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NDSHPO REF.: 10-0484a TVA/PSC CPV 200 Megawatt (MW) Ashley Wind Energy Project (Wind Farm), McIntosh County, North Dakota
Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report

Dear Clinton:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and supporting document for **10-0484a** TVA/PSC CPV 200 Megawatt (200 MW) Ashley Wind Energy Project [Wind Farm], McIntosh County: "A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of CPV Ashley Renewable Energy Company's Proposed Ashley Wind Energy Project, McIntosh County, North Dakota," by Russel Richard (TRC Environmental Corporation, September 2011) and find it acceptable.

We concur with a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** determination provided that the project is of the nature stated, it takes place in the plotted and mapped locations, and that the four sites (32MT274, 32MT275, 32MT276, and 32MT277) are avoided from impacts by the buffer (pp. 38-39 and Abstract) as identified in the report and the TVA documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to further consultation on it. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574. Please include the **NDSHPO REF.: 10-0484a** in correspondence regarding the project.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
c: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota Public Service Commission