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**ND SHPO Ref.:08-0223 WAPA/PSC Basin Electric Cooperative
Belfield/Rhame230kV Transmission Line –Addendum Report #4 for
additional areas, in portions of [T131N R103W Section 2] and [T135N
R99W Section 11] Bowman County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Irwin,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.:08-0223 WAPA/PSC Basin Electric Cooperative Belfield/Rhame230kV Transmission Line –Addendum Report #4 for additional areas, in portions of [T131N R103W Section 2] and [T135N R99W Section 11] Bowman County, North Dakota, and concur with a “No Historic Properties Affected determination, and “No Significant Sites Affected” provided the project is of the nature specified and takes place in the mapped locations. Jonathan Schwartz’ report “Basin Electric Cooperative’s Belfield to Rhame 230kV Transmission Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Bowman, Slope and Stark Counties, Addendum 4” is acceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Quinnell at 701-328-3576, or squinnell@nd.gov

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Cultural Resource Review and Determination

Sincerely,

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