

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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Pamela G. Monroe Administrator NH Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility, NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-02 (DHR RPR # 3291)

Dear Ms. Monroe:

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) has conducted a preliminary review of materials submitted in support of the above-referenced project and has determined that the Application contains sufficient information for decision making under our review responsibilities.

The NHDHR and the US Army Corps of Engineers (CORPS) have been in consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for this undertaking since 10/5/2011. All phases of archaeological study have been completed and approved and no new areas are anticipated to be evaluated. Above-ground resources have been fully identified.

The NHDHR has recommended a finding of Adverse Effect on the White Birch Point Historic District based on plans submitted under the above Application. The CORPS has informally disagreed with this recommendation. However, NHDHR will continue to consult with both the CORPS and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to resolve the disagreement. The remaining step in the Section 106 process includes identifying ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects that arise during project planning. The NHDHR expects this step to be completed in the coming months. If it is not, the NHDHR requests that the SEC condition approval to include completion of the Section 106 consultation process.

Thank you for the opportunity comment.

Sincerely,

Nadine Peterson Preservation Project Reviewer

cc: Barry Needleman, Esq., McLane Middleton Michael Iacopino, Esq., Brennan, Lenehan