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ND SHPO Ref.: 23-0240 Luverne Wind Upgrade Project, PU-23-176 in portions of [T145N R57W Sections 22-23, 27-29, and 31-35] in Steele County, North Dakota

Dear Commissioners,

We received preliminary information regarding the proposed Luverne Wind Upgrade PU-23-176 from the project's cultural resources consultant but it only provided information for a portion of the area of potential effect. Additional information is need for this upgrade project as the new total height of the turbines will be greater than 400 feet. We have communicated this to the consultant but they have not responded. We request that no action be taken regarding a permit until cultural resource information for the entire area of potential effect can be reviewed and the effects of this project on cultural resources can be considered.

Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Lorna Meidinger, Lead Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-2089 or lbmeidinger@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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