

May 13, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project – Williams County
Siting Application
Case No. PU-18-352
and
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
345 kV Transmission Line – Williams & Mountrail
Siting Application
Case No. PU-18-351**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced dockets is a letter from the State Historical Society of North Dakota concurring with Supplement II for the Aurora Wind Project Area Class III Cultural Resources Inventory, Mountrail and Williams Counties, North Dakota.

Electronic copies of the attached document and this letter were submitted to the Commission today via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosure

cc: Jerry Lein (via e-mail, w/ enclosure)
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**ND SHPO Ref: 18-0244 Aurora Wind Project in portions of Mountrail and Williams Counties,
North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Latham,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 18-0244 "Supplement II for the Aurora Wind Project Area Class III Cultural Resources Inventory, Mountrail and Williams Counties, North Dakota" in portions of [T159N R97W Sections 23, 25, 35, 36, T159N R96W Section 31, T158N R97W Section 2, T158N R96W Sections 5, 8, 15, 17, 30, 31, T157N R95W Sections 13-15, 17-18, T157N R96W Sections 5, 7-9, 12-14, 16, T157N R94W Sections 17-18, 20, 29]. There are no significant sites affected for this portion of the project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project under North Dakota cultural resources consultation. This letter does not serve as federal agency consultation or SHPO consultation for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (36 CFR Part 800), or the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321- 4347).

If you have any questions please contact Lorna Meidinger, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-2089 or lbmeidinger@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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

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