

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
real places telling real stories

March 3, 2014

Peter Barth
Senior Projects Manager
CH2M Hill
Five Penn Center West, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA 15276

Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
Proposed Apex Bethel Energy Center, Anderson County, Texas
106/EPA (THC Track #201405416)

Dear Mr. Barth:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above project, received on February 11, 2014. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The History Programs Division review staff, led by Sarah Birtchet, has completed its review and has the following comments:

We concur with the evaluation that the northwest area within the visual APE boundaries at the intersection of FM 2706 and CR 2608 may be considered a portion of a much larger potential rural historic district if further NRHP eligibility evaluation was conducted. However, we recognize that a full survey and evaluation of this potential rural historic district is beyond the scope of this project's undertaking and APE. Additionally we concur with the assessment that the school (Resource 5) and masonic lodge (Resource 6) are eligible under Criterion A at the local level for association with themes and events in history. We concur that the remaining historic-age buildings identified within the visual APE are not individually eligible. It is our opinion that if further evaluation of a potential rural historic district were to occur that these historic-age buildings may have the potential to be contributing resources.

The Division of Architecture review staff, led by Quana Childs, has completed its review and has the following comments: We concur with your determination that the proposed project will have **No Adverse Effect** on the historic resources. The project may proceed as proposed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Quana Childs at 512/463-9122.**

Sincerely,



Quana Childs, Architect
for: Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Office

cc: A.C. Dumaul, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, 1445 Ross Ave,
Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Anderson County Historical Commission

MW/QC

