



August 13, 2026

Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 408
Grand Forks, ND 58203

SHSND Ref.: 25-9017 North Plains Connector Project, PU-26-82

Dear Sir or Madam,

We recently received notifications of an upcoming technical hearing and a public hearing for case number PU-26-82. As the applicant notes in their application, they are still working on writing the cultural resources reports and we can confirm they have not provided us with this cultural resources information that we need. The application goes on to provide numbers of resources and make claims that their eligibility has been determined, which is not accurate.

We recommend no decision be made until the cultural resource reports have been completed and effects on cultural resources can be considered.

Please include the SHSND Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact 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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