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### **Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission**

August 13, 2013

Mr. Thomas Parag  
300 Franklin Street  
P.O. Box 129  
Delaware City, DE 19706

**Re: Letter of Appropriateness  
300 Franklin Street – Siding  
Tax Parcel No. 22-009.00-115  
DCHD Property Inventory No. – N6333.216**

Dear Mr. Parag:

The Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met in a publicly noticed meeting on August 6, 2013 to consider your application to replace vinyl siding with new vinyl siding on your dwelling. The property is included within the boundaries of the Delaware City National Register Historic District.

You presented photographs at the meeting which showed extremely deteriorated original “Dutch lap” style wooden weatherboard siding that exists under some of the vinyl siding already on the property. You also provided photographs of nearby properties with full vinyl siding to indicate the intent of your proposed project. You proposed to repair the water damaged sheathing, and to replace all existing styles of synthetic siding with new vinyl siding in the “Dutch lap” style.

The HPC reviewed the proposal with consideration of the factors required under Section 49-6a. *Alterations*, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, and the intent of the review process under Section 49-1. The commission noted that the original weatherboard appeared to be beyond

repair, but that the application of vinyl siding had contributed to its deterioration. The Commission recommended that the preferred sheathing material was wooden weatherboards, and the secondary option was vinyl siding.

Because the application is for alterations to a building within the historic district but outside of the C-1 Central Commercial zone, the recommendations of the Commission are advisory.

Thank you for your cooperation with the HPC.

Sincerely,

  
Debra Campagnari Martin, Chair  
Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Parcel File  
**HPC**  
**Mayor and Council**