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

Dear Michael:

We have reviewed: "Supplemental Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for Rugby Wind Farm Project, Pierce County, North Dakota," by Michael A. Justin, Stephen Sabatke, and Rod Johnson (HDR Engineering, April 2009) 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 and established for avoidance of potentially significant sites. We concur that 32PIX20 is not significant and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Finally, we also concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, if consulted by a federal agency, and "No Significant Sites Affected" determination 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

State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)  
c: Patrick Fahn, PSC

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**Letter - Rvw - of Class III CRI Rpt. & Concurrence with No Historic Properties Affected**

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