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ND SHPO REF: 09-1186 PSC Merricourt Wind Power Project EnXco Development Corporation, Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Turnbow,

We received your preliminary letter regarding ND SHPO REF: 09-1186 PSC Merricourt Wind Power Project EnXco Development Corporation, Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota.

There is potential for recorded and unrecorded properties in a variety of physiographic settings in this study area. We recommend that a Class I CRI (file and records search) be prepared covering the project area and that it be submitted for review.

Further, we encourage and recommend a Class III CRI (pedestrian survey_ of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), including proposed turbine locations, transmission line corridor(s), access roads, and other ancillary facilities, as part of the Environmental Assessment. Further, if the projects requires permits issued by a federal and/or state agency (e.g. PSC), then the respective agency(ies) are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. Thank you for the opportunity to review the preliminary data provided on this project, and we look forward to reviewing documents prepared for the project and to further consultation on it.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701)328-3576, squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director
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