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US Army Corps of Engineers

ATTN: CELRB-TD-R 1776 Niagara Street Buffalo, New York 14207

Buffalo, New York 14207

Anne Rothrock NYS DEC Region 9 Allegany Sub-Office 182 East Union St., Suite 3

Allegany, NY 14706

From: Justin Zoladz, Jonathan Hall

Date: September 22, 2015

Reference: Arkwright Summit Wind Farm – Wetland Delineation Report

We are sending: Attached

Sent via: UPS Ground

Comments:

On behalf of Arkwright Summit Wind Farm LLC (the Applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables (EDPR), attached is the Wetland Delineation Report for the Arkwright Summit Wind Farm (the Project), located in the towns of Arkwright and Pomfret in Chautauqua County, New York. The Project will consist of 36 wind turbine generators (WTGs) for a total anticipated generating capacity of 78.6 megawatts (MW). In addition to the WTGs, the Project will include construction and operation of a system of gravel access roads, electrical collection and communication cable networks, an operations and maintenance (O&M) facility, and an interconnect facility. The Project will also require a temporary laydown yard and construction work space, including, but not limited to, areas to store Project components (laydown yards), construction vehicle parking areas, and cleared areas for turbine assembly (turbine workspaces).

As indicated in the Wetland Delineation Report, all wetlands and streams were delineated during the spring and summer of 2015. The determination of wetland boundaries was made by wetland scientists from Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E) according to the three-parameter methodology described in the *USACE Wetland Delineation Manual* and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual:*Northcentral and Northeastern Region. Attention was also given to the identification of potential hydrologic connections between wetland areas that could influence their jurisdictional status. Wetland boundaries were defined in the field with sequentially numbered pink surveyor's flags, and locations were subsequently surveyed using Global

Molly Connerton, Anne Rothrock September 22, 2015 Page 2

Positioning System (GPS) technology.

We hereby request a wetland and stream boundary verification/jurisdictional determination site visit with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) personnel at your earliest convenience. We request, if possible, that both the USACE and NYSDEC visit the site on the same day. In addition, we request that the site visit be scheduled prior to the middle of October (within this year's growing season) in case adjustments to wetland boundaries are needed. Environmental conditions related to wetland delineation can deteriorate after this time (mid-October) in this part of New York State.

Please note that no wetlands delineated in association with the Project are within 100 feet of NYSDEC mapped wetlands. However, field teams delineated two wetland complexes over 12.4 acres in size and one that is contiguous with previously mapped FO-13 (designated by NYSDEC by letter in 2009 in conjunction with earlier delineations). In addition, there are seven wetland complexes that are not mapped as greater than 12.4 acres in the Study Area, but have the potential to fall under the jurisdiction of NYSDEC because they extend outside of the Study Area.

Please also be aware that the Applicant is currently preparing a second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which is expected to be released soon for public review and comment. In addition, final engineering is progressing in parallel with the SEQRA review. Ultimately, the temporary and permanent stream and wetland impacts associated with this Project will be quantified based on final engineering, and will be provided in a Joint Application for Permit, which the Applicant expects to submit to the USACE and NYSDEC in November 2015.

The accompanying report is in a digital format. Please let us know how many paper copies your agency would like to receive.

A representative from EDP Renewables will follow up with you regarding your availability to visit the site to review the delineated wetland and stream boundaries. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, INC.

Justin A. Zoladz

cc: Rudyard Edick (NYSDEC Central Office)

Christina Calabrese, Jeffrey Nemeth, Erin Johnston (EDPR)

Project file



September 24, 2015

Angus Eaton, Bureau Director NYSDEC, Division of Water Bureau of Water Resource Management, Water Well Program 625 Broadway, 4th Floor Albany, NY 12233-3508

