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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 reviewed the report for SHSND Ref: 23-0203, titled "Oliver Wind IV Energy Center: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver County, North Dakota" and find this Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. 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 Margie Patton, Research Archeologist, at (701) 328-3576 or mmpatton@nd.gov or 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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Dear Melinda,

Based on your submission on behalf of Oliver Wind IV, LLC regarding the cultural resources potentially impacted by the project's proposed wind energy center, it is our determination there are no adverse direct effects on significant sites provided the 29 archeological sites and 12 cultural heritage sites listed within the report to be avoided are avoided following the measures recommended.

Therefore, it is our determination that there are no significant sites affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation.

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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