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Mr. Mitchell Shields  
Project Manager  
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Albert I. Berger  
Grand Forks - President

**NDSHPO: 08-0343a RUS/RDUP, PSC Minnkota Power Company, 230kV  
Transmission Line, Luverne to Maple River Substation, North Dakota  
Class I, II, and III CRI Report and Concurrence**

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.  
Bismarck - Vice President

Gerold Gerntholz  
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Dear Mr. Shields:

A. Ruric Todd III  
Jamestown

We have received and reviewed correspondence and report documentation for  
**08-0343a: RUS/RDUP, PSC Minnkota Power Company, 230kV  
Transmission Line, Luverne to Maple River Substation, North Dakota.**

Diane K. Larson  
Bismarck

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“Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Gen-T ie Project: Class I Literature Search,  
Class II Reconnaissance Survey and Class III Intensive Cultural Resource  
Inventory in Barnes and Cass Counties, North Dakota,” by Stephen Sabatke  
(HDR Engineering, May 2008) is acceptable and we concur with the scope of  
the identification efforts as reported.

Richard Kloubec  
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Sara Otte Coleman  
Director  
Tourism Division

Kelly Schmidt  
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If consulted by a federal/state agency we would concur with **“No Historic  
Properties Affected”** and **“No Significant Sites Affected”** determinations  
provided the project is of the nature stated and it takes place in the plotted  
location described in the project documentation and report.

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

Douglass Prchal  
Director  
Parks and Recreation  
Department

Finally, we look forward to reviewing the forthcoming Class I/II/III CRI report  
covering the outstanding minor re-route investigations. 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.

Sincerely,

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**Letter re Class I, II, III CR1 Report and Concurrence  
with No Historic Sites Affected**

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)  
and

State Historical Society of North Dakota

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

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Director  
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