

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

SEC DOCKET NO. 2019-02

**APPLICATION OF CHINOOK SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE
AND FACILITY FOR THE CHINOOK SOLAR PROJECT IN FITZWILLIAM,
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PREFILED SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF KAREN E. MACK
ON BEHALF OF
CHINOOK SOLAR, LLC
August 31, 2020**

1 Qualifications of Karen E. Mack

2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. My name is Karen E. Mack. My business address is TRC, 71 Oak St., Ellsworth,
4 Maine 04605.

5 Q. Who is your current employer and what position do you hold?

6 A. I am employed by TRC as a Principal Archaeologist.

7 Q. Have you testified previously in this docket?

8 A. Yes. On October 18, 2019, I submitted pre-filed direct testimony which provided
9 the Committee with the results of the Phase IA Archaeological Assessment and the Phase
10 IB Archaeological Investigation of the Chinook Solar Project. Appendix 14 to the
11 Application contained correspondence and reports relevant to these assessments and
12 investigations.

13 Q. Since you filed your direct testimony in this docket is there any additional
14 information relevant to that investigation that has come up or been submitted?

1 A. Yes. In December of 2019 the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
2 (“NHDHR”) submitted to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“the
3 Committee”) a copy of the Request for Project Review for this Project which was signed
4 and dated December 4, 2019 by NHDHR indicating that they concurred with the results
5 of the survey which we conducted for potential laydown areas and associated access road.
6 NHDHR recommended no further study. In addition, on January 17, 2020 I submitted a
7 memorandum (“Memorandum”) to NHDHR concerning Schoolhouse No. 2. As noted in
8 the Memorandum, the Town of Fitzwilliam hired Dr. Robert G. Goodby of Monadnock
9 Archaeological Consulting to review the Phase 1A assessment and the Phase IB
10 investigation for this Project. Dr. Goodby identified one area of concern, which involved
11 identifying the location of a 19th century schoolhouse that was mentioned in the Phase IA
12 report, the location of which was never conclusively established. In response to this
13 concern, we reexamined the Project boundary on historic maps, which we were able to
14 more accurately geo-reference. Based on this review we revised the Project boundaries
15 in Figures 4-7 of the Phase IA report (copies of the revised figures were attached to the
16 Memorandum), and determined that the schoolhouse location fell outside the Project
17 boundaries and the Area of Potential Effect for the Project. The documentation
18 associated with this review was submitted to the New Hampshire Site Committee (“the
19 Committee”) on February 5, 2020 in redacted and unredacted form and a request was
20 made for confidential treatment of the location information. On January 28, 2020
21 NHDHR submitted a letter to the Committee indicating that it concurred with the

determination outlined in the Memorandum. On April 17, 2020, NHDHR submitted a progress report to the Committee in which they indicated that their July 29, 2019 overview of the Project with a finding of “No Historic Properties Affected” still stands. That correspondence included three recommended draft conditions: (1) If the Applicant changes plans for the proposed project and such changes lead to newly-discovered effects on historic properties, the Applicant shall consult with the NHDHR to resolve any adverse effects to such properties: (2) If any unanticipated archaeological resources, historic properties, or other cultural resources are discovered as a result of project planning or construction, the Applicant shall consult with NHDHR to determine the need for appropriate evaluative studies, determination of National Register eligibility, and/or mitigative measures, if needed, to resolve adverse effects; and (3) Authorizing the NHDHR to specify the use of any appropriate technique, methodology, practice or procedure associated with archaeological, historical, or cultural resources affected by the Project, however, any action to enforce the conditions must be brought before the Committee.

Q. Does the Applicant have any concerns about the conditions which NHDHR recommended in the April 17, 2020 correspondence with the Committee?

A. No. Those conditions are acceptable to the Applicant.

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2 **Q. Does this conclude your supplemental testimony?**

3 **A. Yes.**

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