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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
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600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
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Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In re: Brady Wind, LLC  
230 kV Transmission Line  
Stark County, North Dakota  
PSC Case No. PU-15-797  
Our File No. 35-218-026

Enclosed please find for filing 11 copies of SHPO's concurrence letter for the Brady transmission line archeology report for the Brady Wind Transmission Line matter.

Please call should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steph Dassinger".

Stephanie Dassinger

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Enc.

cc: Zachary Pelham (via mail)  
Jerry Lein  
Matthew T. Collins (via mail)



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ND SHPO Ref: 16-0735 PSC Case No. PU-15-797 Next Era Energy Resources, LLC/Brady Wind, LLC "Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Brady Transmission Line, Stark County, North Dakota"

Dear Mr. Holven,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 16-0735 PSC Case No. PU-15-797 Next Era Energy Resources, LLC/Brady Wind, LLC "Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Brady Transmission Line, Stark County, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable.

We agree with your Table 7: Summary of Recommendations for Avoidance and shovel probing for Pole 42, (page 35 copy enclosed).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to the final report on remaining testing. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions, please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or [ppicha@nd.gov](mailto:ppicha@nd.gov) or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov).

Sincerely,

Claudia J. Berg  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Table 7: Summary of Recommendations for Avoidance

Site No.	Map Reference/Location	Recommendation	Eligibility Determination and Summary
32SK81	Figure 38 and Figure 4-A12 West of Pole 21	Avoid impacting the artifact scatter and erect a snow fence along the site boundary	Since no formal evaluation of significance has been conducted, it is Tetra Tech's opinion that the site should be considered undetermined for the NRHP at this time. Avoidance is recommended for this site.
32SK1158	Figure 4 - A10 Between Poles 39 and 40	Avoid impacting the farmstead and erect a snow fence along the site boundary	Since no formal evaluation of significance has been conducted, Tetra Tech's opinion that the site should be considered undetermined for the NRHP at this time. Avoidance is recommended for this site.
32SK1163	Figure 4 - A9 Pole 51	Avoid impacting the stone pile and erect a snow fence along the 50 ft (15.2 m) avoidance buffer	Since no formal evaluation of significance has been conducted, it is Tetra Tech's opinion that the site should be considered undetermined for the NRHP at this time. Avoidance is recommended for this site.
32SK1164	Figure 4 - A10 Northwest of Pole 42	Avoid impacting the cairn and erect a snow fence along the 100 ft (30.5 m) avoidance buffer	Since no formal evaluation of significance has been conducted, Tetra Tech's opinion that the site should be considered undetermined for the NRHP at this time. Avoidance is recommended for this site.
32SK427	Figure 4 - A10 Pole 42	Shovel probing at the findspot and at 5 to 10 m (16.4 to 32.8 ft) radials	Since the site lead is located in the construction impact area for Pole 42, shovel probing is recommended to determine the presence/absence of subsurface archaeological deposits before an eligibility statement and recommendation of avoidance is determined.
32SK1166	Figure 4 - A10 Between Poles 43 and 44	Avoid impacting the stone pile and erect a snow fence along the 50 ft (15.2 m) avoidance buffer	Since no formal evaluation of significance has been conducted, Tetra Tech's opinion that the site should be considered undetermined for the NRHP at this time. Avoidance is recommended for this site.