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Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Morris 619 South Lee Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Conceptual Review extension: Rehabiliation Plans

Vowell Snowden Black House, City of Alexandria

DHR Easement File No. 100-0111_ep

Mr. and Mrs. Morris ~

On your behalf, Paige Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group requested an extension of the conceptual approval of proposed modifications to your property, the Vowell Snowden Black House, located in the City of Alexandria. Initially issued October 12, 20167, the conceptual approval is now valid through October 3, 2019. The original letter is repeated below for clarity.

Thank you for submitting a project review request to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for the conceptual review of the proposed rehabilitation of your property, the Vowell Snowden Black House, located in the City of Alexandria. This information was submitted on your behalf by Paige Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group, and received in our office on September 22, 2017.

The submittal included exterior photographs of the rear of the house and schematic drawings by Cunningham|Quill Architects, PLLC (dated 08-15-17). The proposed scope of work seeks to minimize the impact to the existing historic materials at the property, removes select non-historic components on the site, and presents additions to the main house and the introduction of a separate residential garage to the parcel. Overall, the additions appear subordinate to the historic resource in scale and massing, though the details of the elevations are not yet determined. All of the new construction is carefully sited, such that the visual impact is minimized.

Western Region Office 962 Kime Lane Salem, VA 24153 Tel: (540) 387-5443 Fax: (540) 387-5446 After careful review, our office concluded that, in concept, the proposed rehabilitative scope of work for the Vowell Snowden Black House appears consistent with the easement provisions and the *Standards for Rehabilitation*, and is, therefore, approved. This approval is valid for a year from the date of this letter. Please submit more developed construction documents as they become available. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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C: Paige Pollard, Commonwealth Preservation Group