



**STATE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
OF NORTH DAKOTA**

RECL. JED

JUL 14 2008

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

John Hoeven  
Governor of North Dakota

July 14, 2008

North Dakota  
State Historical Board

Lynn K. Overend  
Environmental Specialist  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
1822 Mill road  
PO Box 13200  
Grand Forks ND 58208-3200

Albert I. Berger  
Grand Forks - President

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.  
Bismarck - Vice President

Gereld Gerntholz  
Valley City - Secretary

A. Ruric Todd III  
Jamestown

Diane K. Larson  
Bismarck

Marvin L. Kaiser  
Williston

Richard Kloubec  
Fargo

Sara Otte Coleman  
Director  
Tourism Division

Kelly Schmidt  
State Treasurer

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

Douglass Prchal  
Director  
Parks and Recreation  
Department

Francis Ziegler  
Director  
Department of Transportation

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
Director

**ND SHPO Ref.:06-0088J Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. MPC/RUS  
Project No.: 4-1, 4-2, 4-4, 7-15, and 7-18**

Dear Lynn,

We received Earthwork's five Class II and Class III reports on ND SHPO Ref.:06-0088J Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. MPC/RUS Project No.: 4-1, 4-2, 4-4, 7-15, and 7-18, and find the reports acceptable. We concur with a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" for these projects, provided Site 32RM259 (Church) found in project 4-4, is avoided. We concur that the isolated finds are not eligible and not significant.

We look forward to further information for review of this project. If you have any questions please contact Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576 or [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

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

**85 PU-08-48** Filed: 7/14/2008 Pages: 1  
**Concurrence with No Historic Properties Affected -  
Class II and III Reports**

c: PSC, Susan Wefald, President

Minnkota Power Coop., Inc.

Accredited by the  
American Association  
of Museums