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**SHSND Ref.: 24-9113 Basin Electric Combined-Cycle Project (Bison Generation Station), PU-25-86**

Dear Damita,

From your submission on behalf of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, it is our understanding that SHSND Ref: 24-9113 involves construction of a new greenfield generation facility in Section 20 of Wheelock Township. It is our determination that there are no significant sites affected by this project provided 32Wlx823 is avoided and 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](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2089.

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD  
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