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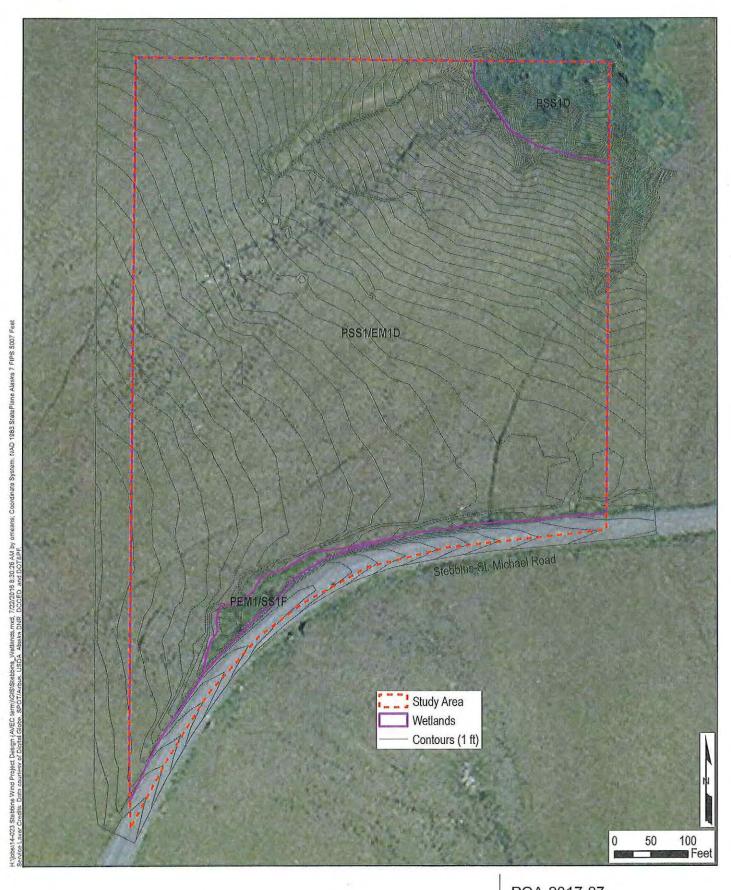
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Judith Bittner
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No Historic Properties Affected CARD Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer Date: 10.14.16 File No.: 3130-3KAVEC Please review: 36 CFR 800.13 / A.S. 41.35.070(d)

RE: Stebbins Wind Project

Alaska Historic Preservation Act

Request for Concurrence to Proceed with the Project

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RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES Dear Ms. Bittner:

The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC) is proposing to develop a wind energy generation facility in Stebbins, Alaska. The proposed project is located in Section 35 of Township 22S, Range 19W, of the Kateel River Meridian, and on U.S. Geological Survey Quadrangle Map St. Michael C-1 (Figure 1).

We are consulting with you to assist us in identifying historic properties that might be affected by the proposed project and determine its potential effect. Consultation is being conducted under the Alaska Historic Preservation Act. HDL Engineering Consultants is conducting this review on AVEC's behalf.

#### **Project Description**

Construction of the wind power facility would consist of the following (Figures 2 - 4):

- One (1) wind turbine with a hub height of 50 meters (164 feet) and rotor diameter of 52 meters (171 feet)
- · 246-foot gravel access road and 10,000 square foot wind tower pad
- Buried power supply line from the wind turbine pad to the existing Stebbins-St. Michael intertie
- Generator hub lighting per Federal Aviation Administration specifications

### Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for direct effects consists of the direct project footprint depicted on Figure 2. Due to the remote location of the proposed project, no APE for indirect or visual impacts has been developed.

## **Identification Efforts**

On August 28, 2012, Cultural Resource Consultants, LLC (CRC) completed a review of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey. No known cultural, historic, prehistoric, or archaeological sites have been identified within the APE.

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**Finding of Effect** 

Based on the research conducted by CRC, AVEC finds that the proposed project would have no direct effect on known historic properties.

# **Consultation Efforts**

Native Corporation, Calista Corporation, Stebbins Community Association, and Native Village of St. Michael.

We respectfully request concurrence with our finding of no historic properties affected. If you have questions or comments related to this project, please contact me by telephone at 907-564-2143, or by email at <a href="mailto:omeans@hdlalaska.com">omeans@hdlalaska.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Owen Means

**Environmental Specialist** 

**HDL Engineering Consultants** 

#### Enclosures:

Figure 1: Project Location

Figure 2: Area of Potential Effect Figure 3: Section View - Road

Figure 4: Section View - Pad

Report: Known Archaeological and Historical Sites in the Stebbins Area (August 2012)

Electronic cc:

Onya Stein, AVEC, Project Manager