



September 16, 2026

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

SHSND Ref.: 25-9055 Homestead Wind, PU-26-86

Dear Sir or Madam,

We recently received notification of an upcoming public hearing for case number PU-26-86. When looking online at the case documents, we did not see our correspondence with the project applicant, so we are sending them to you directly. Both letters are addressed to Matt Eberl of Homestead Wind, LLC and are dated June 17, 2026 and July 31, 2026.

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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State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHS)
William D. Peterson, PhD, Director



June 17, 2026

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SHSND Ref.: 25-9055 Homestead Wind in Williams County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Eberl,

We reviewed the Class II and Class III cultural survey reports (dated May and March 2026 respectively) that Tetra Tech, Inc. prepared for your project area. Based on the maps and information they provided on your behalf, there are currently five sites within the project area that should be avoided: 32WI2594, 32WI2599, 32WI2600, 32WI2608, and 32WI2609. If those sites cannot be avoided by at least 50 feet, further evaluative work is recommended. In addition to these sites to avoid, significant sites 32WI2458, 32WI2593, and 32WI2589 would be adversely affected based on current plans. These effects should be mitigated or plans adjusted to avoid the adverse effects.

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Cc: Stephen Anderson

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July 31, 2026

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Dear Mr. Eberl,

We received maps from Tetra Tech, Inc. showing that sites 32WI2594, 32WI2599, 32WI2600, 32WI2608, and 32WI2609 will be avoided by at least 50 feet. For sites 32WI2458, 32WI2593, and 32WI2589, Sarah Sinsabaugh and Jennie Geiger of Apex, Kaley Singer of Tetra Tech, and Lorna Meidinger met to discuss mitigation of the adverse effects from this project. We agree the adverse effects would be mitigated provided that Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Level III documentation for each of the three properties.

The HABS Level III should include documentation of the structures, viewshed, and additional archival research to include:

- the addition of burial information for St. Boniface Cemetery where the NRHP eligible Lourdes Grotto is located (32WI2589),
- a review of Father William C. Sherman's ethnography *Prairie Mosaic* for context for the Swedish farmstead (32WI2593),
- the development of a historic context for Williams County prairie schools,
- a review of school photographs in the William Shemorry collection for comparison to Eureka School No. 2 (32WI2589), and
- a review of the county history books available in the state archives.

As of the meeting on July 21st, the property owners for the Swedish farmstead and the St. Boniface Cemetery were willing to allow access for the HABS Level III to be conducted. The owner of the school had not responded to inquiries about their permission for the work. We agree that if the landowner for the school will not grant permission to enter their property, the HABS Level III site specific work could be completed from public rights-of-way.

Copies of the final HABS documentation should be submitted to our office.

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