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NDSHPO REF.: 11-2080 Hess Tioga Gas Plant Expansion Cultural Resources
Class I and Class III Inventory Report, Williams County
[T157N R95W Section 23, S1/2, SE1/4]

Dear Judy:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and project document: 11-2080: Hess Tioga Gas Plant Expansion: "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Hess Gas Plant Expansion, Williams County," by Michael J. Retter and Sarah Baer (SWCA Report Number, 11-333, July 2011). Thank you for the report.

If consulted by a federal or state agency, we concur with a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** and **"No Significant Sites Affected"** determination provided the project area is as located and described in the report. Also, we concur that 32WI897, 32WI1145, and 32WIx560 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

✓ c: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota Public Service Commission

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

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