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NDSHPO REF.: 12-1430B PSC Hess RTF Tie-In "Addendum to the Class I and III Cultural Resource Inventory RTF Tie-in Project, Williams County, North Dakota"

Dear Judy:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 12-1430B PSC Hess RTF Tie-In "Addendum to the Class I and III Cultural Resource Inventory RTF Tie-in Project, Williams County, North Dakota," (Carolyn Riordan, October 25, 2012) and find it acceptable.

We concur with "*No Historic Properties Affected*" and "*No Significant Sites Affected*" determinations provided that the project is of the nature stated, and that it takes place in plotted location in the report documentation

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. 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.
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and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC