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NDSHPO REF.: 13-0372A PSC "Basin Electric Power Cooperative's AVS Natural Gas Pipeline - Addendum 1: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Mercer County, North Dakota" in portions of [T145N R88W Sections 13 14, 23 - 26 and T145N R87W Section 30] Mercer County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Solie:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 13-0372A PSC "Basin Electric Power Cooperative's AVS Natural Gas Pipeline - Addendum 1: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Mercer County, North Dakota," and found the report acceptable. If consulted by a federal agency, we would concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, provided the project remains as described and mapped in the above-captioned report, and "No Significant Sites Affected" at the state level.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)

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