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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

RE: Cranberry Point Energy Storage System Project, 31R Main Street, Carver, MA. MHC #RC.70042.

Dear Mr. Keough:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the Project Notification Form (PNF), received July 7, 2021, for the project referenced above. The proposed project includes the construction of a 150-MW energy storage system, electrical substations, access road, and stormwater infiltration basins, at the address referenced above in Carver. The project requires permits and approvals from state and federal agencies.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that the project impact area is in proximity to several ancient Native American archaeological sites (19-PL-767; 19-PL-768). These sites have been identified during professional archaeological survey of the adjacent electrical transmission line corridors. Ancient Native American archaeological sites are recorded elsewhere in Carver within similar environmental settings 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 proximity to recorded archaeological sites, and the wetlands and water resources of Beaver Dam Brook, favorable for ancient and historic period land use and occupation.

The MHC requests that an intensive (locational) archaeological survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted within archaeologically sensitive portions of the project impact area. The archaeological survey is conducted under a State Archaeologists Permit (950 CMR 70) and an application should be submitted to the MHC by a professional archaeological consulting firm retained by the project proponent. The goal of the investigation is to ascertain if the project will affect any significant historic or archaeological resources. The results of this survey will be used in consultation in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to identified significant historic and archaeological resources.

These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71), and MEPA (301 CMR 11). If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brona Simon".

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State Archaeologist  
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