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NDSHPO REF.: 11-1281 PSC NextEra Energy Resources, Inc. "Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Oliver III Wind Energy Center, Morton County, North Dakota" in portions of [T140N R83W Sections 3-4, 9-11, 14-16, and 22-26]

Dear Mr. Holven:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-1281 PSC NextEra Energy Resources, Inc. "Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Oliver III Wind Energy Center, Morton County, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable. If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided the project takes place as described and mapped in the subject report. Also sites as listed on page 34 of the report (copy attached), are to be avoided.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to review of the architectural report, and any addendum reports, as needed. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Table 9: Summary of Recommendations for Avoidance

Site No.	Map Reference & Location	Recommendations	Summary
979.201	E03 Access road/collection line between Turbines 9 and 10	Avoid impacting the indeterminate affiliation stone pile and erect a snow fence along the 16 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the road/collection layout dated November 20, 2011, the site is located in the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
32MO1087	D03 Collection Line between Turbines 14 and 16	Avoid impacting the Euro-American stone alignment and erect a snow fence along the 16 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the road/collection layout dated November 20, 2011, the site is located in the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
32MO1085	B03 Access road/collection line between Turbines 21 and 22	Avoid impacting the Euro-American stone alignment and erect a snow fence along the 16 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the road/collection layout dated November 20, 2011, the site is located in the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
32MO1086	B02 Access road/collection line between Turbines 23 and 24	Avoid impacting the Native American cairn/Euro-American stone pile and erect a snow fence along the 100 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the road/collection layout dated November 20, 2011, the site is located outside the APE; however, portions of the avoidance buffer do intersect the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
979.028	A02 Access road/collection line between Turbines 27 and 28	Avoid impacting the Euro-American stone pile and erect a snow fence along the 16 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the road/collection layout dated November 20, 2011, the site is located in the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
32MO1088	B01 Turbine 29	Avoid impacting the Native American cairns and stone circles and erect a snow fence along the 100 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the turbine layout dated September 2, 2011, the site is located in the APE. However, the placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.
32MO1084	D03 Turbine Alt 2	Avoid impacting the Euro-American foundation and erect a snow fence along the 50 ft avoidance buffer	Based on the turbine layout dated September 2, 2011, the site is located in the APE. The placement of a snow fence around the avoidance buffer would allow construction activities to continue within the current surveyed corridor without impacting the known extent of the site.

¹ Sites with "No Avoidance" recommendations are not presented.