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Mr. Dennis Rankin
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ND SHPO REF: 10-0173A USDA RD/ND PSC Center to Grand Forks 345kV Electrical Transmission Line "Historic Building Inventory and Evaluation of the Proposed Route of a 345 kV Electrical Transmission Line from Center to Grand Forks in North Dakota"

Dear Mr. Rankin,

We reviewed "Historic Building Inventory and Evaluation of the Proposed Route of a 345 kV Electrical Transmission Line from Center to Grand Forks in North Dakota," by Kevin Palmer of HDR Engineering (Minneapolis) and find the Class II report acceptable for content. We concur with the list of sites determined eligible and that only site 32NE80 (HDR number 26404/42854) involves an "Adverse Effect." We concur with the proposed mitigation efforts, screening between the transmission line and the historic site.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701)328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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

Historic Building Inventory and
Evaluation of the Proposed Route of a
345 kV Electrical Transmission Line from
Center to Grand Forks
in North Dakota

SHPO R&C # 2007-1273 MOA

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On Behalf of:

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

August 2011

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Table 7: Effects Analysis Summary

Site Number	Effects Analysis
32ED 160 HDR 11932/41403 Eddy County, Rosefield Township	The proposed project will impact this historic period site, but the effects are not considered adverse. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK
32 GF 3554 HDR 14762 Grand Forks County, Fairfield Township GF 3554	The proposed project will impact this historic period site, but the effects are not considered adverse. OK
32 GF 3555 HDR 14789/42562 Grand Forks County, Pleasant View Township	This property will not be adversely affected. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK
32 GF 3556 HDR 14830/42627 Grand Forks County, Avon Township	The property will not be adversely affected. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK
32 NE 78 HDR 26389/41731 Nelson County, Ora Township	This property will not be adversely affected. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK
32 NE 79 HDR 26400/42860 Nelson County, Ora Township	This property will not be adversely affected. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK
32 NE 80 HDR 26404/42854 Nelson County, Ora Township	This property will be adversely affected. ✓ map → s.t.p # AS NEU
S# 32 NE 272 HDR 30541 Sheridan County, Prophets Township	The proposed project will impact this historic period site, but the effects are not considered adverse. OK
32 WEX 18 HDR 39655/41367 Wells County, Germantown Township	The proposed project will impact this historic period site, but the effects are not considered adverse. ✓ OK
32ED32 Sylvanus Marriage Octagonal Barn Eddy County	The proposed project will impact this historic period site, but the effects are not considered adverse. ✓ map → s.t.p # OK