

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Tonopah-Extension Mining Co. Power Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-150
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> South Side of Lower Main	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Delta Lines, Inc.		
<i>Street Address</i>		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Industrial	
<i>Current Use</i> Warehouse	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built ca. 1920	

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Looking Southeast	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tonopah Extension Mining Company Power Building is a rectangular fired brick structure. Measuring roughly 30 feet wide by 60 feet deep, the building is surmounted by a double pitched roof with an asphalt covering. The gable walls are detailed with stepped parapets and each contain three recessed bays. Large freight entrances punctuated each central bay. The four-bay side walls each contain multiple pane metal casement windows. The only deviation from that symmetry is a large doorway at the east corner of the north wall. Brickwork detailing features corbelling and denticulation at the top of each bay and basketweave patterns in the central bay of each gable wall. Contrasting brick bands surround the building at lintel and sill height. The building is in sound condition with relatively few modifications from its historic appearance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Tonopah-Extension Mining Company Power Building is noteworthy as a locally rare example of fired brick construction. It is also important as the only remaining evidence of the surface works of the Tonopah Extension Mine. One of the most important mines in the district, The Tonopah Extension was developed in 1903 on what was believed to be an extension of the famous Mizpah vein. From the onset the surface equipment of the mine was thought to be the finest in the district, utilizing the latest technology in steam driven hoist engines, compressors, piston drills and crushers. In 1909 a fifty-stamp mill was constructed on the mining company ground and was the fourth such mill to be built in the district. An auxiliary power plant was built shortly afterward and by 1920 this power building was added to the system, possibly replacing the earlier power building. It is a fired brick structure with well executed detailing including corbelled and herringbone brickwork. All other evidence of the Tonopah Extension Mining Company operation no longer exists except for this structure which is still in use as a shop and warehouse.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Elliott, Russell R., Nevadas Twentieth Century Mining Boom, U of N Press, Reno, 1966
Nevada, The New Gold State, San Francisco, CA, 1905

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Beg @ Cor #2 of the Cabin Lode Pat. Mining Claim Hence N 71° 26' E. a distance of 280.71'; thence N 18° 34' W a distance of 316.08'; thence N 71° 17' W a distance of 95.03'; thence S 18° 34' W a distance of 110.00'; thence N 60° 37' W a distance of 516.57'; thence S 18° 34' E a distance of 669.61'; thence N 71° 26' E a distance of 207.19' to P.O.B.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH	
<i>Photo By</i>	
<i>View</i>	
<i>Date</i>	