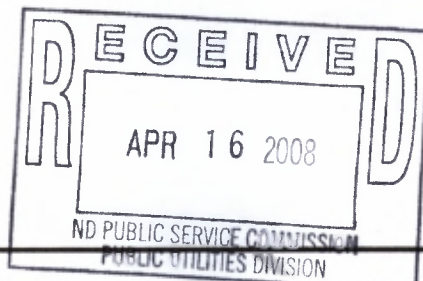




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**NDSHPO REF. : 06-0088dd PSC/ Department of State/ENSR
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: Class I, II, III CRI, Oakes Siding
Report**

Dear Mr. Stine and Ms. Munson:

We have received and reviewed 06-0088dd **TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: "Addendum 6 to Keystone Pipeline Project: Class I, II, and III Cultural Resource Investigations in Eastern North Dakota: Oakes Siding,"** by Christopher R. von Wedell (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, April 2008) and find it acceptable. We concur with the level and scope of identification efforts undertaken in the TransCanada Keystone project APE, as reported. Also, we offer no substantive comments on the report at this time. If consulted either by a federal agency or a state agency, we would concur with recommended **"No Historic Properties Affected"** and **"No Significant Sites Affected"** determinations for site 32DI111 (railroad) provided no effect or no impact occurs as stated and the project takes place in the plotted location. Also, we would concur that 32DIx163 is not significant and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places

Thank you and we look forward to further consultation and to further review of outstanding documents regarding the 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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