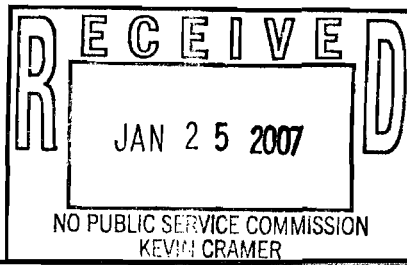




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Dear Mr. Graves:

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We have received documentation for "07-0307 RUS-BER/PSC Langdon-Hensel 115 kV Transmission Line Corridor & Substations Upgrade, Pembina and Cavalier Counties, North Dakota," and our review recommendations are: (A) using NDCRS data base information in concert with location, topography, length of the project, and known cultural resources in the area, we would encourage that a Class I Cultural Resource Survey (file search) be conducted for cultural resource sites in and directly adjacent to the project area of potential effect (APE); and (B) that the Class I CRS document should include recommendations and detailed maps of areas warranting Class II CRI (reconnaissance) and Class III CRI (pedestrian) surveys. We look forward to review of the Class I Survey along with project recommendations for further investigations related to it. If the project involves other federal and/or state monies or permits, we strongly encourage consultation with those federal and/or state agency(ies) at the earliest stage in the process to seek their input and recommendations regarding it.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the project and we look forward to further consultation on it. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

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Sincerely,

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

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✓ c: Tony Clark, Commissioner-Chair, PSC

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