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**NDSHPO REF.: 11-0446a PSC Rangeland Energy COLT Connector Pipeline,
Williams County, North Dakota**
Cultural Resources Class I and Class III Inventory Report

Dear Judy:

We have reviewed correspondence and project document for: 11-0446a PSC "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Rangeland Energy COLT Connector Pipeline, Williams County, North Dakota," by Nicholas Smith (SWCA Report No. 11-02, January 2011), and find it acceptable.

We concur with "*No Significant Sites Affected*" and "*No Historic Properties Affected*" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated, it takes place in the plotted and mapped location, and that site 32WI961 is avoided from impacts as recommended (pp. ii, 36-38, 42) in the report. Also, we concur that historic site 32WI1109 (pp. 39-41) is not significant and not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Finally, we would encourage and recommend that an "Unanticipated Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources" be prepared for the project in the event of an inadvertent discovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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