

5. Metcalf has already completed the Class III survey report for the substation plot and will hand deliver a copy to SHPO on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Metcalf is recommending a finding of "*No Significant Sites Affected (North Dakota Century Code 49-22-09)*" for the substation plot. (Given that the substation plot and transmission easements are on currently disturbed farm ground, the likelihood of finding items of cultural significance is slim.)
6. Ms. Meidinger explained that SHPO can acknowledge receipt of the report once it is received but advised that it will take approximately 30 days to respond to the findings of the survey report. Otter Tail would begin work at the substation plot once it receives a satisfactory response.
7. Otter Tail will have the second phase of the survey completed and sent to SHPO in October 2023. Work on the 115 kV transmission line would be delayed accordingly.
8. Otter Tail requests that the Commission move forward with consideration of the CPCN application with the understanding that Otter Tail is committed to working with SHPO and will complete their recommended process prior to commencing construction.

An original and copies have been sent to you via USPS.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa M. McFarland  
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures  
By electronic filing and U.S. mail