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**ND SHPO REF: 10-1440 PSC Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed 230kV transmission line from the Merricourt Wind Farm to the Ellendale Junction substation in portions of Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Diehl,

We received your preliminary information regarding ND SHPO REF: 10-1440 PSC Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed 230kV transmission line from the Merricourt Wind Farm to the Ellendale Junction substation in portions of Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota. We recommend a Class I (file search) of the project areas followed by a Class III (pedestrian) survey, and review and comment by this office.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further review of the Class I and Class III reports. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)  
and  
Director  
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**Letter recommending file search, survey, and reports**

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