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**NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173r USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project: Class III CRI Project Summary Report**

Dear Mr. Plank:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and documentation for: 10-0173r USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project: Class III CRI Project Summary Report," by Erika Eigenberger (HDR, November 2013) and find it acceptable.

In accordance with the executed Programmatic Agreement (PA), a phased approach to identification, evaluation, and mitigation and reporting is acceptable. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. 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,

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