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Kimberley Campbell
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Re: SCH File # 20-E-4600-0210 Application of American Beech Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 110 MW Solar Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #EMP-108, Sub 0.
View document at <http://starw1.ncuc.net/NCUC/portal/ncuc/page/Dockets/portal.aspx>, Type EMP-108 Sub 0 in the Docket Number search line. Located on 23 parcels of land

Dear Kimberley 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,

Crystal Best
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

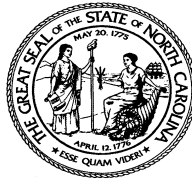
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Re: Archaeological Survey, Proposed American Beech 1 And 2 Solar Farm, Halifax County,
ER 19-2192

Dear Ms. Bamann:

Thank you for your August 7, 2020, letter transmitting the revised archaeological report for the project noted above. We have reviewed this report and offer the following comments.

The revised report contains information regarding artifact analysis and curation, as well as clarification regarding Figure 4.3-13. This final report is consistent with Office of State Archaeology (OSA) Standards and Guidelines and will be incorporated into the OSA site file library.

We note that the artifacts collected during the survey will not be curated because "all but one owner has requested that the artifacts be returned to them" (page 4-5). Given that the landowners did not permit artifact curation, we request the following be submitted to the OSA through this office:

- Original image files of all temporally diagnostic artifacts, in native file format and size, organized by site number
- Original field notes for all sites, or scans at a resolution no less than 400 dpi, organized by site number

Please submit this information on CD-R or DVD-R disks, with CD-R Archival Gold or DVD-R Archival Gold disks preferred. Disks should be labeled directly using either CD-safe markers or a laser-printer, with laser-printing preferred. Adhesive labels should not be placed on CDs. Disks should be labeled with the following information: name of the submitting party, the environmental review number, range of site numbers to which the associated data pertain, and the date data was transferred to CD (month/year). Discs should be stored in acid-free paper sleeves labeled with the same information written or printed on the CD.

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. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Whitney Rubin, BayWa Solar Projects LLC
Crystal Best, North Carolina State Clearinghouse

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