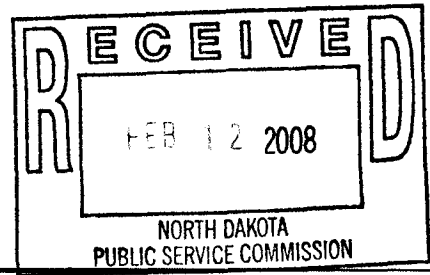




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**NDSHPO: 08-0343 RUS/RDUP, PSC Otter Tail Power Company, 230kV
Transmission Line, Luverne to Maple River Substation, North Dakota**

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Shields:

Gereld Gerntholz
Valley City - Secretary

We have received and reviewed correspondence for **08-0343: RUS/RDUP, PSC Otter Tail Power Company, "230kV Transmission Line, Luverne to Maple River Substation, North Dakota."** We recommend that a Class I CRI (file and records search) be completed for the project area. Also, we recommend that investigation recommendations regarding areas warranting Class III CRI (pedestrian survey) for the area of potential effect, based on the results of the Class I and other pertinent information, be included in the report.

A. Ruric Todd III
Jamestown

If the project crosses lands administered by a federal agency or has federal permits or state monies or permits (e.g., PSC) needed, then we recommend and encourage that the agency(ies) be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project at the earliest feasible time.

Diane K. Larson
Bismarck

We look forward to working with you as the project develops, and to reviewing the Class I CRI report along with recommendations for further work. Protocols for transmission lines, as they pertain to cultural resources, have been established and successfully implemented in North Dakota. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

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Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
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and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
cc: Susan E. Wefald, Commissioner, PSC

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