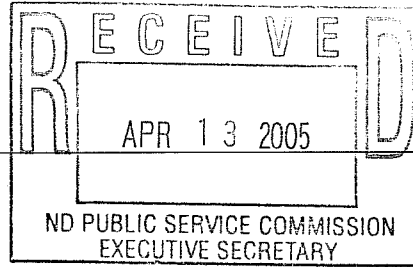
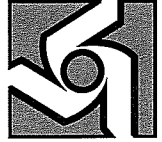


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April 12, 2005

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case Number PU-04-109
Route Permit Application for Antelope Valley Station Raw Water Pipeline
Beulah, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

In the March 7, 2005 Public Service Commission (PSC) hearing, it was represented that a pedestrian survey was scheduled to be performed and the results subsequently submitted to the PSC on the proposed pipeline re-route segment. Upon additional investigation on this subject, it was acknowledged that the re-route segment resides within the area of Coteau's mine permit boundary, and as such has been previously culturally surveyed.

The attached letter from the State Historical Society of North Dakota concurs that the proposed re-route segment of the Antelope Valley Station's Raw Water Pipeline does not require an additional pedestrian survey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 701-355-5652.

Sincerely,

Cris Miller
Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosure
cc: Deborah Levchak



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NDSHPO REF. : 05-0011, Basin Electric Power Company AVS Water Pipeline Reroute, T146N R88W, Section 14 (NW-SE), Mercer County, North Dakota

Dear Lynelle:

We have reviewed project: "Basin Electric Power Company AVS Water Pipeline Reroute, T146N R88W, Section 14 (NW-SE), Mercer County, North Dakota," and find it acceptable.

We concur that no survey is warranted and with a "*No Historic Properties Affected*" determination provided the project is of the nature specified and it takes place in the location plotted in the project documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota