

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property

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Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

Section number _____ Page _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100004151

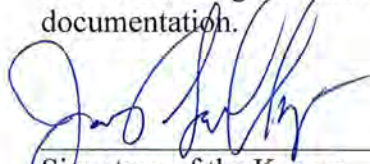
Date Listed: 7/8/2019

Property Name: Ruston Power and Light Plant

Parish: Lincoln

State: LA

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

7.8.2019

Date of Action

Section 5: Classification

The number of resources is hereby changed to:

1 Contributing Structure

3 Contributing Buildings

4 Total Contributing Resources

0 Noncontributing resources

The reservoir is considered a contributing structure. It came into being during the period of significance, retains integrity, and is associated with the significance of the property.

Section 10: Verbal Boundary Description

The property is defined by a square beginning at a point at the intersection of North Sparta Street and East Mississippi Avenue, proceed East 330', thence South 33', thence West along the north edge of the Railroad tracks to Sparta Street, thence North 330' to the point of beginning.

The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

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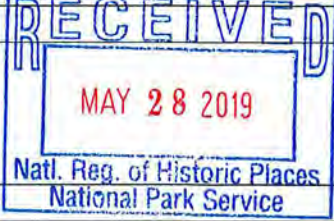
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

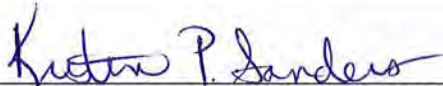
1. Name of Property		
Historic Name: Ruston Power and Light Plant		
Other Names/Site Number: N/A Name of related multiple property listing: N/A		

2. Location		
Street & Number: 300 East Mississippi Avenue		
City or town: Ruston	State: LA	County: Lincoln
Not for Publication: <input type="checkbox"/>	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nomination <input type="checkbox"/> request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:
 national state local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

 Signature of certifying official/Title: Kristin Sanders, State Historic Preservation Officer	4/10/2019 Date
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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4. National Park Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, explain: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

7.8. 2019
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public – Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public – Federal

Category of Property (Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
3		Buildings
		Sites
	1	Structures
		Objects
3	1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.): Government: Public Works – Electric Generating Plant, Water Plant

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.): Vacant/Not in Use

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.): Later 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Classical Revival; Modern Movement: Modernistic; No style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick

roof: Rubber (torch down)

other: N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

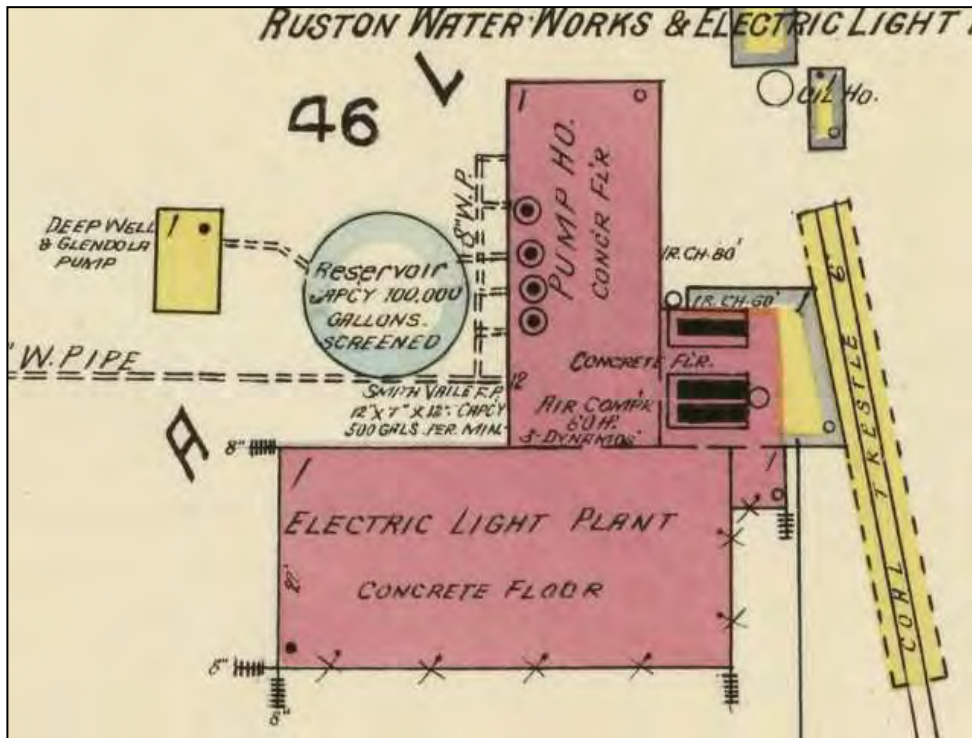
The Ruston Power and Light Plant was first constructed in 1900 and expanded in 1939-41, 1959, and 1968 and includes three contributing buildings and one non-contributing structure. The original power plant building retains a central c. 1900 section and a 1959 and 1968 wing. The 1930-49 meter house is perhaps the most highly detailed building architecturally on the property despite also being the smallest. There is also a 1940-41 warehouse and a 1959 reservoir that held water for the plant. The property sits just north of the railroad that runs through the center of Ruston and just a few blocks outside of the Downtown Ruston Commercial National Register Historic District. The buildings and reservoir are all over 50 years old and retain many original features including exterior brickwork, windows, doors, and overall layout. The resources are very industrial in nature and retain a good degree of integrity. Thus, they are eligible for listing on the National Register.

