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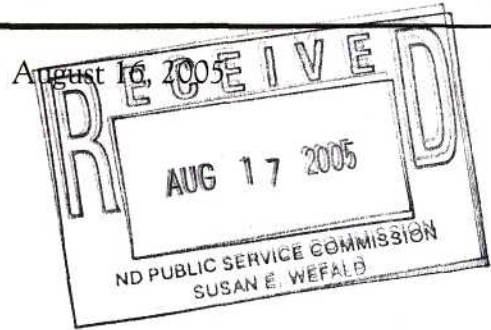
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NDSHPO Ref.: 05-0240 HDR/PPM Energy, Inc. 150 MW Rugby Wind Farm,
Pierce County, North Dakota (PSC Case PU-05-47)
Class III CRI Report on Transmission Line, PSC Case PU-05-305

Dear Michael:

We have reviewed: "Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for the Rugby Wind Farm Transmission Line Project, Pierce County, North Dakota," by Erika Palmer, Julie Kloss, and Michael Madson (HDR, August 2005) and find it acceptable. The level and scope of cultural resource investigations completed to date is appropriate. We look forward to receiving NDCRS forms for the isolated find and the farmstead described in the report. We concur that neither is a significant historic property nor eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Also, we concur that the five areas (Pages i, 20-22) identified warrant additional efforts and we await reporting on those investigations.

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,

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Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
and
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)

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