



North Carolina Department of Administration

Pat McCrory, Governor

Bill Daughtridge, Jr., Secretary

September 28, 2015

Ms. Gail Mount N.C. Department of Commerce Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 15-E-4600-0570; OTHER; Application of North 301 Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 20 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #SP-5422 Sub 0.

Dear Ms. Mount:

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 <u>additional comments</u> 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,

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Teresa Matthews State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

cc: Region L

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North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

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Office of Archives and History Deputy Secretary Kevin Cherry

August 7, 2015

Dawn Reid Archaeological Consultants of the Carolinas, Inc. 121 East First Street Clayton, NC 27520 dawnreid@atchcon.org

Re: Archaeological Survey Report, North 301 Solar Farm, US 301 North, Enfield, Halifax County, CH 15-0926

Dear Ms. Reid:

Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2015, forwarding copies of the above report.

During the course of the survey, seven sites were located within the project area. The following properties are determined not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

31HX444**, 31HX445**, 31HX446cb446**, 31HX447**, 31HX448**, 31HX449**, and 31HX450**; lack of integrity and inability to contribute to the understanding of the area's history and prehistory

While not meeting the criteria of eligibility for the National Register, site 31HX450**, the Gunter/Bayard Cemetery is afforded protection under state burial laws. We understand the proposed solar array has been redesigned to avoid the cemetery using a buffer of 30 feet, which will be indicated by fencing. We support these measures to ensure the avoidance and protection of the cemetery.

ACC has recommended that no further archaeological investigation be conducted in connection with this project. We concur with this recommendation since the project will not involve significant archaeological resources.

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.

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Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above

Sincerely,

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State Clearinghouse cc:

referenced tracking number.