



July 22, 2019

Catherine Labadia  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Staff Archaeologist  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Department of Economic & Community Development  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5  
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: Request for Cultural Resources Review  
Proposed Powder Hill Road Solar Farm Development  
22 Powder Hill Road  
Enfield, CT

Dear Ms. Labadia:

Lodestar Energy LLC (Lodestar), a developer of renewable energy projects, is currently developing plans for a ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility at the 22 Powder Hill Road in Enfield, Connecticut. In the near future, Lodestar plans to submit a petition to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for approval of the proposed project. As part of the process, Lodestar is seeking written verification from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on cultural resources. The purpose of this letter and the attachments is to provide your office with information regarding the project location and planned construction activities to assist in your evaluation of the development.

The subject site consists of approximately 12 acres of a larger 24.42 acre parcel which was most recently utilized as a gravel pit. The entire 12 acre area proposed for the project has been historically mined for gravel. The project will involve the construction of approximately 10 acres of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels and security fencing. The existing paved driveway will be used for access to the project site. The work will include limited clearing and grubbing, grading, construction of accessways, layout and placement of foundation systems, racking, and solar PV panels, installation of utility pads and associated electrical equipment, installation of electrical conduit, conduit supports, electrical poles, and overhead wire, and security fencing. No existing structures will be impacted by the proposed project.

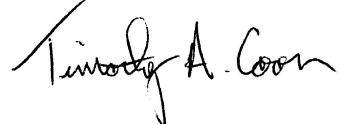
The following materials are attached to illustrate the location and current site conditions and assist in your review:

- SHPO Project Review Cover Form
- Property Card

- Vicinity Map (USGS Topographic Map)
- Preliminary Overall Plan w/ Aerial Photo Overlay
- NRCS Soils Map

On behalf of Lodestar, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC requests the assistance of your office in identifying archaeological or historic resources that may be affected by the project and providing recommendations to mitigate or avoid potential impacts. We appreciate your assistance and timely response. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information for your initial review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Coon".

Timothy A. Coon, P.E.  
**J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC**

cc: Lodestar Energy, LLC



July 29, 2019

Mr. Timothy A. Coon  
J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC  
PO Box 938  
East Windsor, CT 06088

Subject: Proposed Solar Development  
22 Powder Hill Road  
Enfield, Connecticut  
ENV-20-0058

Dear Mr. Coon:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed your request for information concerning the potential effects to historic properties associated with the referenced solar development. 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 facility and Limit of Work (LOW) is located within an approximately 12 acres with a larger 24.42 acre study area, located at 22 Powder Hill Road. The proposed facility includes photovoltaic (PV) solar panels, racking, access roads, and related ancillary equipment.

Five previously identified archaeological sites are located within 1 mile of the project area; however, they will not be impacted by the undertaking. The subject property is noted as being a contributing resource to the National Register of Historic Places Listed Hazardville Historic District (NR# 80004061), "primarily for potential archaeological value." However, examination of topographical maps, historic aerials, and site history provided by the project proponent indicate that the site has been substantially disturbed, having been used as a gravel pit.

As a result of the information submitted, SHPO concurs with the findings of the report that additional archeological investigations of the project areas are not warranted and that there will be no adverse effects to historic properties by the proposed activities. Should the scope of work change to include areas previously undisturbed, this office should be contacted for additional consultation.

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This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 256-2754 or [marena.wisniewski@ct.gov](mailto:marena.wisniewski@ct.gov).

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