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February 11, 2022

Kimberley Campbell
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 21-E-4600-0931 Application of Timbermill Wind, LLC for Certificate to construct approximately 6.0 miles of Transmission Line in Chowan County. Docket #EMP-118 Sub 1.

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The above referenced environmental 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. 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 cursive script that reads "Crystal Best".

Crystal Best
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments



**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office**

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

Governor Roy Cooper
Secretary D. Reid Wilson

Office of Archives and History
Deputy Secretary, Darin J. Waters, Ph.D.

February 10, 2022

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Subject: Report: Archaeological Survey in the Timbermill Wind Energy Facility Project Area,
Chowan County, North Carolina. ER 16-1658

Dear Ms. Reid:

We received your submission of the above-referenced archaeological report and have completed our review.

This survey utilized a predictive model and survey plan developed by Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. after reviewing appropriate background resources. The reasoning was to focus field survey efforts on areas within the 7500-acre tract considered to have higher probabilities of containing significant archaeological resources. The plan was approved by the Office of State Archaeology in 2016.

During the fieldwork a total of 14 proposed windmill-powered turbine locations, 3 meteorological towers sites, and 18.2 miles of linear powerline corridors were surveyed.

Two archaeological sites, 31CO194 and 31CO196, were identified during this investigation. Both resources are historic sites dating to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These sites lack intact subsurface deposits and architectural elements and have no further research potential. These sites were recommended not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Archaeological Consultant of the Carolinas, Inc. had recommended that no significant archaeological sites will be affected by the construction of the proposed wind-powered electrical generation facility. We concur with this assessment and recommend that no additional archaeological work is necessary. In the event that archaeological remains, including human burials, are unexpectedly discovered during the course of work, our office should be notified as soon as possible so that appropriate actions may be taken.

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,



for Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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