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Dear Ms. Britton and Mr. Solie,

**ND SHPO Ref.:08-0516 RUS/WAPA Proposed Prairie Winds-ND-1 115 MW  
Wind Turbine Generation Facility Near Minot, North Dakota**

We received the preliminary information from RUS regarding ND SHPO Ref.:08-0516 RUS/WAPA Proposed Prairie Winds-ND-1 115 MW Wind Turbine Generation Facility Near Minot, North Dakota. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall study area near Minot. At this point, we encourage that a Class I Cultural Resource Inventory (file and records search) be prepared and submitted for review by federal agencies and this office.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have questions, please contact either Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist at (701)328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator, at (701)328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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and  
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c: Ms. Susan Wefald, Commissioner ND PSC

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Inventory**

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