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ND SHPO REF: 09-0662D PSC ALLETE/Minnesota Power "Bison Wind Farm Access Road Survey: A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory in Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota" in a portion of [T141N R86W Sections 35 & 36] Oliver County and [T140N R86W Sections 3 & 4] Morton County, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Hanley,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF: 09-0662D PSC ALLETE/Minnesota Power "Bison Wind Farm Access Road Survey: A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory in Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable. If consulted, we would concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" (Federal) and "No Significant Sites Affected" (State of North Dakota) determinations, provided the project proceeds as described and mapped areas in your report. Please submit only a report abstract, or a redacted report to the PSC.

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](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

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C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC

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