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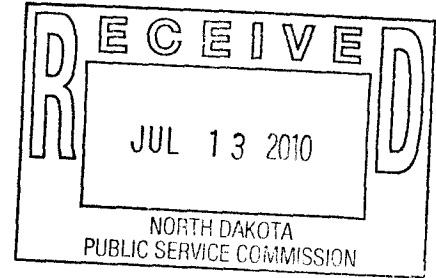
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**ND SHPO REF: 10-0484 TVA, Ashley Wind Energy Project, McIntosh
County, North Dakota Class I Cultural Resources survey of the 17,400 acre
easement**

Dear Mr. Howard,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF: 10-0484 TVA, Ashley Wind Energy Project, McIntosh County, North Dakota Class I Cultural Resources survey of the 17,400 acre easement prepared by Tetrattech EC, Inc. We concur with your recommendation for a Class III archaeological survey of the APE. We reviewed the architectural section of the Class I, and other sources and concur that no further architectural survey is warranted for this project.

We look forward to further review of the Class III cultural resource inventory. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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And Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

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Letter recommending Class III archaeological survey

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