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RE: Groton Wind Project, RPR #1422

Dear Ms. Luhman;

Thank you for requesting a determination of National Register eligibility for the area listed below. As requested, the Division of Historical Resources' Determination of Eligibility Committee has reviewed the *DHR Area Form* prepared by the Louis Berger Group; based on the information available, the DOE Committee's evaluation of National Register eligibility is:

TOWN/CITY	AREA	DETERMINATION
Groton, Hebron, Rumney, Plymouth	Groton Wind Project Area, MLT-GWP	More Information Needed

A copy of the DHR evaluation form is attached for your use. Please refer to the "Follow-up" section for an explanation of the additional data needed if "more information" is selected. The inventory data and the evaluation will also be added to the statewide survey database for historic properties in New Hampshire.

Please contact Mary Kate Ryan at 271-6435 or MaryKate.Ryan@dcr.nh.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Christina St. Louis
Program Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Elizabeth Muzzey, Director / State Historic Preservation Officer
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NH Division of Historical Resources
 Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: July 15, 2010
 Date of group review: July 28, 2010
 DHR staff: Nadine

Inventory #: MLT-GWP
 Area: Groton Wind Project

Property Name: Groton Wind Project Area Town/City: Groton, Hebron, Rumney, Plymouth
 Address: n/a County: Grafton
 Reviewed for: X]R&C]PTI]NR]SR]Survey]Other
 Agency, if appropriate: ACOE

Individual Properties

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Eligible, also in district
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Eligible, in district
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]More information needed
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Not evaluated for individual eligibility

Districts

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Not eligible
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]More information needed
<input type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/>]Not evaluated @ district

Integrity:]Location]Design]Setting]Materials
]Workmanship]Feeling]Association

Criteria:]A. Event]B. Person]C. Architecture/Engineering
]D. Archaeology]E. Exception

Level:]Local]State]National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE NEEDED.

A project area form was requested to discuss resources within a 3 mile radius surrounding the proposed Groton Wind Project. The project area includes land in the towns of Groton, Hebron, Rumney, and Plymouth. Project Area Forms provide historical and architectural information about a specific area that may be affected by a state or federal undertaking. Project Area forms are intended to provide an overview of the history and resources within the project area including historic contexts, architectural contexts and recommendations for intensive survey. It also provides guidance as to what resources should be further evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The submitted form does not follow NHDHR guidelines; it does not provide overall contexts for the area, instead providing an itemized list and mapping of individual properties, which is not required in a Project Area Form.

In order to provide appropriate recommendations for future work, sufficient analysis and research must be conducted to place resources within their historic contexts and provide a framework for documentation. It is difficult to comment on the project area form because the background research was written as independent town histories with little to no synthesis of the region as a whole. In particular, the Baker River valley is a distinct geographical area that, due to its fertile floodplains, utilized agriculture as one of its prime economic drivers during the nineteenth century. Transportation, lumbering, mining, and milling are other key themes during the historic period. These themes have not been developed in the historical background section of the document, especially as this area's history is cohesive despite town boundaries.

As noted in the document, agriculture is an important historic theme in the Baker River Valley. A review of the photographs of resources within and adjacent to the project area identify farm properties that appear to have stylistic commonalities unique to the area. An architectural context for this theme, as well as those noted above, must be developed in order to evaluate the properties within the project area.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE *✓*

ACREAGE: 36,493.40 acres

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE:

BOUNDARY:

SURVEYOR: Steven Bedford, Hope Luhman, Jacqueline Horsford (The Louis Berger Group)

FOLLOW-UP: Notify appropriate parties of the follow-up required below:

- 1) Please refer to the NHDHR guidelines in the preparation of Project Area Forms.
- 2) Provide an overview of the region potentially affected by this project at the beginning of *Section 19. Historical Background* that synthesizes the communities in the project area. The Baker River Valley is one specific area that should be further contextualized by research into its historic development.
- 3) Provide brief thematic overviews of the important historic contexts found both within the Baker River Valley and located within the 3 mile radius of the project (a major focus on agricultural seems likely to be appropriate). Within these contexts, what types of resources would a future, intensive survey expect to encounter? Do they exist within the project area? The focus here should be regional, not just on a town-by-town basis
- 4) An agricultural context must use US Census information to provide demographic information as well as agricultural census information to outline the historic farm products. This should provide a better understanding of the types of resources/landscapes that may be present.
- 5) Provide an architectural context that outlines the types of buildings in the project area. Under the agricultural theme, discuss the farmhouse types identified during preliminary research and what typical barns, outbuildings, and landscape features one can expect to find in the area.
- 6) If some sort of identification number is noted on the mapping, it must be a Berger specific number, not one that mimics an official DHR inventory number. Please either ask for DHR inventory numbers or change the numbering system (i.e. Berger001) to prevent confusion.

Final DOE approved by:

