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**NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928A PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy  
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I  
Literature Search and Class II Architectural History Reconnaissance Survey,  
Cass County, North Dakota"**

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928A PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I Literature Search and Class II Architectural History Reconnaissance Survey, Cass County, North Dakota" and find the captioned report acceptable.

If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided for the surveyed portions of the visual APE of the project, provided it remains as described and mapped in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We look forward to review of the remaining approximately 573 acres and the Bison Substation section of the project (archaeological report). If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)  
and  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC