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February 15, 2022

SHPO Cara Metz Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125

Re: RRECC Hubbardston Public Safety Communications Facility

Dear Ms. Metz:

Enclosed please find a completed Form 620 New Tower Submission Packet for the Rutland Regional Emergency Communications Center (RRECC) Hubbardston Public Safety Communications Facility. This project is an urgent addition to the regional public safety communications system proposed by the RRECC.

The project requires construction of a new 160' self-supporting steel lattice tower on town-owned land in the Town of Hubbardston. The project also requires an enabling broadcast permit from the Federal Communications Commission, and therefore coordination of potential cultural resource impacts under NHPA Section 106 is required.

Enclosed please find documents for your review, including a USGS location map, a map showing known historic resources near the proposed project, and proposed construction plans for the tower project. The project site is an abandoned agricultural field, and has been previously disturbed and it is not anticipated that any archaeological resources will be impacted by the project. Additionally, since the proposed tower project is either not visible or quite distant from historic resources that have been identified, we do not anticipate any adverse impact to historic resources.

Consistent with 36 CFR Sec. 800.5, we would appreciate your review of this proposal within 30 days, and communication of your findings to the project team.

Very truly yours,

TIGHE & BOND, INC.

R. Gordon Leedy, Jr., AICP Principal Landscape Architect

Enclosures

Copy: Michael Moriarty (w/enclosures)

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After review of the MHC's files and the materials you submitted, the MHC has determined that the proposed project will have "no adverse effect" on significant historic or archaeological properties.

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Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer Massachusetts Historical Commission