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SHSND Ref: 24-9010 NextEra Northern Divide Battery Energy Storage System in portions of [T161N R93W Section 17] in Burke County, North Dakota

Dear Damien,

From your submission on behalf of Northern Divide Wind, LLC, it is our understanding that SHSND Ref: 24-9010 NextEra Northern Divide Battery Energy Storage System involves construction of a new substation with battery storage, access roads, and tie-in line connection to an existing overhead power line. 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 lbmeidinger@nd.gov or (701) 328-2089.

Sincerely,

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

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