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

Dear Mr. Sabatke:

We have received and reviewed the correspondence and letter report documentation for: **09-0662a PSC Minnesota Power Bison 1 Wind Farm, Transmission Line(s), and Ancillary Facilities: Letter Report**, [T140-141N R85-86W, Morton and Oliver Counties].

The 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 reported meets initial goals/protocols of the project. We look forward to further review of the complete and comprehensive report.

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 initial project report, and we look forward to reviewing comprehensive and complete 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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Class III CRI Initial Review and Determination

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

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