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MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Iacopino, Counsel NH Site Evaluation Committee
From: Nadine Peterson, Preservation Planner, NH Division of Historical Resources
Date: 10/28/2010
Re: Final Report; Permitting progress reports and conditions with regard to Groton Wind, LLC application (DHR # 1422)

The New Hampshire Division of Historical (DHR) has been in consultation and discussion with Iberdrola Renewables since October 2009. The DHR has requested information from the project proponents in order to fulfill requirements set forth in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and New Hampshire RSA 227C:9.

To date, archaeological studies within the direct area of potential effects for the project have been submitted and approved, awaiting a copy of the final Phase Ib Archaeological Survey for DHR records. Areas potentially disturbed by activities associated with connecting the wind farm to the existing grid have not yet been evaluated for archaeology. Discussions continue as to whether these areas are located within the area of potential effects. If so, additional work may be required.

The Section 106 review of above-ground resources has not progressed due to the cultural resource management consultant's submission of insufficient work products. The DHR has been in contact with the Lead Federal Agency (US Army Corps of Engineers) to request assistance in moving the project forward. The DHR requested a Project Area Form that is used to provide a historical and architectural context as well as recommendations on historic resource inventory. This document was submitted in July 2010 with substantive deficiencies. The text alone was revised and reviewed by the DHR Determination of Eligibility Committee on October 27, 2010, which determined that it does not meet the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources guidelines. This document (including text, mapping, and photographs) has been returned to the Applicant as insufficient. Without a well-researched document to act as a solid basis of information, the identification of historic resources and the assessment of effects to these resources cannot be confirmed at this time. Please see the attached US Army Corps of Engineers correspondence for a detailed discussion of these critical issues.

Cc: Linda Wilson, Deputy SHPO