Narrative Description

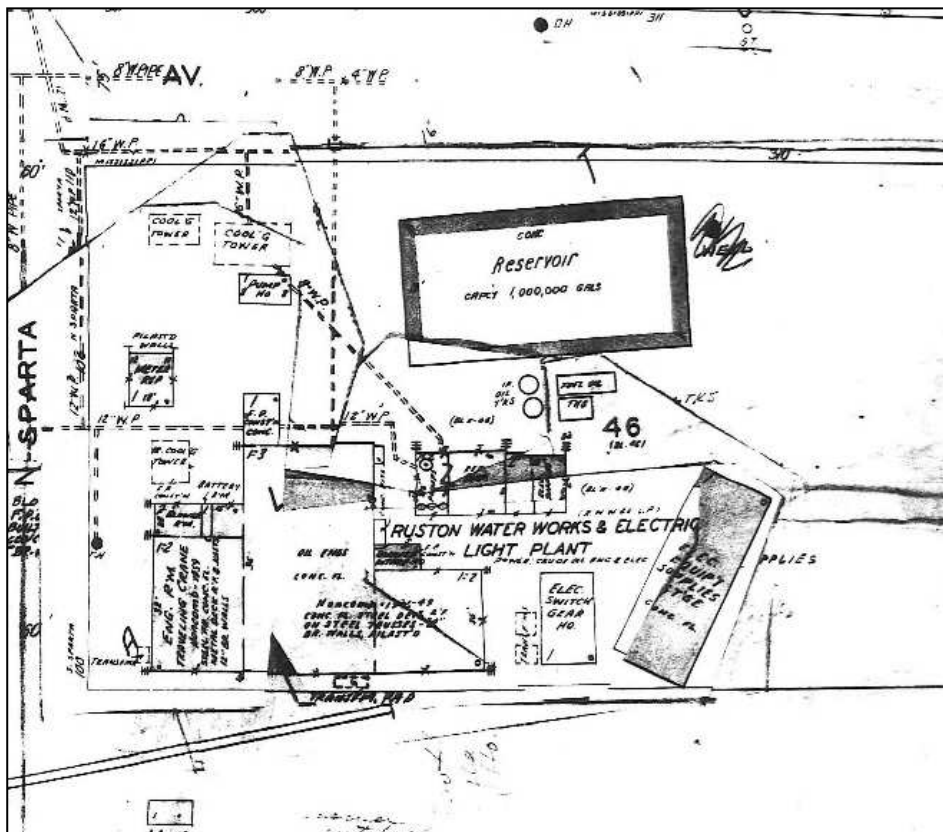
The Ruston Power and Light Plant was built c.1900 and was always owned and operated by the city. The site map on page 5 that follows the Sanborn maps show the existing layout of the property with dates of each of the resources. The purple section dates to c. 1900. Within three years, per *Builder* from May 1903, plans for improvements were already planned for the site. Per the 1922 Sanborn map, the original building consisted of the purple section that stands today (labeled "Electric Light Plant" on the 1922 Sanborn) as well as a pump house and a 100,000 gallon reservoir. By the 1930s, the meter shop, in blue on the site map, was constructed. Circa 1940, the warehouse, in green on the site map, was constructed. Newspaper articles from the Ruston *Daily Leader* discuss the plans for a warehouse on the site. By 1959, the much larger reservoir was in place as was the generator shop addition, both in red on the site map. The reservoir likely predates 1959 as an article from that year in the newspaper describes the reservoir as already being in place (a new reservoir was being built at another location at the time). Images from the *Daily Leader* show the floor of the generator shop in place by February of 1959 and the reservoir officially put in service in July. By 1968, per aerial maps, the yellow section of the main power plant was completed (see page 5). DHP believes based on details, this section may actually be older and contain portions of the original 1900 building that was there on the 1922 Sanborn.

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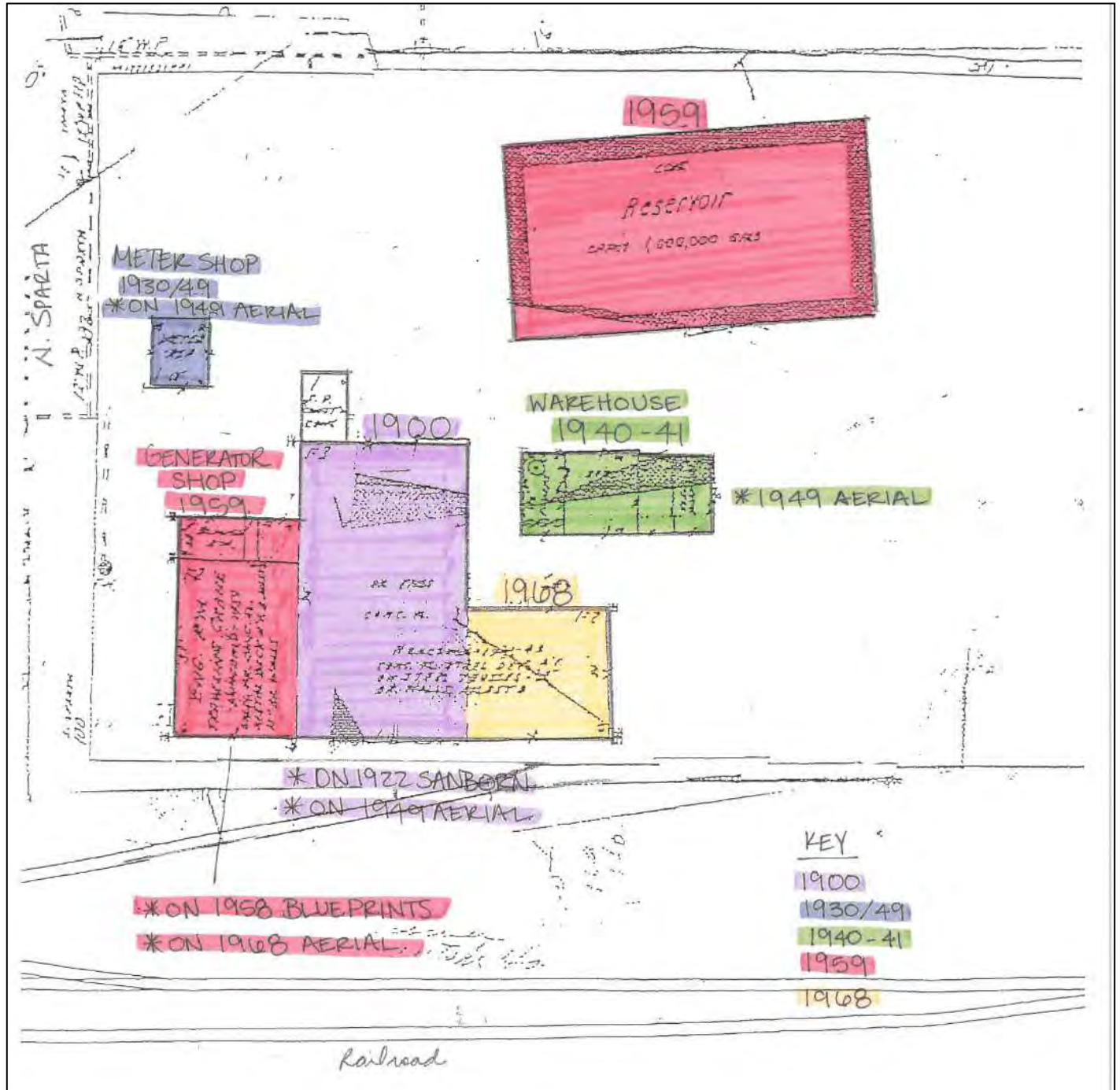
1922 Sanborn Map



1966 Sanborn Map

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Main Power Plant Building-A (See photos 1-10, 11, 20-23, 25-29, 31-37)

The southern elevation of the main plant building shows the three phases of development for the building. The exterior of the whole building is blonde brick. The central section dates to 1900 and features three tall window openings with warehouse style metal windows with three light and six light awning panels in them as seen in Photo 5. Above the three windows, there is a small rectangular vent. A concrete knee wall runs along the base of the entire building, only broken for a garage opening on the 1959 section and another garage opening on the 1968 section. The 1900 sections has an engaged pilaster at each end to delineate the edges of the section. The 1959 Section has the aforementioned garage opening and a set of two six light warehouse style windows to its left. On the "second" level of this elevation, there are two sets of double windows, consisting of two windows of twelve lights each. They are metal warehouse style window similar to those on the 1900

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section. The southern elevation of the purported 1968 (likely earlier based on details that match the 1900 section) section features a central garage door opening flanked by tall warehouse windows on each side. There is a decorative X brick pattern above each of the openings that goes to the parapet (three X's total). This part of the elevation also features four engaged pilasters to provide depth to the design.

