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Mr. Paul Picha, and  
Ms. Fern E. Swenson  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division  
612 East Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Sandpiper Pipeline Project  
Public Service Commission Docket No. PU-13-848  
2013 North Dakota Archaeological and Historic Structure Reconnaissance and Evaluation  
Report

Dear Mr. Picha and Ms. Swenson:

Enbridge (U.S.), Inc. ("Enbridge") proposes to construct the Sandpiper Pipeline Project ("Sandpiper") from Enbridge's Beaver Lodge Station south of Tioga, North Dakota, across North Dakota and Minnesota, to an Enbridge's terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. Sandpiper will transport North Dakota crude petroleum to Superior terminal in order to connect to other pipelines and provide refineries in the Midwest and eastern Canada with crude oil.

In October 2013, Enbridge filed a Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("ND PSC") (Docket No. PU-13-848). In its ND PSC application, Enbridge committed to identify *historical resources not specifically designated as exclusion or avoidance areas* by sponsoring surveys within the environmental survey corridor proposed to contain Sandpiper construction, operation, and maintenance activities. In addition, Enbridge committed to *prepare technical reports for the project's cultural resources studies and...submit them to the State Historical Society of North Dakota ("SHSND") for...review and comment*. With this letter, Enbridge submits the results of its 2013 surveys for review and comment in support of the ND PSC process. Enbridge will submit a copy of this letter along with the cover page and abstract of the attached survey report to ND PSC as a supplemental filing.

Between May and November 2013 Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. ("MAC"), on behalf of Enbridge and Merjent, Inc. ("Merjent"), conducted archaeological and historic structure reconnaissance and evaluation studies for the majority of the environmental survey corridor in North Dakota. The entire environmental survey corridor considered in 2013 encompassed 14,776 acres, of which MAC surveyed 13,164 acres (89 percent). MAC recorded or updated 118 cultural resources, which included 36 Precontact sites, 14 Precontact isolated occurrences, 35 Historic sites, 27 Historic isolated occurrences, 4 Historic Architectural sites, and 2 Multi-component sites. Of those resources, 18 had been recorded prior to this survey effort and were subsequently updated. MAC evaluated Precontact cultural material scatters 32PI81, 32PI82, and 32MN1165 to ascertain whether they qualified for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP"). Precontact site 32GF8 and the Dutch Colonial style barn associated with 32PI80 are recommended eligible for inclusion on the NRHP. MAC recommended that of the remaining 116 cultural resources recorded, 40 sites and the 41 isolated occurrences were recommended not eligible for inclusion on the NRHP, while the NRHP eligibility of 35 sites was not evaluated.

Enbridge requests that your office comment, to the extent possible, on the NRHP-eligibility recommendations presented in the attached report. Please send any written correspondence to me at the address noted on the letterhead, and provide a copy of your response to ND PSC.

Enbridge will submit an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bismarck Field Office ("USACE") for Nationwide Permit 12 authorization for construction in USACE jurisdictional waters of the U.S. Enbridge has recently submitted a jurisdictional request to USACE in advance of submitting its application.

Enbridge continues to define Sandpiper's centerline and construction workspaces within the environmental survey corridor and will provide updated information to SHSND that outlines additional data collection recommendations or engineering controls to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to NRHP-eligible or not evaluated sites.

Please feel free to contact me (715-398-4730; Sara.Ploetz@enbridge.com) or Merjent Analyst Mike Madson (612-746-3660; mmadson@merjent.com) if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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