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Mr. Mark S. Plank, Director
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NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173g USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project: Temporary Access Roads and Extra Work Space ROW

Dear Mr. Plank:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and documentation for: 10-0173g USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project, Temporary Access Roads and Extra Work Space ROW” by Erika Eigenberger and Michelle Porwoll (HDR, June 2012) and find it acceptable. We concur with “No Historic Properties Affected” and “No Significant Sites Affected” determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and that it takes in the locations plotted in the report addendum. We also look forward to the final cumulative report on this activity as discussed in teleconference call on April 26, 2012. In accordance with the executed Programmatic Agreement (PA), a phased approach to identification, evaluation, and mitigation is acceptable. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to further consultation and to the review of (outstanding) project documentation on it. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
c: Dennis Rankin, RUS, Washington, DC
c: Barry G. Williams, USFWS, Bismarck
c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC, Bismarck
c: Erika Eigenberger, HDR Engineering

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

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**NDSHPO REF.: 10-0173f USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV
Transmission Line Project: Class III CRI Supplemental Addendum 3**

Dear Mr. Plank:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and documentation for: **10-0173f USDA-RUS/PSC Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project: Class III CRI Addendum Report**, "Class III Intensive Archaeological Resources Inventory Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Line, Supplemental Addendum 3," by Erika Eigenberger and Michelle Porwoll (HDR, May 2012) and find it acceptable. We concur with **"No Historic Properties Affected"** and **"No Significant Sites Affected"** determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and that it takes in the locations plotted in the report addendum. We also look forward to the final cumulative report on this activity as discussed in teleconference call on April 26, 2012. In accordance with the executed Programmatic Agreement (PA), a phased approach to identification, evaluation, and mitigation is acceptable. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to further consultation and to the review of (outstanding) project documentation on it. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574.

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