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Ms. Erika Eigenberger
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NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173k USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project "Center to Grand Forks 345kV Line, Minnkota Power
cooperative, Inc. Class III Intensive Archaeological Resources inventory,
Supplemental Addendum 4 - Table 004 and Table 005"

Dear Ms. Eigenberger:

We reviewed "Center to Grand Forks 345kV Line, Minnkota Power cooperative, Inc.
Class III Intensive Archaeological Resources inventory, Supplemental Addendum 4 -
Table 004 and Table 005," and find it acceptable. 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

c: Dennis Rankin, RUS, Washington, DC
c: Barry G. Williams, USFWS, Bismarck
c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC, Bismarck

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Letter concurrence no historic properties affected
and no significant sites affected

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