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NH Division of Historical Resources Concurs	
<i>Nadine Miller DSHPO</i>	
Name	
Date	<i>2/5/2019</i>

Re: Chinook Solar Project, Fitzwilliam, NH (R&C #9541)
Project Area Form Study Area
PAL #3663

Dear Ms. Miller:

On behalf of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER), The Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) is requesting the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resource's (NHDHR) concurrence on the proposed study area for a Project Area Form (PAF) that will be prepared for the Chinook Solar Project (Project) in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. The Project will be a 30-megawatt utility-scale solar generation facility with a work limit encompassing approximately 156 acres between Fullam Hill Road and Route 12 adjacent to an existing transmission line corridor along its northeast border.

The NHDHR requested the PAF during consultation with TRC after the submittal of a Request for Project Review (RPR). TRC staff met with you on January 15, 2019 to discuss a proposed study area for the PAF of 2 miles surrounding the Project site. PAL has reviewed information about the Project, characteristics of the surrounding area, and the visual analysis prepared by NEER's visual consultant. The Project site and the lands surrounding it are heavily wooded, with extensive wetlands in the eastern, central, and southernmost portions. Development in the vicinity consists of low-density single-family homes and a few cleared agricultural fields to the south and east. A low ridge that runs northeast-southwest through the center of the Project site slopes toward lowlands to the southeast and west. The proposed study area for the PAF encompasses the Fitzwilliam town center northwest of the Project site and extends into the edges of the adjacent New Hampshire towns of Jaffrey and Rindge on the north and east, respectively.

PAL recommends that a study area of 2 miles surrounding the Project as depicted on the enclosed map is sufficient to account for any potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties and requests your concurrence with that finding.

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If you have any questions or require additional information to review this request for concurrence on the study area, please contact Laura Kline (lkline@palinc.com, 401-288-6337) or me (solausen@palinc.com, 401-288-6321) at any time.

Sincerely,



Stephen Olausen
Executive Director/Senior Architectural Historian

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