J. Brian Ratledge General Counsel





November 28, 2016

Ms. Paige Morris North Carolina Department of Commerce Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 17-E-4600-0216; Amended Application of Pecan Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 74.9 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Northampton Co. Docket #SP-5273, Sub 0.

Dear Ms. Morris:

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 **additional comments** made in the review of this document. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has requested additional information prior to their concurrence with the above referenced document.

Therefore, pursuant to 1 NCAC 25 .0506(c), this office requests that a supplemental document providing the additional information requested by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources be submitted to the Clearinghouse for further review and comment.

Sincerely,

Crystal Best State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

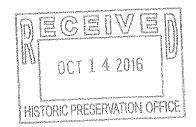
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## NORTH CAROLINA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

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APPLICANT: North Carolina Department of Commerce

- TYPE: State Environmental Policy Act Environmental Review
- DESC: Amended Application of Pecan Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 74.9 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Northampton Co. Docket #SP-5273, Sub 0. - View document at http://starw1.ncuc.net/NCUC/portal/ncuc/page/Dockets/portal.aspx, Type SP-5273 Sub 0 in the Docket Number search line.

Located east and west of Bethel Church Road approximately .6 to 2 miles north of the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186 in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles east of Seaboard, NC

Amended due to the additional land added to the facility site.

CROSS-REFERENCE NUMBER: 17-E-4600-0070

The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

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North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

**State Historic Preservation Office** 

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

Governor Pat McCrory Secretary Susan Kluttz

November 15, 2016

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Crystal Best North Carolina State Clearinghouse Department of Administration

FROM: Ramona M. Bartos Release Ramona M. Bartos

SUBJECT: Amended Application for Pecan Solar Farm, North of the Intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186, 17-E-4600-0216; Northampton County, CH 15-0848

We have received the above-referenced amended application for Pecan Solar Farm and would like to comment.

Archaeological sites 31NP273\*\* and 31NP274\*\* are recorded within the upper portion of the parcel. Reported to us in 2008 by an area collector, these sites represent the remains of a historic-period home site, believed to have been that of Thomas W. Moore; and a cemetery to the northeast that includes his grave. Neither have been assessed for their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

We recommend that both sites be relocated, delineated and evaluated by an experienced professional archaeologist to determine their significance in terms of the NRHP. Potential effects on these resources must be assessed prior to the initiation of construction activities.

Two copies of the resulting archaeological report, as well as one copy of the appropriate site forms, should be forwarded to us for review and comment as soon as they are available and well in advance of any construction activities.

Protection under the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 65 promotes avoidance of the cemetery represented by 31NP273\*\*. We request that the applicant describe their plans for avoiding the cemetery while still providing access to descendants or others who may wish to visit for memorials or caretaking.

We do not recommend archaeological investigations on the remainder of the amended tract.

Office of Archives and History Deputy Secretary Kevin Cherry A list of archaeological consultants who have conducted or expressed an interest in contract work in North Carolina is available at http://www.archaeology.ncdcr.gov/ncarch/resource/consultants.htm. The archaeologists listed, or any other experienced archaeologist, may be contacted to conduct the recommended survey.

We have determined that the project as proposed will not have an effect on any historic structures.

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 919-807-6579 or <u>environmental.review@ncdcr.gov</u>. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.