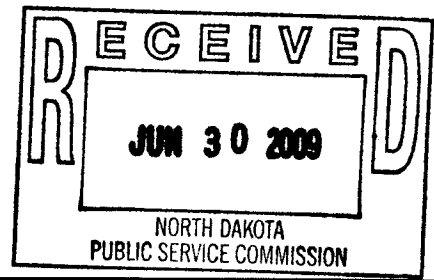




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Identification Efforts and Buffer Area Avoidance Efforts: Final
Routing--North End Stanley Station**

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Dear Peggy and Suzanne:

A. Ruric Todd III
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We have received and reviewed project correspondence and documentation for **08-1277c: PSC Mergent/Whiting Robinson Lake Pipeline Identification and Buffer Area Avoidance Efforts: Final Routing--North End Stanley Station** 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 documentation based on the field work carried out on May 12-13, 2009. 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 North End Stanley Station final routing project documentation.

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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 squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

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**Letter Concurrence - No Historic Properties - Sites
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