The western elevation of the main plant building consists mainly of the 1959 addition. It features ribbon windows (of metal multi lite windows) on the upper portion of the elevation. A stone lintel is located below the ribbon. On the lower portion of the elevation, there is a band of six lite windows. There is a section of two six lite windows at the far left of this section of the building topped by large louvered vents. The western elevation of the 1900 section is recessed from the 1959 addition and features three tall window sections (see photo 26). Above each window is the same diagonal brick pattern comprised of headers of contrasting colors found on the "1968" section of the building. The concrete knee wall continues around this elevation.

The northern elevation of this building has a blank wall on the 1959 section. The main 1900 section has two tall window openings to match those on other elevations of this section. There is a small one story addition with two garage openings on the far right of this section (see photos 22 and 27). The "1968" section of the building has three tall windows with the same diagonal brick pattern and engaged pilasters dividing the building into four sections.

The eastern elevation of the building consists of the "1968" addition. There is one large central opening with multi lite windows above. On the recessed section that is the 1900 portion of the building, there are more of the large, tall window openings with the diagonal brick pattern above and engaged pilasters dividing the building into bays.

The interior of the building remains largely intact as it has been vacant since the power plant was moved. The equipment was removed, but as seen in Photos 31-37, the interior retains its large open spaces. The ceiling is exposed in each section, as are the brick walls. The floor is concrete in some sections and dirt in others where equipment was removed.

Warehouse-B (See photos 4, 10, 18 - 20, 24, 38 - 41, 46)

The northern elevation of the warehouse is not very visible as it sits closely to the main plant building. Photos 10 and 20 shows the red brick exterior with at least two metal warehouse window openings and a set of double wooden doors providing access. A third twelve light metal window is located to the right of the doors.

The western elevation is also hard to see via photos submitted, those taken by DHP staff on a previous site visit. It appears there may be a couple windows matching those on the northern elevation.

The southern elevation of the warehouse has three windows, a single door, another window, and another door with transom above. The last window and door are surrounding by a section of white painted brick. The three windows on the left side of the building as located in a section that has a lower roofline than the right hand section.

The eastern elevation of the building has a single garage opening in the center.

The interior of the building is limited to photos 38-41. These photos show that the building is subdivided into at least three sections with exposed brick walls.

Meter Shop-C (See photos 12-17, 22, 25, 42-44)

This building is small, but packs a lot of architectural punch. The building is a simple red brick, square shaped building. The northern elevation has a double door opening with sidelights that is all metal with twelve lights per sidelight and door. Above the doors are 24 more lites and two wooden doors above that. The brick is laid in a

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decorative pattern with a decorative header course at the top of the windows. The two outer sections above that are stretcher courses. The two inner brick panels are laid in a basket weave pattern. A second header course is located above these panels and the top panels are all stretcher courses.

The western elevation of the meter shop has one large central window opening, filled with metal windows. The opening has a stone lintel and a solder course header. This façade has engaged pilasters at each corner (like the northern elevation). It also has the same brick details as the northern elevation, except that there is just one large central panel of the basket weave pattern.

The southern elevation has double doors to match those on the northern elevation. Only this side has six lite sidelights on each side of the doors and an arched fanlight transom above the doors. A decorative brick arch with keystone is above the transom. This elevation also has a central panel of the basket weave detail and engaged pilasters at each edge.

The eastern elevation mirrors the western elevation.

Reservoir (See photos 27, 45 and 46) Non-contributing

The reservoir sits just above grade by a few feet. It has a roof that protected the water that was the town's supply. It has a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons. Its exterior is painted white concrete.

Integrity

The Ruston Power and Light Plant property retains a high degree of integrity, particularly dating to at least 1968. A few smaller structures have been lost post 1966, but the main plant building, the meter house, warehouse, and reservoir, which all predate 1968, remain intact. The four resources together still are highly recognizable as the former power and light plant. The buildings all retain integrity of design, materials, craftsmanship, location, setting, feeling, and association, as does the reservoir. The property overall retains a high degree of integrity of setting as well as it is still located by an active railroad spur. Because of this property's high degree of integrity, it is eligible for listing on the National Register.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

X	A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
	B	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
	C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
	D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

Criteria Considerations: N/A

	A	Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
	B	Removed from its original location
	C	A birthplace or grave
	D	A cemetery
	E	A reconstructed building, object, or structure

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F	A commemorative property
G	Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.): Industry

Period of Significance: 1900-1968

Significant Dates: 1900, 1930, 1940, 1959, 1968

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above): N/A

Cultural Affiliation (only if criterion D is marked above): N/A

Architect/Builder (last name, first name): Frederick T. Morse

Period of Significance (justification): The period of significance starts with 1900, the year the plant was first built, and ends with 1968, the fifty year cutoff. The plant continued to provide power for the city of Ruston until 1973.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary): N/A

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Ruston Power and Light Plant is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of industry for its association with the history of electric power and running water in Ruston and the city's growth during the first half of the 20th century. It is the primary historic site in the parish associated with electric power. The power plant on the site was Ruston's primary electric generator from 1900 until 1973, at which time the city's demand outgrew the plant's capacity, and the nominated plant became vacant. During that time, the power and light plant was integral to the city's power system. The period of significance begins in 1900, when the power plant was built, and ends in 1968, the fifty-year cut-off.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Ruston Historic Background

Following the Civil War, the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad began running east and west across north Louisiana. Robert E. Russ donated 640 acres for the building of a new town. "Russ's Town," later called Ruston, was incorporated in 1884 and became the seat of Lincoln Parish, which had been founded in 1873. Space was created for schools, a courthouse, a cemetery, and residential lots. Cotton farming fueled the economy as it did in much of north Louisiana and in 1900, a second railroad was built in Ruston.¹

Ruston continued to grow steadily with the help of the local university, founded as Louisiana Industrial Institute in 1894, now Louisiana Tech University, which brought new families to Ruston. Following World War II, when thousands of soldiers and civilians and their families were relocated to the area to serve at the nearby forts and camps, the population continued to grow. The GI bill after the war also helped to send many veterans to school at LA Tech, further increasing the Ruston area's population. By the late 1950's, it was decided that a new interstate highway was to be built that would run through the

¹ Edwin Adams Davis. *Louisiana: A Narrative History*. Baton Rouge: Claitor's Publishing Division, 1971: pg 295.

