

Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Governor

ROSE HARVEY Commissioner

August 10, 2015

Mr. Grant Johnson Cultural Resources Analyst Environmental Design & Research, D.P.C. (EDR) 217 Montgomery Street, Suite 100 Syracuse, NY 13202

Re: DPS

Cassadaga Wind Project Towns of Arkwright, Charlotte, Cherry Creek, Ellery, Ellington, Gerry, Pomfret, Stockton, and Villenova, Chautauqua County; Towns of Conewango, Dayton, and Leon, Cattaraugus County 15PR02730 14-F-0490

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the *Phase 1A Historic Architectural Resources Survey & Work Plan* for the Cassadaga Wind Project prepared by EDR in June 2015 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 OPRHP 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.

Based upon this review, OPRHP concurs with EDR's delineation of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and Study Area, and with the methodology outlined in the historic resources survey work plan. We further concur that no additional architectural survey efforts in the APE for the Arkwright Summit Wind Farm are required at this time.

Please continue your consultation with this office as the project advances. If you have any questions regarding the architectural survey, please contact Daria Merwin (518-268-2192, <u>daria.merwin@parks.ny.gov</u>) in our Survey Unit.

Sincerely, Ruth H. Rupout

Ruth L. Pierpont Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation