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EXHIBIT
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SHSND Ref: 23-5567 Montana Dakota Utilities Jamestown to Ellendale Transmission Line (JETx) in portions of Dickey, LaMoure, and Stutsman Counties, North Dakota

Dear Jennifer,

We received the Class III Cultural Resources report for SHSND Ref: 23-5567 titled "Jamestown to Ellendale (JETx) 345 kV Transmission Line Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Dickey, LaMoure, and Stutsman Counties, North Dakota – Volume 2" from HDR by Laura Koski, John Seidl, and Jennifer Bring. This report covers 45 acres and is the second of three anticipated volumes.

There are no significant sites affected within the area included in Volume 2 provided it takes place in the manner and location as described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source. We look forward to reviewing Volume 3 for additional information and areas of the project.

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 Margie Patton, Research Archaeologist at 701-328-3576 or mmpatton@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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Response Dated 11-19-25 (Dkt #35-9)

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