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March 13, 2020

Ms. Kimberley Campbell  
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**Re: SCH File # 20-E-4600-0076; Application of Halifax County Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 80 MW Solar Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #EMP-107 Sub 0.**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been reviewed through the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

Attached to this letter are comments made in the review of this document. Because of the nature of the comments, it has been determined that no further State Clearinghouse review action on your part is needed for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The attached comments should be taken into consideration in project development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Crystal Best".

Crystal Best  
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

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Re: Phase I Archaeological Survey Report, Halifax County Solar, Halifax County, ER 19-1050

Dear Mr. Killenberg:

Thank you for your February 25, 2020, letter transmitting additional information for the project noted above. We have reviewed this report and offer the following comments.

Forty-four archaeological sites (31HX545 – 31HX569, 31HX571 – 31HX589) and one historic cemetery (31HX570) are in the project area. We have determined that with the exception of site 31HX581, these resources are either not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or have deposits in the project area that do not contribute to their National Register eligibility. While cemetery 31HX570 is not eligible for the National Register, cemeteries are protected under North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 14-148 and 14-149, while cemeteries and burials are afforded consideration under Chapter 65 and 70.

You indicate that no ground-disturbing activities will take place within 50 feet of cemetery 31HX570 and site 31HX581, and that these areas will be marked off with high-visibility fencing during construction. In addition, the submitted project plans show that 31HX570 and 31HX581 will be located outside the security fencing for the solar array, allowing access to cemetery 31HX570 from Neville Farm Road. Based on the information provided, we find that the project as designed will not impact cemetery 31HX570 and will have no effect on any historic properties eligible for listing in the National Register.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or [environmental.review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@ncdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

for Ramona Bartos, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer