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**ND SHPO REF: 09-0662 PSC Ottertail Energy Service Company, Inc.
(OTESCO) Proposed Bison Wind Farm Project - 22.3 mile transmission line
from the project substation in Morton County to the interconnection point
(Square Butte Substation) - Morton and Sheridan Counties, North Dakota**

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Dear Mr. Sabatke,

Calvin Grinnell
New Town

We received your letter dated August 27th updated this office on the 22.3 mile transmission line from the project substation in Morton County to the interconnection point (Square Butte Substation) - Morton and Sheridan Counties.

Diane K. Larson
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Thank you for your update letter and we look forward to reviewing the reports associated with this project and further consultation.

A. Ruric Todd III
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If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701)328-3576, squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

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