



February 26, 2024

Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

SHSND Ref.: 23-0267 PU-23-313, Rugby Wind Repowering in portions of 57 Sections in Pierce County, North Dakota

Dear Commissioners,

We reviewed the report for SHSND Ref: 23-0267 and found several key problems with the quality of the work, such as dark photographs and ignoring established evaluation criteria, prevented us from properly evaluating the effects of this project. We have sent a letter detailing the necessary revisions directly to the consultant company that wrote the report. We also learned that there will be new ground disturbances as part of this project. We recommend no decision be made regarding permits for this project until the effects on cultural resources can be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. 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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