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**NDSHPO REF. : 09-0662 PSC Minnesota Power Bison 1 Wind Farm,
Transmission Line(s), and Ancillary Facilities**
[T140-141N R85-86W, Morton and Oliver Counties]

Dear Mr. Sabatke:

We have received and reviewed the initial consultation letter for: **09-0662 PSC Minnesota Power Bison 1 Wind Farm, Transmission Line(s), and Ancillary Facilities**, [T140-141N R85-86W, Morton and Oliver Counties]. There is potential for recorded and unrecorded properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall Mercer-Oliver County 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 project 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 project, and we look forward to reviewing documents prepared for the project and to further consultation on it. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574. Please include the **NDSHPO REF. :09-0662** in correspondence regarding the project.

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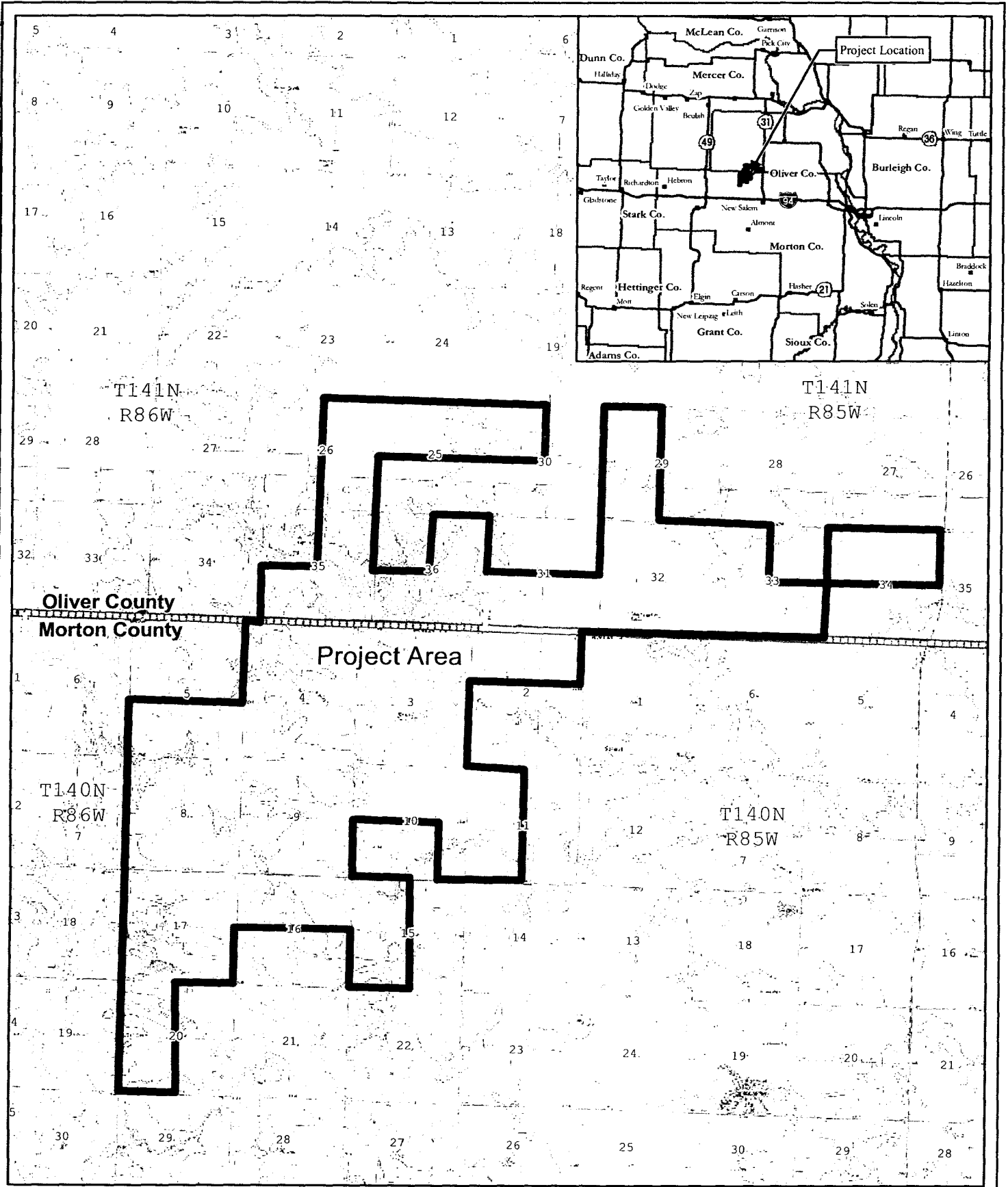
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Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
c: Patrick Fahn, PSC with map enc.

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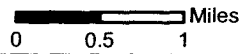


Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map
 Bison I Wind Project
 Minnesota Power
 Morton & Oliver Counties, ND

Legend	
	Proposed Phase I Project Boundary
	County Boundary