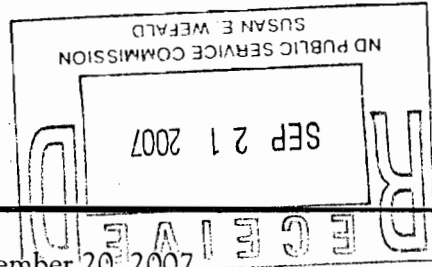




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**NDSHPO REF. : 06-0088g Department of State (DOS)/ND PSC
(TransCanada) Keystone Oil Pipeline Project Applicant for Presidential
Permit: Geotechnical Borings Documentation, Unanticipated Discovery
Plan, and DOE List concurrence**

Dear Ms. Orlando:

We have received and reviewed project documentation: 06-0088g Department of State (DOS)/ND PSC (TransCanada) Keystone Oil Pipeline Project: Geotechnical Borings Information, Unanticipated Discovery Plan, and NRHP DOE List concurrence. We found both the geotechnical boring information and the "Unanticipated Discovery Plan" acceptable. If the geotechnical borings are restricted to the locations provided and are of the nature described we concur that no survey is warranted and we would concur with a "**No Historic Properties Affected**" determination for that aspect of the project. Likewise, we concur with the recommendation that a permitted cultural resource contractor be available for monitoring in the event that it is deemed prudent and necessary. Finally, we concur with the DOS determinations of National Register of Historic Places eligibility (NRHP DOE) found in the attached list from Appendix B of the supporting documentation. Finally, we look forward to receiving and the forthcoming review of other report(s)/supporting documentation covering the remaining aspects of the project, as outlined in the DOS September 13 correspondence. Thank you for the opportunity to review the document, and to further consultation on the 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.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
enc. as stated

✓ c: Susan E. Wefald, Commissioner, ND PSC (with enc.)

Attachment B: List of Properties Evaluated for
 Eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places
 For the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Project in North Dakota

Site Identifier	Site Type	NRHP Recommendation by Applicant	NRHP Finding by DOS
32BA170	Pre-contact scatter	Not Assessed	Not evaluated
32NEx99	Historic farmstead	Not Assessed	Not evaluated
32PB202	Pre-contact scatter	Not Assessed	Not evaluated
32WA247	Historic farmstead (depression)	Not Assessed (Non-Contributing)	Not evaluated
32BA148	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32BA171	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32NE70	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32NE72	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32RM155	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32RM160	Pre-contact scatter	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32RMx89	Pre-contact scatter	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32SA47	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32SA80	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32ST171	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32WA244	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32WA246	Historic railroad	Potentially eligible	Potentially eligible
32BAx107	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32BAx108	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32BAx109	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32BAx110	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32BAx111	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32BAx112	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32PBx176	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32SA81	Historic foundation	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible
32WAx211	Pre-contact isolate	Recommended ineligible	Ineligible