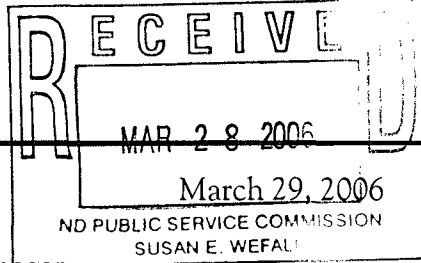




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**NDSHPO Ref.: 05-0240 HDR/PPM Energy, Inc. 150 MW Rugby Wind Farm,
Pierce County, North Dakota (PSC Case PU-05-47)
Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report**

Dear Michael:

We have reviewed: "Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for Rugby Wind Farm Project, Pierce County, North Dakota," by Erika Palmer and Michael Madson (HDR Engineering, March 2006) and find it acceptable. The level and scope of cultural resource investigations are acceptable for the siting of Turbine and Access Road facilities, as outlined in the report.

Also, we concur with the recommendations provided and protocols stated for avoidance of potentially significant sites. We also concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, if consulted by a federal agency, provided the project is of the nature stated and it takes place in the locations plotted and described in the report and correspondence.

Finally, we look forward to further consultation on this overall project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
and
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