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**ND SHPO Ref: 11-1281A ND PSC Case No. PU-11-561 "An Addendum to: Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Oliver III Wind Energy Center, Morton County, North Dakota"**

Dear Mr. Holven,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 11-1281A ND PSC Case No. PU-11-561 "An Addendum to: Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Oliver III Wind Energy Center, Morton County, North Dakota," and find the addendum report acceptable. We concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites determinations for these projects, provided they remain as described and mapped in the above-captioned report, and provided the recommendations specified on page 9 (attached) are carried out.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for these specific projects. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Quinnell, Review & Compliance Coordinator 701-328-3576, e-mail: [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

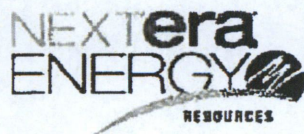
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**AN ADDENDUM TO:**  
**CLASS III CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**OLIVER III WIND ENERGY CENTER**  
**MORTON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**



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#### 4.1.2 Site Lead 32MOx0354

No evidence of Site Lead 32MOx0354 was observed within the survey corridor during the pedestrian survey. Due to the lack of physical features associated with surface mining activities in the survey corridor, Tetra Tech does not recommend shifting Project facilities to avoid the reported boundaries of Site Lead 32MOx0354 within the survey corridor.

#### 4.1.3 Site 32MO1411

Tetra Tech recommends avoidance of the two depressions (Site 32MO1411) and the creation of a 50-ft buffer around these features. Due to the absence of temporally or culturally diagnostic materials at these sites, a definitive assignment of affiliation cannot be determined at this time. Additional research and field investigations would be needed to determine the affiliation and function of these sites.

### 4.2 SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon completing the field survey, Tetra Tech provided NextEra with the avoidance buffers for previously documented Sites 32MO1088 and 32MO1089 and newly documented Site 32MO1411 and recommendations for site avoidance. NextEra has indicated they would be able to work around the documented sites and avoidance buffers with only minor shifts in the proposed service road and collection layout. The revised service road and collection (dated October 5, 2012) are depicted on Figure 3 (Appendix A). Since shifts to the proposed service road and collection line are within areas Tetra Tech has previously surveyed, no additional field survey was required.

Since previously documented Sites 32MO1088 and 32MO1089 and newly documented Site 32MO1411 has been avoided through Project re-design, Tetra Tech recommends a determination of *No Historic Properties Affected*. However, Tetra Tech recommends that orange-colored snow fencing be placed along the avoidance buffers of all documented sites that NextEra's intends to work around to ensure these sites are not impacted.

### 4.3 TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Tetra Tech recommends that the results of this investigation be shared with regional Native American tribes. Tribal representatives should be given an opportunity to review the archaeological sites documented during this survey and determine if any of these sites may have cultural or religious significance.