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northern edge of the city to protect the downtown core center. Completed by the early 1970's, this highway, Interstate 20, made Ruston even more accessible. Ruston has since added a regional airport to serve existing business and industry. The universities have achieved unparalleled success in many fields and downtown continues to offer people a variety of retail shops and fine eateries. As a result, Ruston now stands poised for future growth and prosperity.²

Electric Power in Ruston and the History of Ruston Power and Light

Introduction of Electricity in Ruston

Ruston first received water and lights around 1896 or 1897, when the first power plant was built by the former Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.³ The plant was owned and operated by the municipality and serviced not only Ruston, but other surrounding rural areas at the time.⁴ However, as the city quickly grew, a new power plant was needed. One was erected in the first decade of the twentieth century. Rural lines owned and operated by the city were built to support the needs of the growing business and residential community. As the unknown author of the 1964 Ruston Daily Leader newspaper wrote about the "Good Old Days" he noted the plant kept up with the latest developments in bringing consumers what would seem sheer magic to Ruston's first residents – running water with a twist of the wrist and illumination at the flick of a switch. This Plant consisted of a light plant, pump house, reservoir, well, oil house, and prep well by 1922. Purposely situated along the railroad just two blocks out of the downtown area of town, the building was continually added on to and improved as seen in several newspaper articles. By 1930, two new electric motors were installed making the plant one of the best equipped in the state running at a total of 130 horsepower.⁵ That same year, the electric light rates were reduced for both residences and businesses from \$1.50 to \$1.00 within city limits and from \$2.00 to \$1.50 outside of city limits. (Figure 1) The water rate had also been reduced during that time period, which was significant as this was the middle of the Great Depression.⁶

In 1931, surplus city funds from the water and light plant were used to build the city natatorium, one of the finest in the state at the time. Again, this was during the height of the Depression and was quite a unique feat due all in part to funds saved by the power and light plant.⁷ (Figure 2)

In 1933, more upgrades were proposed for the plant with a 60 horsepower engine to be added to the property as well as installing new windows and doors.⁸ More repairs were made in 1935 when an engine was purchased from St. Louis, Missouri, for \$34,000. Further switch gear and motor generator set was purchased for \$4500 from New York.⁹

Articles from February 1939 detail that a new \$40,000 building was to be built on the site, a new 1000 horsepower engine was to be added, an improved switch board, and new landscaping added.¹⁰ The new building is the existing warehouse building. In August and September of 1940, bids were put out for the construction of the buildings.¹¹

² Downtown Ruston National Register Historic District Nomination, Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, National Register #100000598.

³ "Good Old Days: Not Convenient." Ruston Daily Leader, July 31, 1964.

⁴ Lincoln Parish Resources and Facilities 1955. *Municipal Electric Plant*. Department of Public Works Planning Division, pg. 100.

⁵ "Gulf Public Service Co. Making Improvements." *Ruston Daily Leader*, January 29, 1930.

⁶ "Light Rates are Reduced by Council." *Ruston Leader*. December 10, 1930.

⁷ "Congratulations to Ruston!" *Ruston Leader*. August 19, 1931.

⁸ "Town Council Proceedings." *Ruston Daily Leader*. June 5, 1933.

⁹ "Special Session of Board of Aldermen to Provide for Light Plant Repairs." *Ruston Daily Leader*. March 14, 1935.

¹⁰ "Ruston May Get PWA Aid to Build New Water Plant." *Monroe Morning World Sun*. February 12, 1939.

¹¹ "Notice to Contractors." Legal Notices. *Ruston Daily Leader*. August 27, 1940; "Town Council Proceedings." *Ruston Daily Leader*. September 26, 1940.

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In 1959, Union workers picketed at the plant when non-union labor was used to install new generator equipment.¹² This new equipment was likely the machines being put in the new generator room addition. A February 1959 article shows the foundation of this new generator room in place. The generator equipment had a capacity of 4500 kilowatts and brought the overall plant’s generating capacity to 14,550 kilowatts. The project was funded by a \$2.2 million bond issue to improve the power plant and electric distribution.¹³

The Ruston Power and Light Plant was used until 1973.

Conclusion

The Ruston Power and Light Plant is the product of a historic era in Ruston’s growth and development. As Ruston grew at the turn of the 20th century, its public utilities also grew with it. The electricity and water that the plant produced was an indispensable commodity to the citizens of Ruston and Lincoln Parish.

Developmental History/Additional historic context information

See above.

9. Major Bibliographical Resources

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Newspaper articles accessed through www.newspapers.com – October 2018 through January 2019

Monroe Morning World, February 12, 1939, Monroe, LA

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Ruston Daily Leader, various dates, Ruston, LA

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[Map]. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn03394_007.

National Register of Historic Places, Downtown Ruston Historic District, Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, National Register #100000598.

Edwin Adams Davis. *Louisiana: A Narrative History*: Baton Rouge: Claitor’s Publishing Division, 1971

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

¹² “Union Members Picketing City Power, Light Plant.” *Ruston Leader*. May 14, 1959.

¹³ Front page image. *Ruston Leader*. February 10, 1959.

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- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: City of Ruston

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 3.13

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 32.529319 | Longitude: -92.635204 |
| 2. Latitude: 32.529211 | Longitude: -92.634213 |
| 3. Latitude: 32.528430 | Longitude: -92.634271 |
| 4. Latitude: 32-528380 | Longitude: -92.635297 |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The site is bound to the north by East Mississippi Avenue, a number of feet west of N. Hazel Street to the east, the railroad tracks to the south, and N. Sparta Street on the west side.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The chosen boundaries reflect the historic boundaries of the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization: Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation
street & number: PO Box 44247
city or town: Baton Rouge state: LA zip code: 70804
e-mail: n/a
telephone: 225-342-8200
date: January 25, 2019

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Ruston Power and Light Plant

City or Vicinity: Ruston

County: Lincoln Parish

State: Louisiana

Name of Photographer: Michael Echols

Date of Photographs: 12/10/2018

- 1 of 46 View from SW Corner of Building A, Camera facing north east
- 2 of 46 View from West side of building A. Camera facing east
- 3 of 46 View from North side of buildings A, B, C. Camera facing south
- 4 of 46 View from North side of Buildings A & B. Camera facing south
- 5 of 46 View from South East Corner of building A. Camera facing northwest
- 6 of 46 View from South of building A. Camera facing northwest
- 7 of 46 View from South East Corner of building A. Camera facing northwest
- 8 of 46 View from South East Corner of building A. Camera facing northwest
- 9 of 46 View from East side of building A. Camera facing northwest
- 10 of 46 View from East side of building A & B. Camera facing northwest
- 11 of 46 View from West Side of building A. Camera facing southeast
- 12 of 46 View from West side of building C. Camera facing east
- 13 of 46 View from Southside of building C. Camera facing north
- 14 of 46 View from North side of building C. Camera facing south
- 15 of 46 View from North side of building C. Camera facing south
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- 22 of 46 View from North side of building A & C. Camera facing south
- 23 of 46 View from East side of building A. Camera facing southwest
- 24 of 46 View from East side of building B. Camera facing west.
- 25 of 46 View from North side of property. Camera facing southeast
- 26 of 46 View from West side of buildings A & C. Camera facing east
- 27 of 46 View from North side (Mississippi Street). Camera facing south
- 28 of 46 Building A large room. Camera looking east
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- 31 of 46 Building A large room. Camera looking northeast
- 32 of 46 Building A East Room. Camera looking west
- 33 of 46 Building A East Room. Camera looking east
- 34 of 46 Building A Large Room. Camera looking north
- 35 of 46 Building A Large Room. Camera looking west
- 36 of 46 Building A West Room. Camera looking north
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- 39 of 46 Building B Middle Room. Camera looking northeast
- 40 of 46 Building B North room. Camera looking southwest
- 41 of 46 Building B North Room. Camera looking northeast
- 42 of 46 Building C. Camera looking east
- 43 of 46 Building C. Camera looking south
- 44 of 46 Building C. Camera looking north
- 45 of 46 Building D. Camera looking slightly northwest
- 46 of 46 Building D. Birds eye view – Camera looking southeast

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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**LIGHT RATES
ARE REDUCED
BY COUNCIL**

**Minimum In City Reduced
From \$1.50 To \$1; Out-
side, \$2 To \$1.50**

At a meeting of the City Council here last night in the Mayor's office, the secretary recorded a resolution to reduce the electric light rates for both domestic and business houses. The reduction made include the minimum rate within the city limits from \$1.50 to \$1.00; and the minimum rate outside the city limits was reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50.

