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**Re: Merricourt Wind Power Project
Cultural Resource Disturbance
PU-08-932
PU-19-144**

To Whom it may Concern:

This memo aims to give an update on actions taken regarding the disturbance of previously recorded cultural resource sites 32MT181 and CHFMT7 (state number for JLH59).

Construction around the disturbed areas immediately ceased and was fenced off to block unintended travel near or through the site, fencing for all remaining cultural sites was completed, and additional surveying work was done to guard against any further unintended disturbances.

Due to the cultural resource disturbance, the original location for Tower 56 has been removed from consideration and a new location is approximately 600 feet to the south-southwest of the original location. The access road disturbance is now approximately 80 feet from 32MT181 and 127 feet from CHMT7. The new tower location disturbance is now approximately 507 feet from 32MT181 and 236 feet from CHFMT7.

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has indicated site 32MT181 is to be evaluative tested for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The evaluative testing will consist of a magnetometer survey, shovel probing, and excavation units. In addition, the SHPO has indicated they will be requesting tribal coordination and field visit as part of the evaluation process. The coordination and field visit will only be for the disturbed site locations. A tribal specialist may be present during the cultural testing, but that will be determined by the SHPO and the tribes. An evaluative testing plan was drafted for 32MT181 and submitted to the SHPO on January 22, 2020. That draft testing plan is attached as Exhibit A to this memo.

Should you have any comments or questions please contact me at Andrew.Robinson@kljeng.com or 701-250-5921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Robinson'.

Andrew Robinson, Archeologist