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SHSND Ref: 23-0203 Oliver Wind IV Energy Center and Transmission Line, PU-23-317 and PU-23-318 in portions of 168 sections in Mercer and Oliver Counties, North Dakota

Dear Melinda,

We received SHSND Ref: 23-0203 "Oliver Wind IV Transmission Line: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver and Mercer Counties, North Dakota" and find this Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company report by Christina M. Huling and Melinda M. McCarthy acceptable. We will add it to our Manuscript Collection.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. Please be advised that acceptance of this report does not constitute concurrence with the determinations therein. If you have any questions, please contact either Andrew Robinson, State Archeologist, at (701) 328-3575 or andrewrobinson@nd.gov or Lorna Meidinger, Lead Historic Preservation Specialist, at (701) 328-2089 or lmeidinger@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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Dear Melinda,

Based on your submission on behalf of Oliver Wind IV, LLC regarding the cultural resources potentially impacted by the project's proposed transmission line, it is our determination that there are no adverse direct effects on significant sites. We have received comments of concern for potential indirect effects on the Knife River Indian Villages and Fort Clark sites, both of which are currently being nominated for National Historic Landmark status. As such, it may be beneficial to produce a visual impact model showing the indirect effects this project may have on those sites. Please note the direct effects on cultural resources from the proposed wind energy center are being reviewed separately and another letter will be sent when that review is complete.

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 Lorna Meidinger, Lead Historic Preservation Specialist at lmeidinger@nd.gov or (701) 328-2089.

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