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**NDSHPO Ref.: 08-0223 WAPA/PSC Basin Electric Cooperative
Belfield/Rhame 230kV Transmission Line Concurrence**

Dear Dave:

We have received and reviewed correspondence for : 08-0223 WAPA/PSC Basin Electric Cooperative Belfield/Rhame 230kV Transmission Line, and find supporting report "Basin Electric Cooperative's Belfield to Rhame 230kV Transmission Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Bowman, Slope, and Stark Counties by John M. Scott et al. (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, March 2008) acceptable.

We concur with "**No Historic Properties Affected**" and "**No Significant Sites Affected**" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and it place in the plotted locations in the project documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the present project and we look forward to further consultation regarding remaining aspects of it. 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

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

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**Concurrence - No Historic Properties Affected -
Class III CRI in Bowman, Slope, Stark Counties**

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