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Melanie A. Bachman, Esq.  
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Re: Petition No. 1587 - Endurant Energy Petition for a Declaratory Ruling, Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the Proposed Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 4.9-megawatt AC Battery Energy Storage Facility Located at 350 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut, and Associated Electrical Interconnection

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of Endurant Energy, enclosed for filing with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") is the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office's ("SHPO") August 30, 2023 letter in which the SHPO concludes that "no historic properties will be affected" by the proposed [battery energy storage system] development."

An original and fifteen (15) copies of this filing will be mailed to the Council today.

Should the Council have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce L. McDermott".

Bruce L. McDermott

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August 30, 2023

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New York, NY 10018  
(sent via email only to [bmehler@endurant.com](mailto:bmehler@endurant.com))

Subject: Proposed Battery Energy Storage System  
350 Knottier Road  
Cheshire, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mehler:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project in response to your request for our comments regarding potential effects to historic properties. SHPO understands that the proposed project consists of the construction of a 4.9-MW battery energy storage system (BESS) with associated site improvements. The project will require approval from the Connecticut Siting Council. As a result, it is subject to review by this office pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

There are no previously recorded archaeological sites or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places located in the vicinity of the project area. Further, readily available historic imagery suggests that much of the proposed project area has undergone significant previous disturbances. Therefore, it is unlikely that intact archaeological deposits will be impacted by the proposed activities. Based on the information submitted to this office, it is the opinion of SHPO that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed BESS development.

SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment upon this project. Do not hesitate to contact Cory Atkinson, Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer, for additional information at (860) 500-2458 or [cory.atkinson@ct.gov](mailto:cory.atkinson@ct.gov).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kinney  
State Historic Preservation Officer