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SURVEY REQUEST

Bruce Rauner, Governor
Wayne A. Rosenthal, Director

McLean County PLEASE REFER TO: SHPO LOG #012120817
Various townships
Chenoa, Gridley, Lawndale, Lexington & Money Creek Townships; 150 sections in Township 25 & 26 North & Range 3-5 East
IEPA
New construction, wind turbines - McLean County Wind Energy Project

December 14, 2017

Gordon Gray
Invenergy
One South Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Gray:

The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office is required by the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420, as amended, 17 IAC 4180) to review all state funded, permitted or licensed undertakings for their effect on cultural resources. We have received information indicating that the referenced project will, under the state law cited above, require comments from our office and our comments follow. Should you have any contrary information, please contact our office at the number below.

According to the information provided to us concerning your proposed project, apparently there is no federal involvement in your project. However, please note that the state law is less restrictive than the federal cultural resource laws concerning archaeology, therefore if your project will use federal loans or grants, need federal agency permits or federal property then your project must be reviewed by us under a slightly different procedure under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Please notify us immediately if such is the case.

The project area has a high probability of containing significant prehistoric/historic archaeological resources. Accordingly, a Phase I archaeological reconnaissance survey to locate, identify, and record all archaeological resources within the project area will be required, in addition to the survey we will also need clear photographs of all structures in, or adjacent to, the current project area. This decision is based upon our understanding that there has not been any large scale disturbance of the ground surface (excluding agricultural activities) or major construction activity within the project area which would have destroyed existing cultural resources prior to your project. If the area has been disturbed, please contact our office with the appropriate written and/or photographic evidence. The area(s) that need(s) to be surveyed (within the zone that needs to be surveyed) include(s) all area(s) that will be developed as a result of the issuance of the state agency permit(s) or the granting of the state funds or loan guarantees that have prompted this review. Enclosed you will find an attachment briefly describing Phase I surveys and listing archaeological contracting services. A COPY OF OUR LETTER WITH THE SHPO LOG NUMBER SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE CONNECTED TO YOUR PROJECT PAPERWORK.

If you have further questions, please contact Joe Phillippe at 217/785-1279 or joe.phillippe@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Rachel Leibowitz, Ph.D.
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure