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

Dear Jolene,

We reviewed the report for SHSND Ref: 23-0267, titled “A Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory and Class II Architecture History Reconnaissance Survey for the Rugby Wind Farm Repowering Project, Pierce County, North Dakota” and find this SWCA report by Scott Dersam needs revisions. Please address the comments below and resubmit the report.

- Please state the ground surface visibility (GSV) for each of the sites revisited and add example GSV photos of each site location. Some site overview photos do not clearly show ground surface conditions (e.g., figures 9 and 15). If photos are not available for each site, please add photos showing the representative ground surface conditions for each type of surface condition in the survey area.
- The acreage listed does not match the GIS shapefiles.
- The report did not reference either the “Farms in North Dakota” historic context or the “Common Farm and Ranch Barns in North Dakota” MPDF in your justifications for eligibility, both are available online at <https://www.history.nd.gov/hp/historiccontexts.html>. Please note that barns and residences can be individually eligible.

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](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov).

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD  
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