Mayor Charles C. Goynes stated this morning that during the past three years the water rate has been reduced and substantial reductions have also been made on rates for industrial current, motor current, show window and electric sign current, and the reduction now being made on domestic and business house current brings about a total reduction of approximately \$20,000 per annum which is realized as a saving to the consumers of water and electric current within the city limits of Ruston.

"It is the disposition of the present administration to look after the interest of the public at all times and to do everything possible to keep cost of lights and water down to a minimum.

Figure 1. Ruston Daily Leader. Wednesday, December 10, 1930, article showing a savings to the community even during a national economic down turn.

Ruston Power and Light Plant
Name of Property

Lincoln Parish, LA
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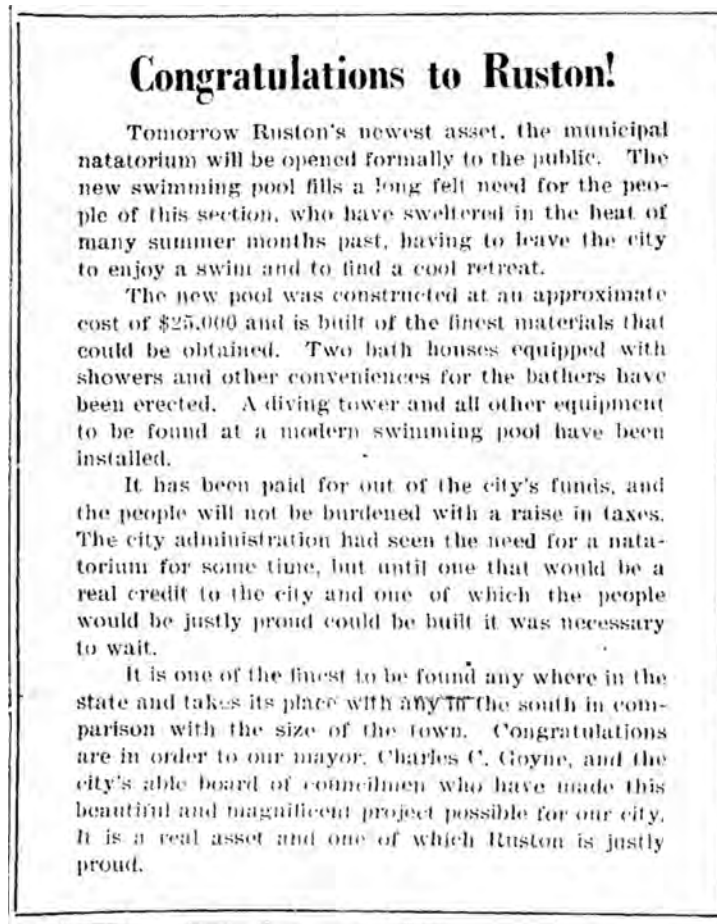


Figure 2. The Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, August 19, 1931. *Congratulations to Ruston!* The addition of a natatorium at no cost to the community was evidence of the cost savings to the community by the municipality as a result of their ability to operate their own plant for many years.

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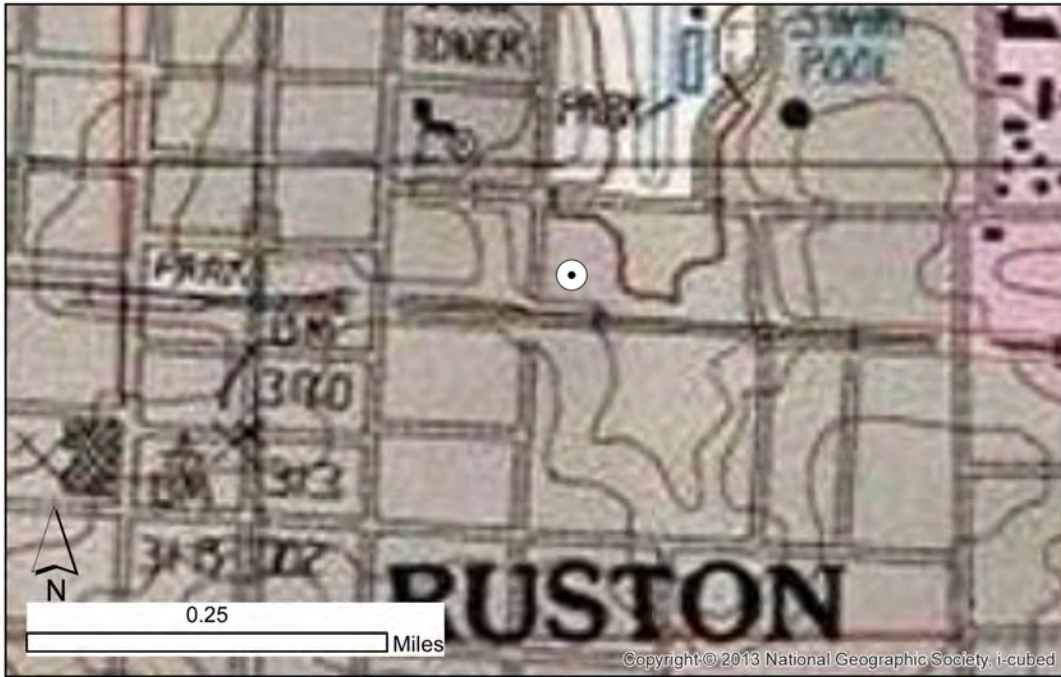
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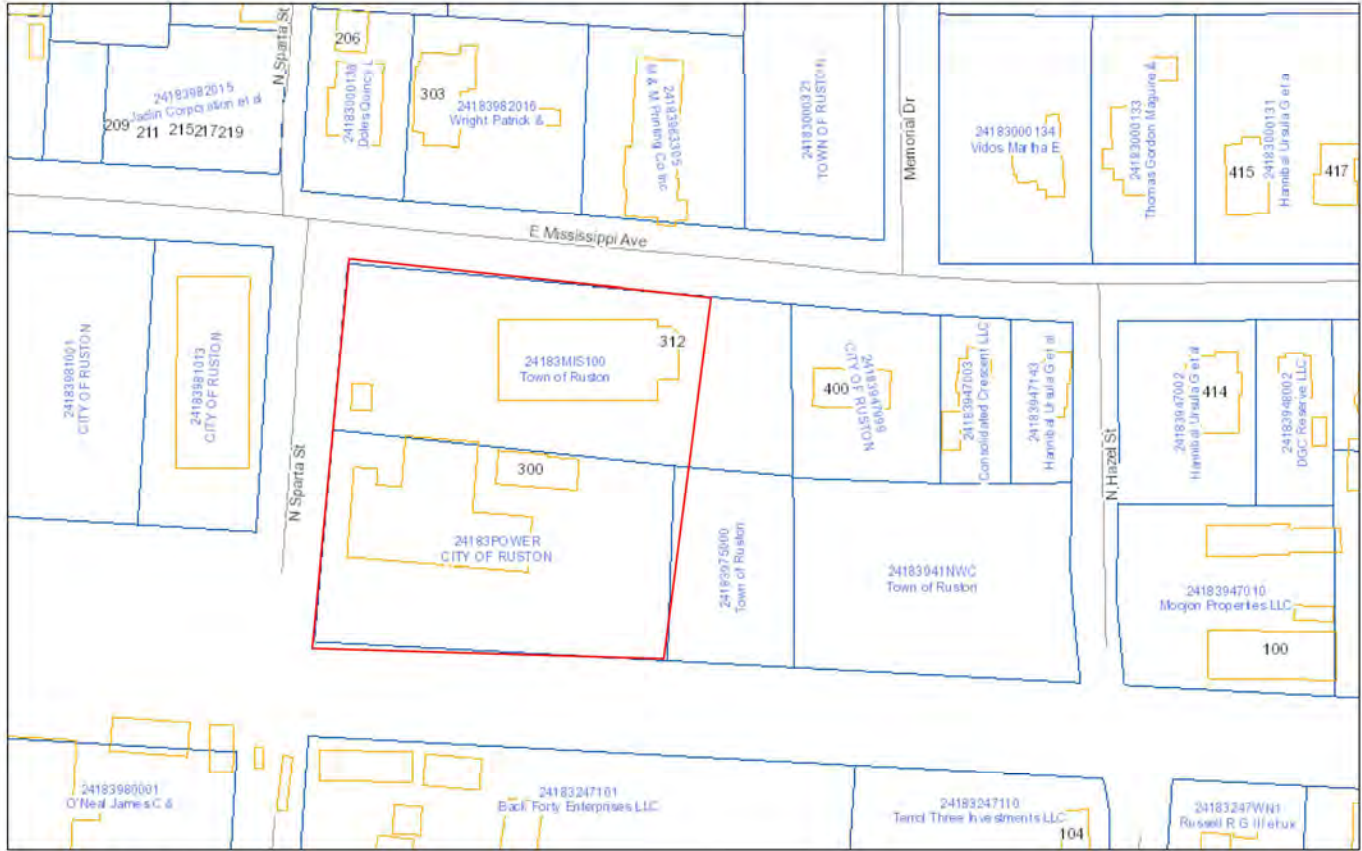
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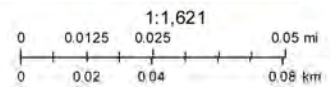
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Ruston Power and Light Plant, Lincoln Parish, LA - Plat Map



