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**NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173j USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project "Class III Intensive Archaeological Resources Inventory
Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Line Supplemental Addendum 3"**

Dear Ms. Eigenberger:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173j USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project "Class III Intensive Archaeological Resources Inventory Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Line Supplemental Addendum 3" by Erika Eigenberger and Michelle Porwoll (HDR, June 2012) and find it acceptable. (However in future, please include the site number for every site listed in the report for speedier review, and to have a complete report submission). If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "*No Historic Properties Affected*" and "*No Significant Sites Affected*" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated, that it takes in the locations plotted, and that sites are avoided as recommended in the report addendum.

In accordance with the executed Programmatic Agreement (PA), a phased approach to identification, evaluation, and mitigation is acceptable. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to further consultation and to the review of (outstanding) project documentation on it. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell 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

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**Letter concurrence no historic properties affected
and no significant sites affected**

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