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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC, 20426

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS, FERC 12666, Kennebec Tidal Energy Hydroelectric Project; MHPC #1247-06

Dear Secretary:

The above referenced project is an undertaking as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and will require further efforts to identify historic properties prior to the installation of any generating equipment or subsurface or on-ground transmission facilities, or anchoring of construction or geological exploration barges in the area.

The Chops area contains several terrestrial archaeological sites of 18th century age that may be eligible for listing in the National Register. In addition there may be prehistoric archaeological sites on underwater landforms or buried on the land surface. Standard underwater archaeological survey including magnetometer, sub-bottom profiler, and side-scan sonar is recommended for the area of the project below the high tide line. Standard terrestrial archaeological testing is recommended for areas of on-shore support facilities and power lines.

An architectural survey will be necessary to determine whether there are above ground historic properties within the APE for direct and indirect effects. Early consultation with the SHPO office is recommended.

Please contact Mike Johnson of my staff if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: TRC Environmental
Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw and Pitman

