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Mr. A. Eric Howard
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ND SHPO REF: 10-0484 TVA, Ashley Wind Energy Project Class III Cultural Resources Survey McIntosh County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Howard,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF: 10-0484 TVA, Ashley Wind Energy Project, McIntosh County, North Dakota Class III Cultural Resources Survey McIntosh County, North Dakota. We concur with your "No Historic Properties Affected" determination provided the following:

- Unevaluated sites 32MT0049, 32MT0259, 32MT0260, 32MT0261, 32MT0262, and 32MT0270 should all be avoided.
- Any changes to the project siting and associated report addendums are to be reviewed by this office.
- Any material source areas (borrow pits) for this project are to be surveyed for cultural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, ND PSC

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Letter concurrence - No historic properties affected

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