



May 20, 2021

Mr. Kevin Solie
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
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ND SHPO Ref: 21-5426 “Dakota Gasification Company: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a CO2 Injection Pipeline in Mercer County, North Dakota” in portions of [T145N R88W Sections 2, 11, 12, 14, 23, & 24] MAC 2020.ND.159

Dear Mr. Solie,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 21-5426 “Dakota Gasification Company: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for a CO2 Injection Pipeline in Mercer County, North Dakota” in portions of [T145N R88W Sections 2, 11, 12, 14, 23, & 24] MAC 2020.ND.159 and find the report by Daan Meens acceptable. We find that there has been a good faith effort to avoid impacts to significant sites.

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 Lisa Steckler, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-3577 or lsteckler@nd.gov

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

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Exhibit 5 – ND SHPO Letter on Cultural Resource
Inventory dated May 20, 2021

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