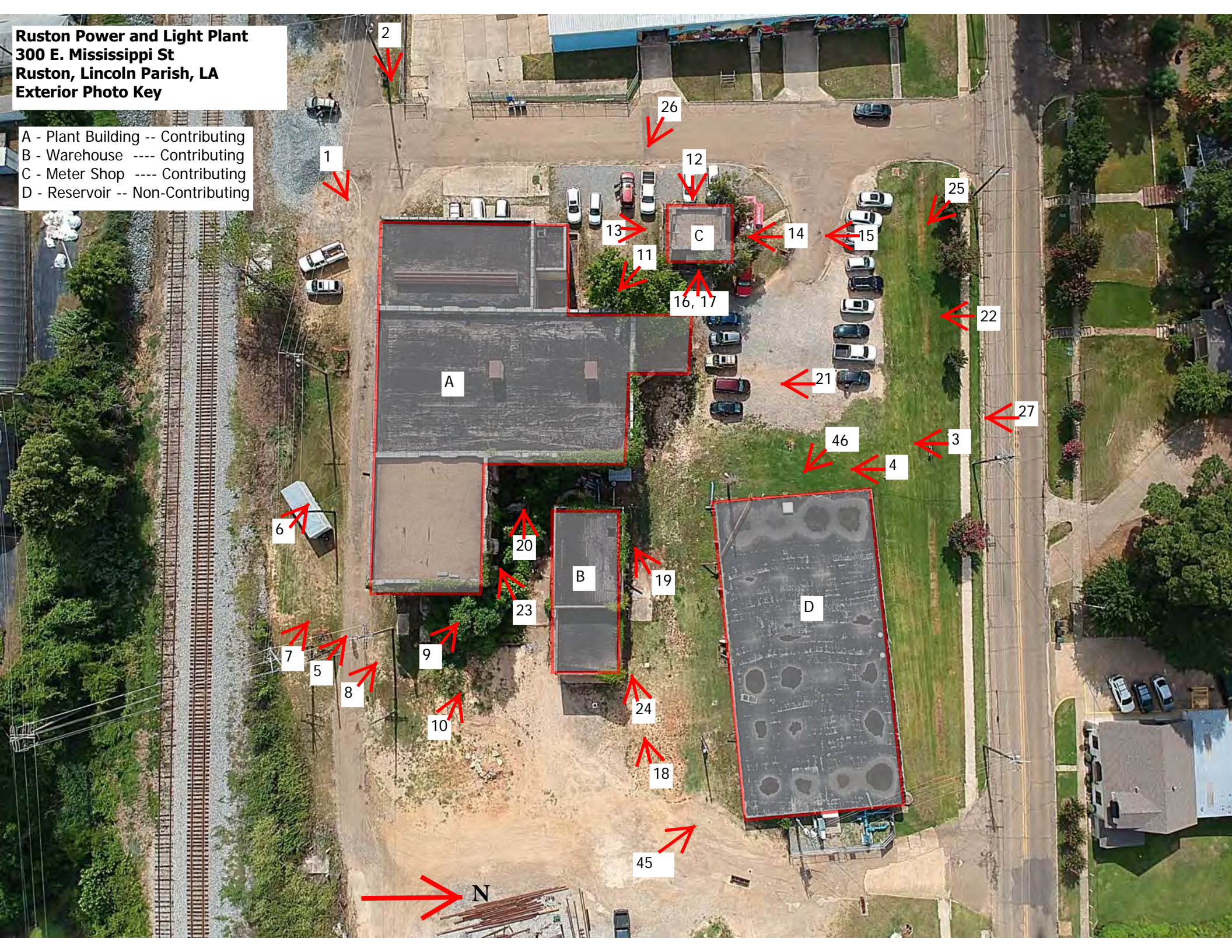
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- Centerlines**
 - US
 - LA
 - I-20
- Addresses**
- Structure Footprints**
- Parish Boundary**
- Parcels**



Ruston Power and Light Plant
300 E. Mississippi St
Ruston, Lincoln Parish, LA
Exterior Photo Key

