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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Power Plant and Dam No. 4

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Potomac River at the Berkeley-Jefferson Line

CITY, TOWN
Sherhardstown

VICINITY OF
CODE

STATE
WV

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY
Berkeley

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Potomac Edison Company

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 1458

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown, Md. 21740

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE S-26 Group D, Section III, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley
County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE
1973-78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building at Dam No. 4 appears as a one story building on a high, stoned foundation with a concrete belt course separating the two sections. Construction is of coursed limestone with grapevine mortar. The long 5 bay building has a gable roof with 3 large exhausts evenly spaced on the grey, shingle roof. All 5 windows of the main floor are 2/2 double sash with plain concrete lintels. Immediately below the belt course are 6 small, double paned casement windows which give light to the basement area. The building is very tall and there is considerable distance from this row of windows to the base of the building above the causeway.

The south gable contains the main entrance with a large metal roll door, the size of a garage door, and a normal size entrance door beside it. A narrow 2/2 double sash window is in the gable. All have concrete lintels. The roof overhang is in a stick style.

The building is riveted into the hillside so the main floor is the top floor. It is an open area, with exposed wooden rafters and cross beams. Hanging lights illuminate the room. The stone walls are not plastered and the floor is concrete. Two generators in yellow cages are noisily busy making electricity from the flow of the water over the dam. Two small wooden stairwells lead to the basement areas where two water driven generator, sheve wheels are each located in a separate stone shaft. A row of small iron casement doors allow for ventillation and protection from rising water. There are 2 doors over each of 3 arches that allow the water, that entered through the wheel pits on the west side, to escape into the stone lined causeway.

The west side of the building has only 3 bays of windows and beneath the cement belt course are the 3 immense wheel pits. The impression is of size and strength and the building has a good design. A stone interior chimney is on this side of the roof.

Many of the stones used in construction are huge and have holes through them that perhaps facilitated putting them in place during initial construction.

A fence of concrete posts with beveled edges and 3 yellow painted metal bars per section protect the area above the causeway.

Several dams have been replaced. The original was built as part of the C & O Canal system.

SIGNIFICANCE

Dam # 4

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900- 1910	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1910 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The power plant is significant for engineering and stone, individual buildings built in 1910 to serve as a power generation station for the electric industry of Berkeley County, which has played a major role in its industrial development. The Dam No. 4 purchase ca. 1908 was a major development of the Martinsburg Electric Company. The power plant and dam create a very picturesque setting on the Potomac River.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY A.

QUADRANGLE NAME			QUADRANGLE SCALE		
UTM REFERENCE					
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	18	35680			
		437520			
C			D		
E			F		
G			H		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

100 feet around each side and end of the dam and power house

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION	President, Berkeley County Historical Society	DATE
	Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission	
STREET & NUMBER	Route 3, Box 79	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401	STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



BERKELEY Co.



ZONE 17 — ZONE 18

M A R Y L A N D

WASHINGTON COUNTY

DAM 5

WASHINGTON COUNTY

MARYLAND

DAM #4

JEFFERSON COUNTY

