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Project: MHPC #2142-09 – TransCanada Maine Wind Development, Inc.; Kibby Expansion Power Project; Sisk Mountain  
Town: Coburn Gore; Chain of Ponds; Kibby, Jim Pond and Alder Stream Townships, ME

Dear Mr. Wallace:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the Architectural Survey and Finding of Effects Report for the subject undertaking received December 4, 2009 along with additional information received December 21, 2009 to continue consultation on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

With regard to the identification of historic properties, the Commission agrees with the conclusions of the Architectural Survey Report that none of the 15 architectural resources (1 previously surveyed and 14 newly surveyed) in the area of potential effect (APE) appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, as noted in the Report, a portion of the National Register listed Benedict Arnold Trail to Quebec Historic District is located in the APE.

The following corrections/additions need to be made to the architectural survey report:

- A single topographic map showing the entire APE should be provided; and
- The survey forms should be keyed to the specific topographic map (of the twenty provided) on which they appear.

The Finding of Effects Report concludes that the proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on the Arnold Trail. We disagree. As described in the "American Battlefield Protection Program Associated Historic Property Form for the Arnold March to Quebec" (copy attached), this area of the Arnold Trail "is nearly pristine and unspoiled. Only the presence of Route 27, and a few seasonal lakeshore camps, along a portion of the lakes shoreline provides the visitor with a reminder that he or she is not in the late 19<sup>th</sup> [sic] century." The form discusses potential threats to the integrity of archaeological resources, but it did not consider potential visual impacts to the Arnold Trail's integrity of setting and feeling. However, as shown in the visual simulation in Figure 8 of the Findings of Effect Report, the proposed wind turbines at about 2 miles distant will be visible in an approximately 1.6 mile section of the Arnold Trail. Based on the existing setting and the visible impact of the wind turbines on this aspect of the



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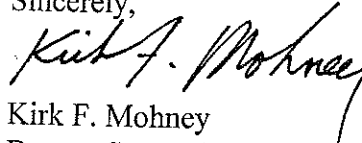
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historic property's integrity, the Commission concludes that the proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect upon the Arnold Trail to Quebec Historic District.

It would be helpful for our review if you would identify all permits (state and federal) and public funding sources that are associated with this project. We are copying the Maine LURC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to facilitate their review process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss our comments on this matter.

Sincerely,



Kirk F. Mohney  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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