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Mr. Duane Klinner
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NDSHPO REF.: 10-1440B PSC "Merricourt Wind Power Project, Additional Access Roads, Collector Lines, and Substation: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, McIntosh and Dickey Counties, North Dakota"

Dear Mr. Klinner:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 10-1440B PSC "Merricourt Wind Power Project, Additional Access Roads, Collector Lines, and Substation: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, McIntosh and Dickey Counties, North Dakota" and find it acceptable. Thank you for the report.

If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would 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 plotted location in the project documentation, and provided archaeological site 32MT273 is completely avoided.

If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Chris Sternhagen, Project Manager – Development, ENXCO
C: Mr. Patrick Fahn PSC