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April 3, 2017

Ms. Lynn Jarvis
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. 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
cc: Region L



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State Historic Preservation Office**

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Re: Technical Report: Investigation of Sites 31NP273** and 31NP274**, Proposed Pecan Solar Farm,
Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0, 17-E-4600-0216; Northampton County, CH 15-0848

Dear Ms. Jagannathan:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 2017, transmitting copies of the above report by Dr. Susan Bamann, CHG, Principal Investigator, and associated archaeological site forms.

During the archaeological investigation, CHG relocated and delineated sites 31NP273** and 31NP274**, the Thomas W. Moore Cemetery. Through their efforts they were able to assess 31NP273**, a 19th-20th century domestic scatter as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Because of its low density and diffuse nature, the site is unlikely to provide significant information on the history of the region. CHG has recommended that no further archaeological investigation be conducted. We concur with this recommendation since the project will not involve significant archaeological resources, and no longer recommend avoidance of 31NP273**.

Work at 31NP274** confirmed the cemetery's location and formed the basis of recommendations for its avoidance. CHG delineated the cemetery on an approximate 174' by 75' footprint further defined by the landform on which it is located. Markers exist for the graves of Thomas W. Moore and Katherine M. Boisseau. An additional four unmarked graves are strongly suggested by the research of family relation W. J. Coker, who identifies them as Mary Vassar, James Boisseau, and two Boisseau children. Though additional graves are a possibility, CHG noted no signs of unmarked graves such as depressions or distinctive vegetation.


Protection under the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 65 promotes avoidance of the cemetery represented by 31NP274**. CHG recommends that the landform on which the cemetery is located be marked and avoided during any land alteration and construction associated with the Pecan Solar farm. We support Pecan Solar's intention to follow this recommendation by avoidance of the cemetery's landform setting and through inclusion of a sign on the surrounding fence indicating whom potential visitors are to contact for access. We appreciate their stewardship of this resource.


Should plans change, necessitating impact to the landform and by possible extension, the cemetery, please contact us.

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 environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



 Ramona M. Bartos

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