



## North Carolina Department of Administration

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May 18, 2015

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

**Re: SCH File # 15-E-4600-0527; Application of Sunflower Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 20 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #SP-5272 Sub 0.**

Dear Ms. Mount:

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. The Department of 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 Cultural Resources be submitted to the Clearinghouse for further review and comment.

Sincerely,

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

Crystal Best  
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

cc: Region L

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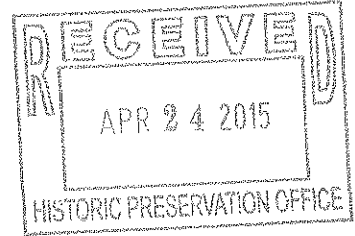
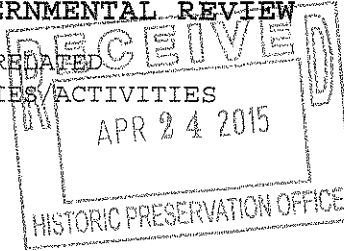
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

COUNTY: HALIFAX

H11: ENERGY RELATED  
FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES

STATE NUMBER: 15-E-4600-0527  
DATE RECEIVED: 03/27/2015  
AGENCY RESPONSE: 04/22/2015  
REVIEW CLOSED: 04/27/2015



MS RENEE GLEDHILL-EARLEY  
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PROJECT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: N.C. Department of Commerce  
TYPE: State Environmental Policy Act  
Environmental Review

DESC: Application of Sunflower Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 20 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #SP-5272 Sub 0. - View document at <http://starwl.ncuc.net/NCUC/portal/ncuc/page/Dockets/portal.aspx>, Type SP-5272 Sub 0 in the Docket Number search line.

Located off Hwy 301 Road, approx. 0.17 miles east of the intersection of Dickens-Wildwood Road and Hwy 301 Road, in an unincorporated area approx. 2 miles south of Weldon, NC 2979 Highway 301, Weldon

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.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: ☐ NO COMMENT ☒ COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY:

Renee Gledhill-Earley

DATE:

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## North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

### State Historic Preservation Office

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

Governor Pat McCrory  
Secretary Susan Kluttz

Office of Archives and History  
Deputy Secretary Kevin Cherry

May 6, 2015

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Crystal Best  
North Carolina State Clearinghouse  
Department of Administration

FROM: Ramona M. Bartos *For Ramona M. Bartos*

SUBJECT: Construct 20 MW Sunflower Solar Farm, 2979 Highway 301, Weldon, Halifax County,  
CH 15-0953

Thank you for your request for intergovernmental review dated March 27, 2015. We have reviewed the information for the above project and offer the following comments.

The project consists of two separate tracts located to the east and west of Highway 301 near the intersection with White Hill Road in Weldon, North Carolina. Geographically, the project area is located just to the west of Mush Island Gut near its confluence with the Roanoke River. The geographical setting of the project is considered a high probability area for archaeological remains, particularly those associated with prehistoric Native Americans. In addition, one site, 31HX320, is located at the extreme southern end of the western tract. While likely just outside of the tract boundaries, this site was recorded as part of the Dominion Transmission Pipeline project and is pending assessment. Several additional archaeological sites are also recorded in close proximity to the project tracts. The Sunflower Solar project tracts have never been systematically surveyed for archaeological resources. Given the nature of this landscape, the presence of several sites in the general area, and the high probability of additional Native American remains, we recommend a Phase I/II archaeological survey of both the tracts considered as part of this application. As a result, we recommend the following conditions for this application:

Prior to initiation of any ground disturbing activities within the project area, the applicant shall arrange for an archaeological survey of the two tracts comprising the project area. The purpose of this survey will be to locate archaeological sites and make recommendations regarding the eligibility status of each site in terms of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). If a site is determined to be eligible for the NRHP the applicant shall determine whether the site will be adversely affected by the project activities; and, if so, develop and implement an appropriate mitigation plan. Two copies of all resulting archaeological reports, as well as one copy of the North Carolina site forms, should be forwarded to the Office of State Archaeology through this office for review and comment as soon as they are available and in advance of any construction or ground disturbance activities.

A list of archaeological consultants who have conducted or expressed an interest in contract work in North Carolina is available at [www.archaeology.ncdcr.gov/ncarch/resource/consultants.htm](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. The selected archaeologist will consult with the Office of State Archaeology directly regarding the project methods prior to the commencement of any field work activities. All activities associated with the archaeological investigations shall also be coordinated with the Office of State Archaeology prior to implementation in the field.

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 comments, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number (CH15-0953).

cc: Sunflower Solar, LLC