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**ND SHPO Ref.: 10-0173 RUS/Minnkota's proposed Center to Grand Forks
Transmission Line Project, "Revised Area of Potential Effects Phase III
Architectural Reconnaissance Results," Grand Forks County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Justin,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.: 10-0173 RUS/Minnkota's proposed Center to Grand Forks Transmission Line Project, "Revised Area of Potential Effects Phase III Architectural Reconnaissance Results," Grand Forks County, North Dakota. If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with your "No Historic Properties Affected" determinations as listed in "Revised Area of Potential Effects Phase III Architectural Reconnaissance Results."

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

Sincerely,

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(North Dakota) and
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Technical Memo

NDSHPO 10-0173 RUS HDR

CENTER TO GRAND FORKS 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

REVISED AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

PHASE III ARCHITECTURAL RECONNAISSANCE RESULTS

Introduction




The purpose of this memo is to update the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with additional findings for the Architectural Area of Potential Effects (APE) on the proposed Minnkota Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project (CGF).




Background and Survey Methodology




HDR developed the initial project Architectural APE, in consultation with SHPO, which incorporated an initial Class I Literature Search and the subsequent Class II Reconnaissance Inventory. Approximately 461 points were found to contain buildings and structures within the APE of approximately 159,164 acres. Many of these points contain multiple buildings and structures. HDR architectural historian Lex Palmer performed the Phase II survey in spring 2011. Since that time, the project APE has been revised slightly to accommodate property owner and resource concerns. The 0.5 mile APE from the project center line was shifted slightly from the original proposed alignment. Mr. Palmer reviewed the revised route and determined that the revised APE would require additional documentation on the east portion within Grand Forks County. A total of 27 sites were documented the week of November 7, 2011.




This revised APE survey again used National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criterion C as a measure to make a field determination if the buildings (on an individual or district basis) embodied distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or possessed high artistic values. The seven aspects of integrity were also used, with integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association being key considerations.




All of the buildings documented within the revised APE did not have sufficient age or integrity to merit consideration as historic properties. These structures were photographed to the degree possible and noted for their specific lack of merit as historic properties. Table 1 presents those results along with digital images of each property along with brief notes describing the buildings and structures.




ID	Feature	Image	Comment
None	Abandoned Farm Unit located Section 32, T142N, R 82W		Side gabled agricultural outbuilding
14766	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage house and detached standing-metal seam outbuilding
14767	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and garage




ID	Feature	Image	Comment
14768	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and garage, historic period barn.
15449	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
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ID	Feature	Image	Comment
15451	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
15453	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
15454	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage




ID	Feature	Image	Comment
15455	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
17010	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
17257	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage

ID	Feature	Image	Comment
41652	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage
41800	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
41801	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage

ID	Feature	Image	Comment
41802	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage
41803	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage
41804	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage

ID	Feature	Image	Comment
41805	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage
41806	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and attached garage
41807	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage

ID	Feature	Image	Comment
41808	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage manufactured house
42514	Dwelling other than Farm		Craftsman residence with adjacent 2000s-era vintage house and garage
42518	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s vintage residence

ID	Feature	Image	Comment
42570	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage commercial kennel building
43473	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage manufactured residence
43482/ 14458	Dwelling other than Farm		2000s-vintage residence and detached garage