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ND SHPO REF: 12-0025 PSC/Montana-Dakota Utilities Company Heskett Station
Natural Gas Pipeline Project Morton County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Hennen,

We reviewed your preliminary information on ND SHPO REF: 12-0025 PSC/Montana-Dakota Utilities Company - Heskett Station Natural Gas Pipeline Project Morton County, North Dakota. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded cultural resource properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall project area. If the project requires permits issued by a federal and/or state agency (e.g., WAPA, RUS, COE, USFWS, BOR) then the respective agencies are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. As a potential federal undertaking, we encourage agency consultation as part of the review process. Consultation should also include tribal nations, North Dakota Indian Affairs, ND DOT regarding any Scenic Byways, and managers or owners of properties maintained for recreational or scenic value.

We recommend a Class I Cultural Resource Inventory (file and records search with project maps) submittal. Then a Class III (pedestrian) surveys will be warranted for all areas directly impacted by the project. We encourage that tribal monitors be invited to survey the APE. As part of the Class III Inventory, NDCRS site updates should be submitted on all sites resurveyed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further review of cultural resource surveys and site forms. If you have any questions please contact Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,


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