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**NDSHPO REF.: 11-2325 Hess Tioga Gas Plant Southern Expansion Class I  
and Class III Inventory Report, Williams County  
[T157N R95W Section 26, NW1/4- SE1/4]**

Dear Judy:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and project document: **11-2325 Hess Tioga Gas Plant Southern Expansion: "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Hess Tioga Gas Plant Southern Expansion, Williams County, North Dakota,"** by Stephanie Lechert (SWCA Report Number, 11-380, August 2011) and find it acceptable. Thank you for the report.

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 and it takes place in the plotted location in the project documentation. Also, we would concur that site 32W1161 is not significant and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Sincerely,

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and  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Pat Fahn, NDPSC

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