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NDSHPO REF.: 09-0662b PSC Minnesota Power/Allete 75.9 MW Wind Farm, Transmission Line(s), and Ancillary Facilities: Class III CRI Report [T140-141N R85-86W, Morton and Oliver Counties]

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Dear Mr. Sabatke:

Albert I. Berger
Grand Forks

We have received and reviewed the correspondence and report documentation for: 09-0662b PSC Minnesota Power/Allete 75.9 MW Wind Farm, Transmission Line(s), and Ancillary Facilities: "Class III Archaeological Resource Survey for a Proposed 75.9 Megawatt Wind and Associated Transmission Line Project in Oliver and ^{Morton} Mercer Counties, North Dakota," by Stephen Sabatke, Melissa Lundberg, and Dylan Eigenberger (HDR, June 2011) and find it acceptable.

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We concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated, it takes place in the plotted locations, and that all unevaluated sites are avoided from impacts as recommended in the report (Conclusions) and as provided in Table 28 (attached) from the report. Also, we recommend monitoring of ground-disturbing activity at 32OL625 during upgrade/construction of the section-line access road there. Finally, an "Unanticipated Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources" also is recommended to be prepared and submitted. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project report, and we look forward consultation on project development/design changes. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell squinnell@nd.gov at (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha ppicha@nd.gov at (701) 328-3574. Please include the NDSHPO REF.: 09-0662b in correspondence regarding the project.

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Sincerely,

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

enc. as stated

✓ c: Patrick Fahn, PSC

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**Letter concurrence - no historic properties affected
and no significant sites affected**

identified during the Class III survey of the Bison I Wind Project, along with NRHP eligibility recommendations and management recommendations.

Table 28: Archaeological Sites Identified During Class III Survey					
Site Number	HDR Field Number	Site Type	Cultural Affiliation	NRHP Eligibility Recommendation	Management Recommendation
32OLX242	Bison 1	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX243	Bison 2	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OL616	Bison 3	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL617	Bison 4	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32MO1385	Bison 5	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL618	Bison 6	Stone Feature/Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Eligible	Further work needed
32MO1386	Bison 7	Multi-component Artifact Scatter	Precontact/Euroamerican	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32MO1387	Bison 8	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL619	Bison 9	Farmstead	Euroamerican	Eligible	Further work needed
32OL620	Bison 10	Farmstead	Euroamerican	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL621	Bison 11	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL622	Bison 12	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL623	Bison 13	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL624	Bison 14	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OLX244	Bison 15	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX245	Bison 16	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX528	Bison 17	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX529	Bison 18	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX530	Bison 19	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX531	Bison 20	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX532	Bison 21	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX246	Bison 22	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX247	Bison 23	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX248	Bison 24	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX249	Bison 25	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32MOX533	Bison 26	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OLX250	Bison 27	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OL625	Bison 28	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OL626	Bison 29	Artifact Scatter	Precontact	Eligible	Further work needed
32OL627	Bison 30	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OLX251	Bison 31	Isolated Find	Precontact	Not Eligible	No further work
32OL629	Bison 32	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed
32OL630	Bison 33	Stone Feature	Precontact	Unevaluated	Further work needed