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**ND SHPO REF: 09-1186B PSC/enXco Merricourt Substation: A Class III
CRI in portions of [T130N R67W Section 3] McIntosh County, North
Dakota**

Dear Ms. Harty,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF: 09-1186B PSC/enXco Merricourt Substation: A Class III CRI in portions of [T130N R67W Section 3] McIntosh County, North Dakota. We concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" (federal) and "No Significant Sites Affected" (State of North Dakota) determinations, provided the project takes place in the surveyed area and remains as described.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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

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

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