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Pamela Monroe
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Chinook Solar Project, Fitzwilliam, NH (RPR 9541)

Dear Ms. Monroe:

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has a responsibility to review the Chinook Wind project referenced above under NH RSA 227-C:9. NH RSA 227-C:9 directs all state agencies, departments, commissions and institutions to fully cooperate with the DHR in identifying historical resources and addressing adverse effects during state-assisted projects, activities and programs.

Project review was initiated on January 31, 2018 by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. At that time, the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources requested the preparation of a Phase IB Archaeological study after the Phase IA recommended additional evaluation in the project's disturbance area. The DHR also requested a meeting with the project team to discuss methodology for above-ground resource identification. Phase 1B studies were completed and the DHR determined that no additional archaeological studies were required. A meeting was held on January 15, 2019 to discuss above-ground concerns. Based on recommendations from the meeting, the Area of Potential Effects (APE) was confirmed and a Project Area Form was prepared. The Project Area Form identified one resource within the APE that had the potential to be affected by the project – the Fitzwilliam Common Historic District – a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places that is historically and architecturally significant.

The DHR received an Effects Evaluation package on July 26, 2019. A finding of No Historic Properties Affected was made for the Fitzwilliam Common Historic District. This finding is based on the distance of the project and limited visibility which will not impact the historic district. Therefore, the DHR concurs with the finding of *No Historic Properties Affected*.



Should public concerns be raised regarding impacts to historic properties, please contact the DHR. Otherwise, if the Site Evaluation Committee approves this project's application for certificate, the DHR requests that the following conditions be included:

- 1) If project plans for the proposed Project are materially changed and such changes lead to newly-discovered effects on historic properties, NextEra Energy shall consult with NESHPO to resolve any adverse effects to such properties.
- 2) If any unanticipated archaeological resources are discovered as a result of project planning or construction, NextEra Energy shall consult with NESHPO to determine the need for appropriate evaluative studies, determinations of National Register eligibility, and/or mitigation measures, if needed, to resolve adverse effects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,



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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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