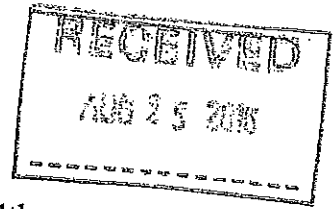


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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

August 16, 2016

Lexi Barlow  
BlueWave Capital, LLC  
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Boston, MA 02116

RE: BWC Wankinco River, LLC, Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Energy Generating Facility, 4 Alwardts Way, Oak Bluffs, MA. MHC #RC.60715.

Dear Ms. Barlow:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF) and additional information, received August 8, 2016, for the project referenced above.

The MHC notes that the PNF indicates that the proposed project requires a NPDES General Permit from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The MHC will review the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800).

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the project impact area includes no recorded historic or archaeological resources. However, multiple ancient Native American archaeological sites are recorded in proximity to the project impact area. Undisturbed portions of the project impact area are archaeologically sensitive. The archaeological sensitivity of the project area is principally defined by its environmental setting, which includes well-drained soils located in close proximity to former kettle hole ponds within the Martha's Vineyard glacial outwash plain landform, favorable for ancient and historic period land use and occupation.

The MHC requests that an intensive (locational) archaeological survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted for the archaeologically sensitive portions of the project. The goal of the investigation is to locate and identify any significant archaeological resources that could be affected by the project, well in advance of any project construction. The results of the survey will be considered in consultation to avoid or mitigate adverse effects to any significant archaeological resources identified in the project impact area.

These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). Please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Executive Director  
State Archaeologist  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Oak Bluffs Historical Commission