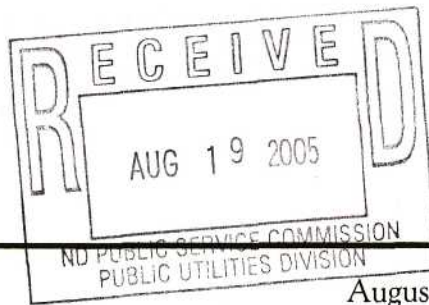




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Dear Ms. Barger and Ms. Wefald:

We have reviewed project: "Summary of Results from Burleigh County Wind Energy Center: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Burleigh County, North Dakota," by Ed Stine (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, June 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. Also, we concur with a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** determination for the first phase provided the project avoids sites BOW01, BOW02, and BOW06 as recommended in the report and in WAPA consultation, is of the nature stated, and it takes place in the plotted legal descriptions as mapped. Finally, we look forward to further consultation on this project, and to reviewing the comprehensive Class III Cultural Resources Inventory report covering the complete investigations for the 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,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

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