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August 31, 2020

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

**Re: SCH File # 21-E-4600-0681 Application of Sweetleaf Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 94 MW Solar Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #EMP-111 Sub 0.**

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 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 recommends that a supplemental document addressing the concerns of Cultural Resources submitted to the Clearinghouse for further review and comment prior to their concurrence of this proposal.

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 Susi H. Hamilton

Office of Archives and History  
Deputy Secretary Kevin Cherry

August 25, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Crystal Best  
North Carolina State Clearinghouse  
Department of Administration

**FROM:** Ramona M. Bartos, Deputy *RMB for Ramona M. Bartos*  
State Historic Preservation Officer

**SUBJECT:** 94 MW Solar Facility, Justice Branch Road, Enfield vicinity, Halifax County, ER 20-1553

Thank you for your submission concerning the above referenced project. We have reviewed the materials provided and offer the following comments.

Please note that this memorandum is being sent as a clarification of our previous comments dated August 14, 2020.

There are no recorded archaeological sites within the project boundaries. However, the project area has never been systematically surveyed to determine the location or significance of archaeological resources. The project area contains ridges adjacent to Marsh Swamp, Beaverdam Swamp, and Burnt Coat Swamp, which are landforms that have a high probability for containing archaeological sites.

We recommend that prior to any ground disturbing activities within the project area, a comprehensive archaeological survey be conducted by an experienced archaeologist. The purpose of this survey will be to identify and evaluate the significance of archaeological sites and cemeteries that may be damaged or destroyed by the proposed project.

Please note that our office now requests consultation with the Office of State Archaeology Review Archaeologist to discuss appropriate field methodologies prior to the archaeological field investigation. A list of archaeological consultants who have conducted or expressed an interest in contract work in North Carolina is available at <https://archaeology.ncdcr.gov/archaeological-consultant-list>. The archaeologists listed, or any other experienced archaeologist, may be contacted to conduct the recommended survey.

One paper and one digital copy of all resulting archaeological reports, as well as one digital copy of the North Carolina site form for each site recorded, 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. Office of State Archaeology report guidelines are available at [https://files.nc.gov/dncr-arch/OSA\\_Guidelines\\_Dec2017.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/dncr-arch/OSA_Guidelines_Dec2017.pdf).

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@nacdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@nacdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.