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Mr. Cris Miller
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
1717 East Interstate Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503

ND SHPO Ref.:14-0756 RUS "Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Red, White, and Blue Substations: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Dunn and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota"

Dear Mr. Miller,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.:14-0756 RUS "Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Red, White, and Blue Substations: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Dunn and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable. We concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, provided the project remains as described and mapped in the above-captioned report and provided that sites 32DU1919, 32DU1920, and 32MZ2657 and site lead 32DUx129 are all avoided by the project.

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

Sincerely,

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