

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC  
Ruso Wind Project and Gen-Tie Line Project  
Docket Nos. PU-19-28/PU-19-29

**Late-Filed Exhibit No. 55 - Update on State Historical Society of North Dakota  
Concurrence Letter on Addendum to Class III Cultural Resource Inventory**

At the public hearing, the Commission requested that Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (“Ruso Wind”) provide a copy of the State Historical Society of North Dakota’s (“SHSND”) concurrence letter on the Project’s Addendum to the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory. Attached as **Late-Filed Exhibit No. 55(a)** is a copy of a July 9, 2019 letter from SHSND concurring with the determination of “No significant archaeological sites affected” in the Addendum to the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, provided six specified archaeological sites are avoided. As testified to during the hearing, all six sites will be avoided by Project infrastructure and construction activities. The SHSND’s July 9, 2019 letter also states that Ruso Wind’s Unanticipated Discovery Plan is acceptable.



Doug Burgum  
*Governor of North Dakota*

July 9, 2019

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**ND SHPO Ref: 18-1317 ND Public Service Commission "An Addendum to the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Ruso Wind Project in Ward and McHenry Counties, North Dakota"**

Steve C. Martens  
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Dear Ms. Brooks,

Albert I. Berger  
*Grand Forks*

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 18-1317 ND Public Service Commission "An Addendum to the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Ruso Wind Project in Ward and McHenry Counties, North Dakota," and find the June 2019 report by yourself and Melody Abbott acceptable. This includes the "Ruso Wind Unanticipated Discovery Plan" contained on pages 15 – 16. We concur with a "No significant archaeological sites affected" determination for this addendum project, provided the following six archaeological sites are avoided: 32WD2407, 32WD2450, 32WD2451, 32WD2452, 32WD2457, 32WD2458, and provided the project remains as mapped and described in this report. We look forward to review of the architectural report.

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*Watford City*

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Clark at (701)-328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov.

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