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**NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173 USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project: Programmatic Agreement (PA)**

Dear Mr. Plank:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and documentation for: **10-0173
USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project:
Programmatic Agreement (PA)** and offer the attached comments on the draft
document.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to the review
of (outstanding) project documentation, and to further consultation on it. If you have
questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov
or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
c: Dennis Rankin, RUS, Washington, DC
c: Barry G. Williams, USFWS, Bismarck
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4 II.B/1 Please change to: archaeological survey (Class III CRI)

5 IV.B/2-4 Identified resources that are being considered/treated as National Register eligible (Historic Properties) should be or have been formally evaluated for significance and eligibility in some manner to substantiate/support their respective determination of eligibility.

Please change to: following evaluation.

7 IX.B/1 Please change to: SHPO/ State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND)

7 IX.D.2.d/2 Please change to: State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND)/ North Dakota SHPO
The SHSND is the entity that is specifically referred to in the NDCC and NDAC

7 IX.D.3/5 Please change to SHSND/SHPO

7 IX.D.4/2 Please change to SHSND/SHPO