RE: Arkwright Summit Wind Project EDR Project No. 15012

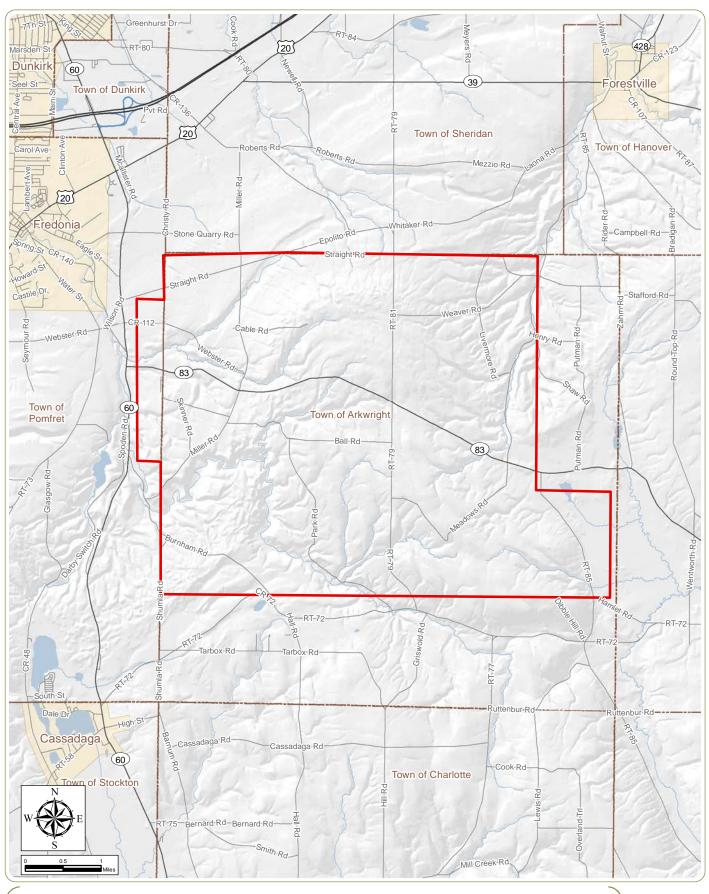
Dear Mr. Eaton:

Environmental Design and Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) is compiling information pertaining to ground water and water supply as part of an environmental review for a proposed wind power project in the Towns of Arkwright and Pomfret in Chautauqua County, NY. Consequently, we are respectfully submitting a Freedom of Information Request for any information that you may have pertaining to groundwater wells (including location, construction logs, depths, and descriptions of encountered bedrock within the area), and other groundwater resources. A map of the project area, which is located within the Cassadaga, Hamlet, Dunkirk, and Forestville USGS 7.5-Minute quadrangles, is attached for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding this request or require additional project information, please do not hesitate to contact me at jwojcikiewicz@edrdpc.com. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Wojcikiewicz Environmental Analyst





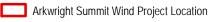
Towns of Arkwright and Pompfret, Chautauqua County

Project Location

September 2015

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI StreetMap North America 2008 and Hillshade derived from DEM data

This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.





NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources New York Natural Heritage Program

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Joe Martens Commissioner

May 15, 2015

Connor Liddell Environmental Analyst Environmental Design & Research 217 Montgomery Street, Suite 1000 Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mr. Liddell:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the proposed Arkwright Summit Wind Farm, located in the Towns of Arkwright, Pomfret, and Sheridan, in Chatauqua County.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities, which our databases indicate occur on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. Also enclosed is a report of rare birds documented within 10 miles of the project site, and rare bats documented within 40 miles of the project site, for use in assessing potential impacts of bird and bat collisions. For information on NYSDEC's environmental review of proposed wind energy projects, and for the document *Guidelines for Conducting Bird and Bat Studies at Commercial Wind Energy Projects*, please go to www.dec.ny.gov/energy/66494.html.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other resources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,

Nicholas B. Conrad

Information Resources Coordinator

NY Natural Heritage Program



Report on Rare Animals, Rare Plants, and Significant Natural Communities

The following rare animals and significant natural communities have been documented within the Arkwright Summit Wind Farm project area.

We recommend that potential onsite and offsite impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQR. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following species and significant communities have been documented within the project area. Potential onsite and offsite impacts from the project may need to be addressed.

COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME NY STATE LISTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Birds

Henslow's Sparrow Ammodramus henslowii Threatened Vulnerable in NYS

Breeding

Fields near Cowden Corners, 1985.

Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias Protected Bird

Large breeding colony

Dibble Hill, 1995-04-03: The nesting area is located on a ridgetop with mature northern hardwoods consisting of beech, maple, and hemlock. The nests are mostly in beech trees.

The following significant natural communities are considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. They are either occurrences of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage

Program considers these community occurrences to have high ecological and conservation value.

COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME NY STATE LISTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Wetland/Aquatic Communities

Rich Hemlock-Hardwood Peat Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type

West Mud Lake Swamp, West Branch Conewango Creek, and tributaries: Excellent quality, with history of some selective logging followed by very good recovery. Community is well-buffered. Minimal disturbance and good size.

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This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage databases. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted, and we cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at www.natureserve.org/explorer, and from USDA's Plants Database at http://plants.usda.gov/index.html (for plants).

Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/97703.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.

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The following rare animals have been documented in the general vicinity of your proposed wind power project.

The impacts of wind turbines on animals include both impacts due to disturbance at the site of the turbines, and impacts due to flying birds and bats colliding with turbine blades. Therefore, when screening proposed wind energy projects for potential impacts on rare species, in addition to reporting rare plants and animals documented at the project site itself, NY Natural Heritage reports species of rare birds documented within 10 miles of the project site, and rare bats documented within 40 miles of the project site. These distances were determined in consultation with the NYSDEC Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources.

For information on NYSDEC's environmental review of proposed wind energy projects, and for the document Guidelines for Conducting Bird and Bat Studies at Commercial Wind Energy Projects, please go to www.dec.ny.gov/energy/66494.html.

Bats within 40 miles

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS*
Northern Long-eared Bat Non-winter location	Myotis septentrionalis	Threatened and Federally Listed as T	S3S4 hreatened

Birds within 10 miles

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	$HERITAGE\ CONSERVATION\ STATUS*$
Great Blue Heron Large breeding colony	Ardea herodias	Protected Bird	S5
Bald Eagle Breeding	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Threatened	S2S3B,S2N
Sedge Wren Breeding	Cistothorus platensis	Threatened	S3B
Henslow's Sparrow Breeding	Ammodramus henslowii	Threatened	S3B
Northern Harrier Breeding	Circus cyaneus	Threatened	S3B,S3N
Red-headed Woodpecker Breeding	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Special Concern	S2?B
Short-eared Owl Nonbreeding	Asio flammeus	Endangered	S 2

^{*} Conservation status in NYS as ranked by NY Natural Heritage Program on a 1 to 5 scale:

S1 = Critically imperiled

S2 = Imperiled

S3 = Rare or uncommon

S4 = Abundant and apparently secure

S5 = Demonstrably abundant and secure

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B after one of the above ranks indicates the status rank is for breeding populations only. N after one of the above ranks indicates the status rank is for nonbreeding wintering populations only.

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Arkwright Summit Wind

IPaC Trust Resource Report

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IPaC Trust Resource Report



Project Description

Arkwright Summit Wind

PROJECT CODE

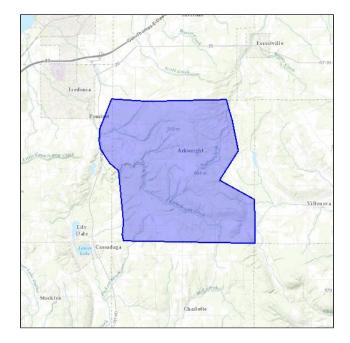
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LOCATION

Chautauqua County, New York

DESCRIPTION

Arkwright Summit Wind



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Contact Information

Version 2.1.0

Species in this report are managed by:

New York Ecological Services Field Office 3817 Luker Road Cortland, NY 13045-9349 (607) 753-9334

Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species that are managed by the <u>Endangered Species Program</u> and should be considered as part of an effect analysis for this project.

This unofficial species list is for informational purposes only and does not fulfill the requirements under <u>Section 7</u> of the Endangered Species Act, which states that Federal agencies are required to "request of the Secretary of Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action." This requirement applies to projects which are conducted, permitted or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can be obtained by returning to this project on the IPaC website and requesting an Official Species List from the regulatory documents section.

Clams

Clubshell Pleurobema clava

Endangered

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=F01D

Rayed Bean Villosa fabalis

Endangered

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=F01A

Mammals

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=A0JE

Reptiles

Bog (=muhlenberg) Turtle Clemmys muhlenbergii

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=C048

Critical Habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) within the project area must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

There is no critical habitat within this project area

Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the <u>Migratory Bird Treaty Act</u> and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Any activity which results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1). There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

You are responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations for the protection of birds as part of this project. This involves analyzing potential impacts and implementing appropriate conservation measures for all project activities.

American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F3

Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Bird of conservation concern

Year-round

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B008

Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HI

Black-crowned Night-heron Nycticorax nycticorax

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0EU

Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Canada Warbler Wilsonia canadensis

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Common Tern Sterna hirundo

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B09G

Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G4

Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Wintering

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD

Upland Sandpiper Bartramia longicauda

Season: Breeding

https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HC

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Bird of conservation concern

Refuges

Any activity proposed on <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. If your project overlaps or otherwise impacts a Refuge, please contact that Refuge to discuss the authorization process.

