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Ms. Kelly Garvey
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**NDSHPO REF.: 12-0008 PSC Southwest Oliver Transmission Project in
Mercer, Morton, and Oliver Counties, North Dakota**

Dear Ms. Garvey:

We received your letter on NDSHPO REF.: 12-0008 PSC Southwest Oliver
Transmission Project in Mercer, Morton, and Oliver Counties, North Dakota.
We recommend a Class III (pedestrian) archaeological survey on the unsurveyed
portions of the project and an inventory on standing structures.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project at this time. We look
forward to review of the surveys and further consultation. 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

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC

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**Letter recommending class III cultural resources
inventory**

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