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Ms. Rebecca Spring
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NDSHPO REF.: 13-0013 PSC Docket Number 12-675?
Proposed THPP Lignite Lateral Pipeline which will run adjacent to the BNSF Railroad ROW in portions of [T162N R93W sections 1-3 and T162N R92W Sections 3-6] Burke County, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Spring,

We reviewed your project document for NDSHPO REF.: 13-0013 PSC Docket Number 12-675? Proposed THPP Lignite Lateral Pipeline which will run adjacent to the BNSF Railroad ROW in portions of [T162N R93W sections 1-3 and T162N R92W Sections 3-6] Burke County, North Dakota.

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 correspondence.

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.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC

