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**ND SHPO Ref.: 10-0173 RUS EA for Minnkota Power Cooperative's
proposed Center to Grand Forks Transmission Line Project, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Rankin,

We reviewed the Environmental Assessment on ND SHPO Ref.: 10-0173 RUS EA for Minnkota Power Cooperative's proposed Center to Grand Forks Transmission Line Project, North Dakota.

We look forward to further consultation on the project. Compliance and cultural resource protocols are outlined in Sections 3.10 and 3.11 (pp. 3-85 to 3-93).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. We look forward to further consultation. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota) and
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