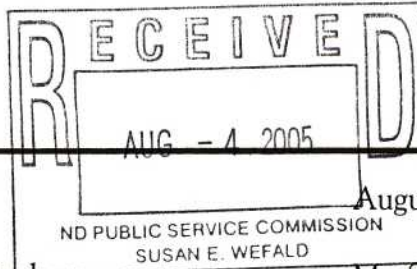




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Wind Energy Center [Burleigh County, North Dakota]
PSC Application Wilton Wind Energy 230 kV Transmission Line,
Substation, and Turbines [WAPA Burleigh County (Wilton) Wind, COE
200560210, FPL Energy, applicant]
Draft Environmental Assessment DOE/EA - 1542**

Dear Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Wefald:

We have reviewed project: "Draft Environmental Assessment, Burleigh County Wind Energy Center, Burleigh County, North Dakota," (DOE/EA - 1542, July 2005) and find it acceptable. As indicated in prior consultation and correspondence, we concur with the scope and level of identification efforts for cultural resources undertaken thus far on the project.

We look forward to further consultation on this project. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Fern Swenson at (701) 328-3575.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

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