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ND SHPO REF: 10-1957d PSC Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline
February 2011 meeting minutes on Treatment Options/Strategies for Sites 32MN844,
32MN460, and 32MN846

Dear Jennifer:

We have reviewed: **10-1957d PSC Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline** February 2011 meeting on Treatment Options/Strategies for Sites 32MN844, 32MN460, and 32MN846 and they accurately reflect SHSND/NDSHPO concurrence on these matters (and as attached) for the three aforementioned sites:

32MN844 – Maintaining a 50' buffer is the preferred method of avoidance, but provided archaeological monitors are onsite during construction, the buffer may be smaller to allow for construction provided the surface expression of the features is not impacted.

32MN460 – Construction may occur along the proposed corridor provided an archaeological monitor is onsite during construction of the area crossing the site.

32MN846 – KL&J will recommend the site *not eligible* following additional historical research.

We concur with ***“No Historic Properties Affected”*** and ***“No Significant Sites Affected”*** determinations for the proposed and reviewed project provided that it is of the nature stated and it takes place in the locations plotted in the correspondence and prior reviewed reports. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have any questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,



Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
enc. as stated
c: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota Public Service Commission

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