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ND SHPO REF.: 14-1513 PSC "Antelope Hills Windfarm: A Class III Intensive Cultural Resource Inventory in Mercer County, North Dakota" in portions of [T146N R90W Sections 21-28, 33-36; T146N R89W 28-36; T145N R90W 2; T145N R89W Sections 1-16 and T145N R88W Sections 6, 7, 13-18]

Dear Ms. Hanley,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF.: 14-1513 PSC "Antelope Hills Windfarm: A Class III Intensive Cultural Resource Inventory in Mercer County, North Dakota" and find the report acceptable.

Here are our comments:

1. We encourage avoidance of sites and a 100 foot buffer is preferable when possible, rather than a 50 foot buffer.
2. Sites 32ME1270 (just outside) and 32ME1444 are to be avoided. We recommended similar avoidance measures as part of State Land Department Oil and Gas Lease review in the area in the past year.
3. We recommend that a permitted archaeologist be present during fencing avoidance procedures.
4. Consider visual effects to site settings when making avoidance recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to review of the visual effects report. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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SHPO concurrence letter

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