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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA Archaeological Survey Recommendation

Project: Bridgehampton to Buell (BTB) New 69kV Underground Cable

PR#: 21PR02348

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Portions of the project are in archaeologically sensitive areas. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends that a Phase IA Literature Search and Sensitivity Assessment survey is warranted. A Phase IA archaeological survey is designed to identify previously recorded archaeological sites and other cultural resources within or near the project area, to assess the archaeological sensitivity of the project area, to document previous ground disturbance, and to make recommendations regarding the potential need for Phase IB subsurface archaeological testing.

SHPO/OPRHP anticipates that most of the ground disturbances associated with the project will occur within soils characterized by extensive prior disturbance, with no archaeological potential. In addition, most of the project route has limited archaeological sensitivity due to excessive distance from permanent water. However, portions of the project may entail excavations within soils lacking evidence of extensive prior soil disturbance, and in locations with high archaeological sensitivity. SHPO/OPRHP recommends Phase IB subsurface testing in areas of high archaeological sensitivity that lack evidence of extensive prior soil disturbance.

The SHPO/OPRHP defines areas of high sensitivity, where archaeological sites are most likely to be identified, as those: (1) within 100-meters (328 feet) of permanent water (rivers, streams, wetlands, ponds and lakes and hydric soils) and on slopes equal to or less than 12%; (2) within or near to known archaeological sites; and (3) locations of standing or demolished historic structures. Hydric soils are included to account for areas that may not be currently near water but were in the past. The 100-meter cut off from water is based on data presented by Robert E. Funk in his 1993 *Archaeological Investigations in the Upper Susquehanna Valley, New York State*. Testing should conform to the 1994 New York Archaeological Council Standards.

SHPO/OPRHP considers all other portions of the project area to have low sensitivity for the presence of archaeological sites. We have no archaeological concerns with low sensitivity areas, and we do not recommend Phase IB testing in these locations.

Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist should be retained to conduct the Phase IA archaeological survey.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Tim Lloyd Timothy.Lloyd@parks.ny.gov



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Dear Jennifer Sanka:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (5NYCRR Part 617).

We have reviewed the report of the Phase I archaeological survey (No. 21SR00641) and no archaeological sites were identified. It is OPRHP's opinion that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions, please contact me via email.

Sincerely,

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