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Ms. Melanie A. Bachman, Esq., Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1444

Dear Attorney Bachman:

This office represents CP NB Solar I, LLC and CP NB Solar II, LLC (“Petitioners”). On behalf of Petitioners, I have enclosed one hardcopy of the concurrence by the State Historic Preservation Office, dated May 27, 2021, concerning the Phase 1B performed by Heritage Consultants, LLC concerning the above-captioned matter. This is a supplemental response to No. 29 of the First Set of Interrogatories issued by the Connecticut Siting Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Jesse A. Langer

Enclosure



May 27, 2021

Mr. David R. George
Heritage Consultants
PO Box 310249
Newington, CT 06131

Subject: Phase IB Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey
Sunflower Solar
127 Forest Road
North Haven, Connecticut
ENV-21-0596

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the archeological survey report prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated March 2021. The proposed activities are under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council and are subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The proposed undertaking includes the construction of a solar facility, which is to occupy an approximately 6.39 acre project area within a larger 26.73 acre parcel. The parcel is bordered to the north by forested area and residential development, to the east by Forest Road, to the south by residential development and agricultural fields, and to the west by agricultural fields. Access is to be from the west, from Totoket Road, via an existing farm road. The submitted report is well-written, comprehensive, and meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

Ten (10) previously recorded archaeological sites are located within 1 mile of the project area; however, none will be impacted by the undertaking. One property listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NR), the George Baldwin House (530 Foxon Road) is located within 1 mile of the project area; however, it will not be impacted by the proposed undertaking.

Phase IB of the reconnaissance survey consisted of subsurface testing of areas deemed to have moderate to high archaeological sensitivity, and that would be subject to ground disturbing impacts as part of the proposed undertaking. A total of 49 of 49 planned shovel tests were excavated successfully throughout the proposed work area. No prehistoric or historic period cultural artifacts or features were identified during the survey.

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As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project area are not warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities. However, please be advised that if construction plans change to include previously uninvestigated/undisturbed areas, this office should be contacted for additional consultation.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Kinney
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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