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NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928 PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I
Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud Project, Cass County, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928 PSC Xcel Energy and Great River
Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I
Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud Project, 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 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. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at
squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC



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