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**NDSHPO REF. : 07-0098c PSC Just Wind/Logan County Wind Farm
Class I CRI and Identification Efforts (Draft Class III CRI Report)**

Dear Richard:

We have received and reviewed project correspondence and draft report for **07-0098c**: "(Draft) Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Logan County Wind Farm, North Dakota," (Richard Rothaus, Trefoil, October 2008) and find it acceptable. We concur with the scope and level of identification efforts for the project completed thus far, and those recommended for remaining portions to be completed in the future.

The management recommendations regarding site avoidance strategies for unevaluated-undetermined sites are acceptable as specified in the Executive Summary and p. 33 of the report. We concur that other isolated finds listed are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as specified in the report (p. 33).

We look forward to reviewing the NDCRS site forms, the final report covering the investigations with NDCRS SITS assignments, and with significance and effect determinations provided. A Management Summary table would be a useful addition to the report. 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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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

✓ c: Susan E. Wefald, President, Commissioner, PSC with attachment

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Trefoil Cultural and Environmental Heritage conducted a Class III Resources Survey for the Just Wind Wind Farm pursuant to ND SHPO request. The survey included all turbine locations, access roads, collector lines and substation as of 1 October 2008. The Wind Farm will contain 160 turbines. The project area is approximately 55 sq. miles in Glendale, Bryant, and Starkey townships in Logan Township, adjacent to the town of Napoleon.

The cultural resources survey included pedestrian survey of blocks around turbine and substation locations (approximately 3.9 sq. miles), pedestrian survey of access roads (77 linear miles) and connector lines (155 linear miles), 171 soil probes, and 168 shovel tests. The survey recorded 13 sites (3 prehistoric, 9 historic, 1 with both prehistoric and historic components). 15 isolated finds were also recorded (14 prehistoric, 1 historic). 11 sites were deemed potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 4 isolated finds indicated areas that need additional investigation to determine National Register Eligibility.

Communication with project managers has been ongoing, and construction plans will avoid all sites deemed to have potential eligibility. Recommendations for avoidance of sites 32LO-D, 32LO-F, 32LO-G are included in this report. Site 32LO-L and isolated finds 32LOX-A, 32LOX-B, 32LOX-F, 32LOX-G, 32LOX-H, and 32LOX-O do not seem to have any potential for National Register eligibility, and clearance for construction has been recommended.

Additional survey is recommended if construction plans change.