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ND SHPO REF.: 10-1440 PSC "Class III Archaeological Resource Inventory for a 230 kV Transmission Line from the Merricourt Wind Farm to the Ellendale Junction Substation, Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota"

Dear Mr. Eigenberger,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF.: 10-1440 PSC "Class III Archaeological Resource Inventory for a 230 kV Transmission Line from the Merricourt Wind Farm to the Ellendale Junction Substation, Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota." We find the report acceptable. We concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites" determinations, provided the project remains as described and mapped in your report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell 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

C: Patrick Fahn, PSC

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Letter concurrence - no historic properties and no significant sites affected

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