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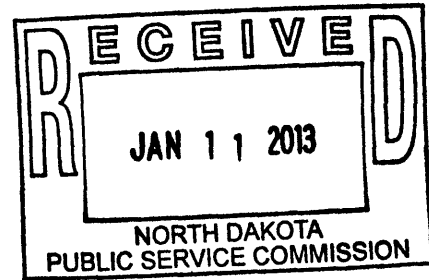
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**NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928 PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission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

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 345 kV Transmission Line Project, Cass County, North Dakota, Addendum I," 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 for the surveyed portions of the project, provided it remains as described and mapped in the above-captioned report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We look forward to review of the remaining approximately 206 acres of the project, currently without landowner's permission to survey. 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

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**Letter concurrence - no historic properties and no significant sites affected**