223	11CH224
11CH225	11CH226	11CH237	11CH239	11CH240	11CH448
11CH449	11CH452	11CH453	11CH692		

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There are three Historic and Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS) resources within the records check area but none are within the project area. The closest HARGIS resource is 114078, which is 1.4 km (0.8 mi) to the west of the proposed project area.

M.W. Church Building at 308 S. David, Reference Number: 113957 Building at 311 S. David, Reference Number: 114078

There are three cemeteries within the records check area and none are within the project area (2753/Mount Hope Cemetery, 8989/Rudicil Place Burials, 2756/Old Bliss Cemetery). The closest cemetery is Old Bliss Cemetery, which is 0.3 km (0.2 mi) to the north of the proposed project area.

The 1906 and 1957 Urbana, IL, 15-minute USGS topographic maps and the 1968 St. Joseph, IL, 7.5-minute USGS topographic map display little difference in the land-use and development of the project area. There are five structures on the earliest topographic map of the area (1906) that do not correspond to any extant structures on Google Earth.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at <u>sroberts@jacksongroupco.com</u> or 859-623-0499.

Sincerely,

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