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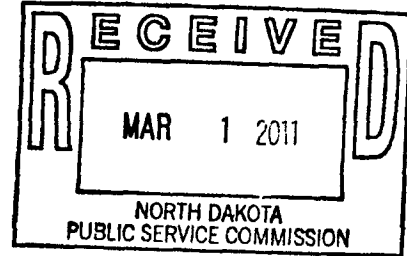
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**NDSHPO REF.: 10-1440a PSC MDU Proposed 230kV Transmission Line
Merricourt Wind Farm to Ellendale Substation-Survey Memo**

Dear Stephen:

We have received and reviewed project correspondence and attachments for: **10-1440a PSC MDU Proposed 230kV Transmission Line Merricourt Wind Farm to Ellendale Substation**, and the "Archaeological Survey Memo for a Proposed 230kv Transmission Line in Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota," (HDR, February 2011). The Class I CRI (file and records search) as presented in the survey memo document is acceptable. Also, as indicated, the completed to date identification (survey) efforts have resulted in the recording of sites within the project area (Table 5 in memo). NDCRS site forms, when completed, should be submitted for review and assignment of SITS site numbers. We look forward to reviewing the forthcoming report(s) covering the completed investigations (Identification-Survey efforts) outlined in the memo correspondence (p. 10), and to further consultation on the project. Site significance evaluations and recommendations for further site treatment and/or avoidance strategies should be included in the final report in tabular form as initiated in Table 5 and in accompanying map/figure graphics supplementing the report text. Compliance with federal agency protocols (e.g., USFWS) and regulations will be treated as identified. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and please use **NDSHPO Ref.: 10-1440** in future consultation on the project. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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c: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)