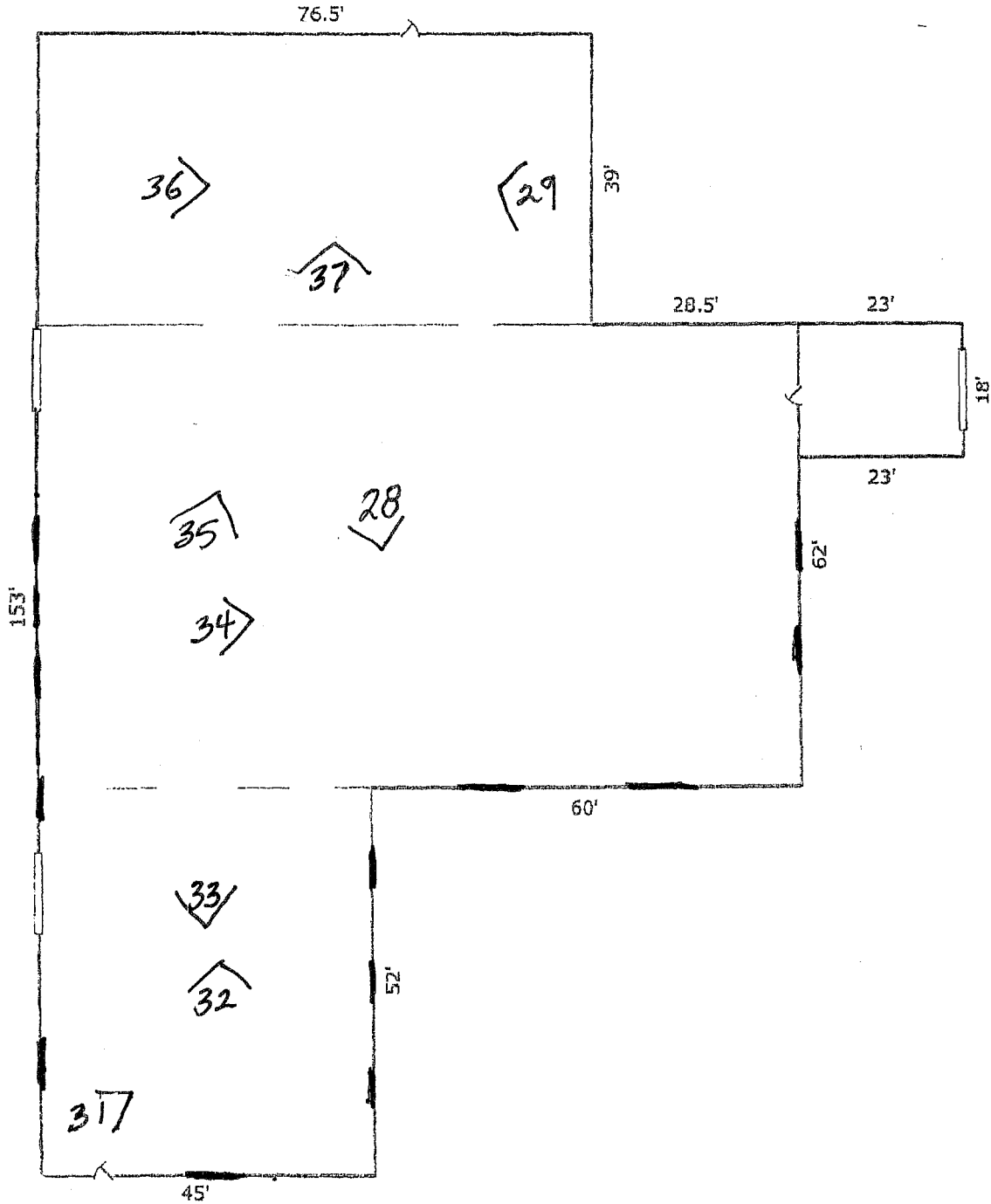
- A - Plant Building -- Contributing
- B - Warehouse ---- Contributing
- C - Meter Shop ---- Contributing
- D - Reservoir -- Non-Contributing



BUILDING SKETCH

Building A - Main Building

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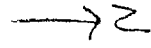


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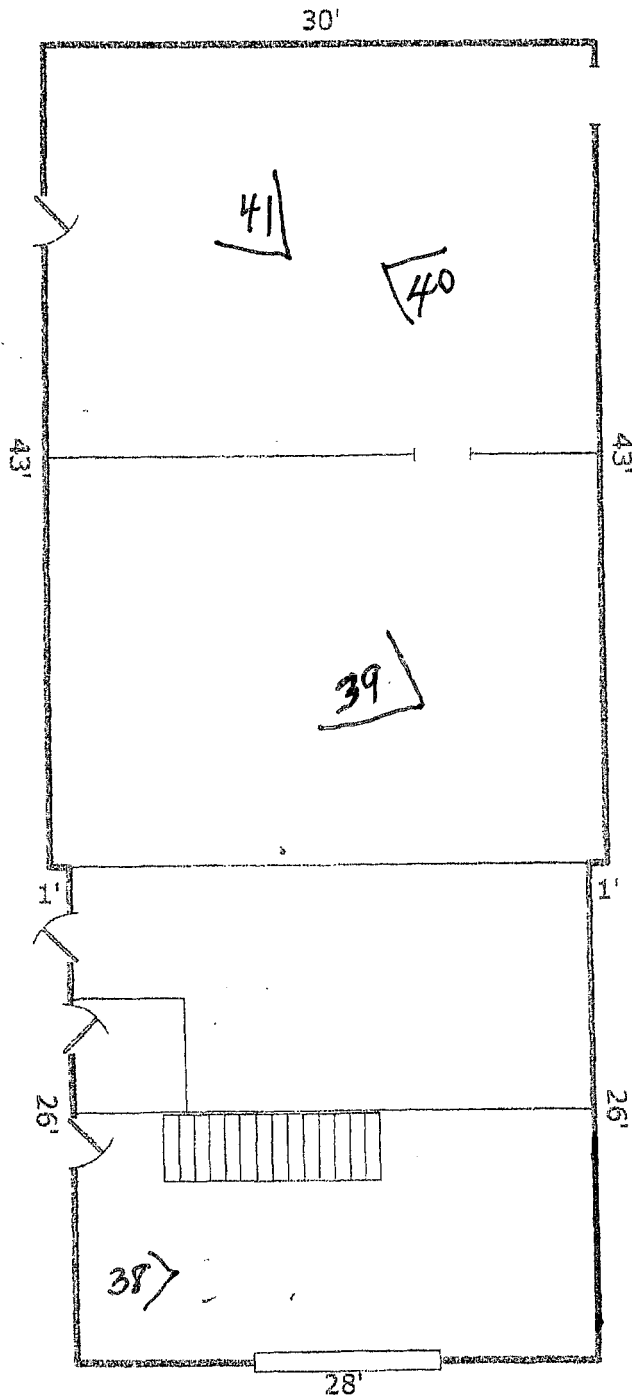
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Building B. - Large Auxiliary Building

