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NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173j USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project: Class III CRI (Supplemental Addendum 4, Appendix 1)

Dear Mr. Plank:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and documentation for: 10-0173j
USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project: "Class
III CRI (Addendum4-Appendix 1)," by Stephen Sabatke and Michelle Porwoll (HDR,
October 2013) and find it acceptable. We concur with "No Historic Properties
Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided the project is
of the nature stated and that it takes in the locations plotted 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 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

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Letter concurrence no historic properties affected
and no significant sites affected