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**NDSHPO REF. : 08-1277b PSC Mergent/Whiting Robinson Lake Pipeline  
Class I CRI and Identification Efforts: Class III CRI Report**

Dear Peggy and Suzanne:

We have received and reviewed project correspondence and documentation for 08-1277b: "Robinson Lake: A Class III Intensive Inventory for a Proposed Pipeline Corridor in Mountrail County, North Dakota," (Ed Stine and Aaron Barth, MAC, December 2008) and find it acceptable. We concur with the scope and level of identification efforts for the project. The management recommendations regarding site avoidance strategies for unevaluated-undetermined sites are acceptable as specified in the text (pp. 36-38) and as listed in Table 1. We concur that the six (6) isolated finds listed in Table 1 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Likewise, we concur that the seven (7) historic sites/components described and listed in Table 1 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We 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 location described and plotted in the project documentation.

Thank you and we look forward to further consultation and to further review of outstanding documents for the project regarding the corridor placement at the north end Stanley Station. 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

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota  
c: Susan E. Wefald, President, Commissioner, PSC with Table 1 enc.

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