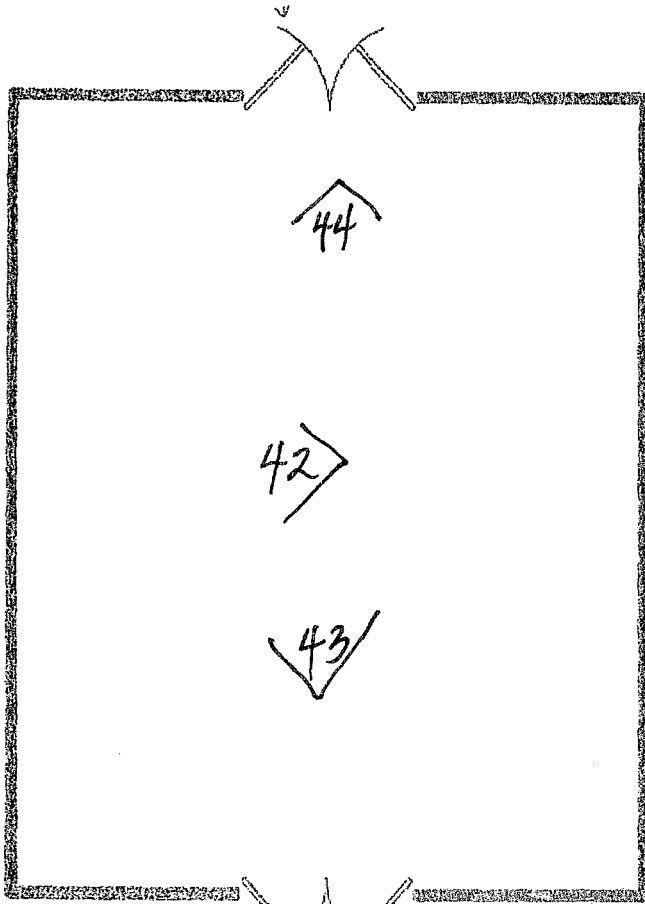


BUILDING SKETCH (Continued)

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Building C. - Small Auxiliary Building

N. SPACIA



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A person in a green shirt and white pants stands in the lower-left corner of the image.

A roll-up door with blue graffiti on it, located on the ground floor of the brick building.

A tall, rusted metal chimney stack with a circular vent near the base, situated in front of the brick building.

A small white sign with black text, possibly a warning or notice, located near the base of the chimney stack.

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A white building or shed partially visible on the right side of the image.









































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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Ruston Power and Light Plant

Multiple Name: _____

State & County: LOUISIANA, Lincoln

Date Received: 5/28/2019 Date of Pending List: 6/19/2019 Date of 16th Day: 7/5/2019 Date of 45th Day: 7/12/2019 Date of Weekly List: _____

Reference number: SG100004151

Nominator: Other Agency, SHPO

Reason For Review:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PDIL | <input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver | <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Boundary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Period |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> TCP | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 years |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG | |

Accept Return Reject 7/8/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The facility served as the main utility for the City of Ruston. it grew over the years, and the extant buildings reflect different era's of growth and development in the city.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / A

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : **Yes**

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

RUSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT FOR:
RUSTON POWER AND LIGHT PLANT
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

NAME OF CLG: City of Ruston

PROPERTY NAME: Ruston Power + Light Plant

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 300 E. Mississippi Ave. Ruston, LA 71270

DATE SENT: 3/20/19

DATE OF NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING: 4/4/19

Does the nomination meet the Criteria for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places?
Yes No Criterion: A B C D

Has public comment been included? Yes No Explain:
While there was no comment from the public at the Meeting of the Ruston Historic District Advisory Commission, meeting minutes including comments ~~from~~ from the commissioners are attached.


The Commission recommends that the property or properties should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission would like to make the following recommendations regarding the nomination (use additional sheets if necessary): The Ruston Historic District Advisory Commission recommends the Ruston Power and Light Plant be listed on the National Register due to its historical significance in Ruston's industrial growth. Based on the supporting documentation, the Commission feels that the property meets the National Register criteria.

The Commission recommends that the property or properties should not be listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

The Commission chooses not to make a recommendation on this nomination for the following reasons:

Jim Hays
Historic District Commission Chair (Print Name)


Signature

3/18/19
Date

Bonny Walker, Mayor
Chief Elected Official (Print Name)


Signature

3/19/19
Date

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A Meeting of the Ruston Historic District Advisory Commission was held Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the Court Room, City Hall, 401 North Trenton Street, Ruston, Louisiana

Commission Members Present: Jim Hays, Charles Jimerson, Julie Mays, Sarah Warren, Tom Sumrall

Commission Members Absent: Wilbert Ellis, Otha Anders, Karl Puljak

Staff Present: Emily Allement, Administrative Assistant; Tori Davis, Main Street Director

Others Present: Bill Carter, City Attorney; Neil Erwin, Zoning Attorney

1) Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Jim Hays called the meeting to order.

2) Adopt Agenda

Sarah Warren made a motion, seconded by Julie Mays to adopt the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3) Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2016 Meeting

Charles Jimerson made a motion, seconded by Sarah Warren to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4) Consider Properties To Be Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Tori Davis reported:

The City of Ruston is a Certified Local Government (CLG) community, a program that assists local municipalities in protecting their historic resources. One of the responsibilities of a CLG is to review pending National Register nominations of properties within its community. The property to be considered by the Ruston Historic District Advisory Commission is the Ruston Power and Light Plant located at 300 East Mississippi Avenue. Its historic functions were listed on the nomination form as a government building, specifically related to public works in the areas of electric generating plant and water plant.

After providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment during the Commission Meeting, the Ruston Historic Advisory Commission shall fill out the CLG review form as to whether or not, in their opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. The outcome of this vote will be forwarded to the National Register Review Committee. The Ruston Power and Light Plant application will be considered by the National Register Committee in Baton Rouge on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

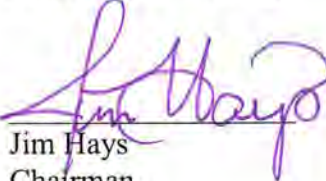
Chairman Jim Hays called for final consideration by the Commission. Charles Jimerson noted that the building is still in sound shape and it would be a positive move for the City to promote historic preservation of the site. Sarah Warren made a motion to approve the nomination of the Ruston Light and Power Plant located at 300 East Mississippi in the City of Ruston to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There were no other comments from the Commission or the public. The motion was seconded by Charles Jimerson and passed unanimously.

5) Other Business

There was no further business.

6) Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Warren made a motion, seconded by Charles Jimerson to adjourn the meeting.


Jim Hays
Chairman

3/20/19
Date



BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

RICHARD H. HARTLEY
DEPUTY SECRETARY

KRISTIN P. SANDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

DATE: May 23, 2019
TO: Mr. James Gabbert
National Park Service Mail Stop 7228
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240
FROM: Emily Ardoin, National Register Coordinator
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation
RE: Ruston Power & Light, Lincoln Parish, LA



Hi Jim,

The enclosed disk contain the true and corrected copy of the National Register Documentation for the Ruston P & L Plant to be placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Should you have any questions, please contact me at eardoin@crt.la.gov.

Thanks,
Emily Ardoin
Emily

Enclosures:

- CD with PDF of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- CD with electronic images (tiff format)
- Physical Transmission Letter
- Physical Signature Page, with original signature
- Other: Correspondence on 1 of 2 CD

Comments:

- Please ensure that this nomination receives substantive review
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- The enclosed owner(s) objection(s) do _____ do not _____ constitute a majority of property owners. (Publicly owned property)
- Other: