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SHSND Ref.: 26-9008 Agassiz Transmission Line and Substation Project, PU-26-22 in portions [T140N R49W Sections 3-4 and 9] in Cass County, North Dakota

Dear Melinda,

From your submission on behalf of Minnkota Power Cooperative, it is our understanding that SHSND Ref: 26-9008 involves construction of an approximately 1.25-mile double-circuit 345-kV tap transmission line and associated 345/34.5-kV substation that will tie into the existing MPC Maple River–Bison 345-kV transmission line. Based on the Applied Digital Fargo Communications Project survey and addendum reports submitted for this project, it is our determination that there are no significant sites affected by this project provided 32CS5414 is avoided by all construction activities 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 Preservationist 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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Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

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