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NDSHPO REF. : 09-0923a PSC Hawthorn Oil Pipeline
Class III CRI Report and Concurrence on Determination of Effect

Dear Mr. Sabatke:

We have reviewed letter correspondence and project documentation for: **09-0923a PSC Hawthorn Oil Pipeline** "Hawthorne Oil Pipeline Project: Class I Literature Search and Class III Archaeological and Historic Facilities Resource Inventory for a Proposed Pipeline in Mountrail County, North Dakota," by Stephen Sabatke and Melissa Lundberg (HDR Engineering, August 2009, and find it acceptable.

We 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 location mapped and plotted in the report and supporting PSC documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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

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**Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory
Review & Determination**

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