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NDSHPO REF.: 12-0400 PSC Plains All-American Pipeline Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline, Mountrail County Class I and Class III Inventory Report

Dear Judy:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and project document for **12-0400 PSC Plains All-American Pipeline Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline:** "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Plains All-American Pipeline Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline, Mountrail County, North Dakota," by Stephanie Lechert and Chandler S. Herson (SWCA Report Number, 11-591, January 2011) and find it acceptable. Thank you for the report.

We concur with **"No Historic Properties Affected"** and **"No Significant Sites Affected"** determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and it takes place in the plotted locations in the project documentation and that sites 32MN915 and 32MN916 are avoided by surveyed reroutes and that site 32MN83 is bored as recommended (pp. 66-67). Also, we concur that sites 32MN913, 32MN914, 32MN917, and 32MN918 as well as 32MNX863, 32MNX864, and 32MNX865 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or 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: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota PSC