There are no refuges within this project area

Wetlands

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats from your project may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal Statutes.

Project proponents should discuss the relationship of these requirements to their project with the Regulatory Program of the appropriate <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Wetland data is unavailable at this time.



ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

August 27, 2015

Patrick Heaton
Director of Cultural Resources
EDR
217 Montgomery Street, Suite 1000
Syracuse, NY 13202

Re: USACE

Arkwright Summit Wind Farm (Formerly New Grange Wind Farm)

Arkwright, Chautauqua County

08PR00564/EDR15017

Dear Mr. Heaton:

Thank you for your ongoing consultation with our office on this project. We continue to review this undertaking in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

Based on the materials received we understand that the project has changed since our last letter dated September 20, 2010. The current plan involves the construction of up to 36 turbines, which is a reduction from the 44 turbines proposed in the 2009 plan. While this lessens some of the visual impacts noted in my letter of March 9, 2009 it is our belief that the project will continue to have an Adverse Effect on historic/cultural resources.

It is important to note here that in the intervening six years since those comments were issued the US Army Corps of Engineers has asked that Section 106 reviews do not progress to a point of resolving any adverse effect without their direct involvement in the process. This is to insure that the required consultation steps are being followed to their standards. To this end I am copying Steven Metivier (who was also copied on the 2009 correspondence) at the ACE and adding him as a contact to the project in our CRIS system so that he, or staff, can review the record.

Regarding the previously submitted and now reaffirmed mitigation plan that was developed under SEQRA, I continue to find that it is appropriate and should be proposed as the Section 106 process moves forward. Once again this is with an understanding that the involved and affected communities continue to support the plan now 6 years since its development.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 268-2166.

Sincerely,

John A. Bonafide

Director,

Technical Preservation Services Bureau

cc: James Muscato

Steven Metivier, USACE

(all via email)



ANDREW M. CUOMO

Governor

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

October 05, 2015

Mr. Grant Johnson Cultural Resources Analyst Environmental Design & Research 217 Montgomery Street, Suite 1000 Syracuse, NY 13202

Re: USACE

Arkwright Summit Wind Farm

Multiple Locations 08PR00564

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). I have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

I have reviewed the report entitled "Supplemental Phase IB Archaeological Survey, Arkwright Summit Wind Farm Project, Towns of Arkwright and Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York" (dated September 2015). No archaeological sites were identified during the supplemental archaeological survey. As long as previously identified archaeological sites are avoided, as summarized in Table 3 of the report, and project plans do not change, then I concur with the report's recommendation that no additional archaeological work is necessary for the project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please refer to the SHPO Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions I can be reached at 518-268-2186.

Sincerely.

Tim Lloyd, Ph.D., RPA Scientist - Archaeology

timothy.lloyd@parks.ny.gov

via e-mail only



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AIRPORTS

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From:

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To:

Tom Stebbins Project Manager Horizon Wind Energy

52 James St.

Albany, NY 12210

RE: Proposed Wind Energy Improvement on Property in Town of Arkwright

Dear Mr. Stebbins:

This letter is to confirm that the Chautauqua County Parks Department is familiar with the application of Arkwright Summit Wind Farm LLC to the Town of Arkwright, Town Board for approval of a Wind Energy Permit. The Parks Department is aware that turbine 14 is within the 1,200 foot setback defined in Article VI-A, §662 of the "Wind Energy Facilities Law of the Town of Arkwright New York: (Local Law No. 2 of 2007) and hereby supports a waiver of the setback in accordance with Article VI-A, §663. This letter is submitted to show no objection for Arkwright Summit Wind Farm LLC to submit their application for a Wind Energy Permit inclusive of turbine 14.

Sincerely,

David Sanctuary

Chautauqua County Parks Manager



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Telecommunications and Information Administration Washington, D.C. 20230

APR 0 1 2015

Mr. Frank O'Brien COMSEARCH 19700 Janelia Farm Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147

Re: Arkwright Summit Project: Chautauqua County, NY

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In response to your request on January 27, 2015, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration provided to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) the plans for the Arkwright Summit Wind Farm, located in Chautauqua County, New York.

After a 45+ day period of review, no agencies had issues with turbine placement in this area.

While the IRAC agencies did not identify any concerns regarding radio frequency blockage, this does not eliminate the need for the wind energy facilities to meet any other requirements specified by law related to these agencies. For example, this review by the IRAC does not eliminate any need that may exist to coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning flight obstruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposals.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Tenhula

Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Spectrum Management