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**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.
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Valley City - Secretary

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.**
"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.

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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.

Douglass Prchal
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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.

Francis Ziegler
Director

Department of Transportation

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
Director

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

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

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

Dear Mr. Shields:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and report documentation for **08-0343b: RUS/RDUP, PSC Minnkota Power Company, 230kV Transmission Line, Luverne to Maple River Substation, North Dakota: Addendum.** "Rush River Transmission Line for the Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Pillsbury-Fargo Generation Outlet Project: Class II and III Cultural Resource Inventories, Cass County, North Dakota," by Duane Klinner (Earthworks ROI 786, June 2008) is acceptable and we concur with the scope of the identification efforts as reported. *We look forward to receiving the final report with the newly recorded SITS assignment (32CS5071) inserted and Addendum.*

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 final report as stipulated above. Also, we concur that site 32CS5071 is not significant and is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. 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,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

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