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March 25, 2022

Jordan Tate Environmental Analyst McFarland Johnson 60 Railroad Place Suite 402 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Re: USACE

Marmen/Welcon Offshore Wind Tower Manufacturing Plant

Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY

21PR04693

Dear Jordan Tate:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the provided documentation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

SHPO has reviewed the Noise Assessment and updated Visual Simulations (provided via email, McFarland Johnson, Inc., 2/18/22) to evaluate the project's effects on the National Register eligible Papscanee Island Historic District (08303.000130) and the Site Plan (McFarland Johnson, Inc., 3/18/22) showing the proposed 3.30-acre deed restricted area containing the vegetated area along the Hudson River shoreline. The vegetated area will provide a visual and acoustic buffer between the Papscanee Island Historic District and the proposed manufacturing plant.

We note that the Stockbridge Munsee Community has issued their opinion (letter, dated 3/2/22) that this project will have No Adverse Effect on Historic Resources.

Based on this review, it is the opinion of the SHPO that no historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, will be Adversely Affected by this undertaking with the condition that a Restrictive Deed Covenant is filed to protect and maintain the vegetated buffer along the Hudson River shoreline.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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