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Re: Application of Atlantic Wind, LLC (Wild Meadows Wind Project)
Site Evaluation Committee No. 2013-02
Progress Report

Dear Mr. Iacopino:

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the Atlantic Wind LLC application for the Wild Meadows Wind Project; the construction and operation of a 75.9 megawatt wind farm consisting of 23 wind turbine generators with a name plate capacity of 3.3 megawatts each. The project is located in Danbury and Alexandria, New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has a responsibility to review the project under RSA 162-H, RSA 227 C:9 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires consideration of historic preservation in the multitude of Federal actions that take place nationwide. Section 106 requires Federal agencies to work with State Historic Preservation Offices and the public to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) an opportunity to comment on Federal projects prior to implementation. It is our understanding that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been designated the Lead Federal Agency for this undertaking.

The SEC Application does not contain sufficient information for the DHR to consider a finding of this project's effects on historical resources under state or federal laws. Review was initiated by the Applicant on September 13, 2012. Since that time, the Division has been working with the USACE and the Applicant to develop the Area of Potential Effects (APE) along with a systematic survey of historic resources. Atlantic Wind has conducted the first phase of these studies, including a Phase Ia Archaeological Survey for below ground resources and a Project Area Form for above ground resources. These two products were both received on 12/23/13 and are currently under review by DHR staff.

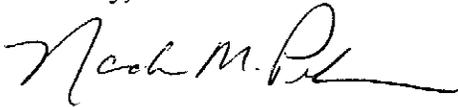
Section 106 is a phased process including the initiation of project review, identification of historic properties, assessment of effect, and resolution of adverse effect (mitigation plan) if so required. Section 106 also requires the Lead Federal Agency to seek information, as appropriate, from consulting parties, and other individuals and organizations likely to have knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the area and the undertaking's potential effects on them.



In reviewing the Application, it was noted that the Phase Ia Archaeological Survey found in Appendix 37 does not have the required statement of confidentiality regarding sensitive information on the cover page of the report. Federal and state laws prohibit the release of archaeological sensitivity and locational information (RSA 227C:11; 36 CFR Part 800.11(c)(1) and related sections). This report has identified both archaeologically sensitive areas and historic site locational information. Further, specific archaeological resources, i.e. foundations of no longer extant structures, were identified in the report, but the appropriate NHDHR Archaeological Site Inventory forms were not completed. The combination of these two circumstances results in a situation where relic hunters may acquire sufficient information that could lead to looting of sites while at the same time not providing the DHR with sufficient information to evaluate these sites. The Applicant is working with the DHR to remedy this situation immediately.

The next step in our review process is to work with USACE, the Applicant, and Consulting Parties (interested public) to identify historic properties in the APE, determine how these historic properties might be affected, and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce harm to historic properties. Ultimately, the goal will be to reach agreement on measures to deal with any adverse effects. As this additional information is received, the Division looks forward to continuing consultation as part of the ongoing historic review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadine M. Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nadine Peterson
Preservation Project Reviewer

cc: David Keddell-USACE
Jane Murray, Secretary, SEC