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Class III Cultural Resource Survey of the Homestead Wind Project

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is a summary of a Class III cultural resource survey conducted by Tetra Tech from May 5 through June 8, 2025, August 8 through 18, 2025, and September 22 through 29, 2025, in support of Homestead Wind LLC's (Homestead) proposed Homestead Wind Project (Project) in Williams County, North Dakota. The Project direct Area of Potential Effects (direct APE) consists of approximately 4,578.9 acres of private and state land located approximately 18 miles northwest of Williston, North Dakota, and approximately 8 miles south of Grenora, North Dakota. The Project includes planned infrastructure such as turbine locations, private access roads, underground collection lines, a project substation, a laydown yard, an operations and maintenance building and other Project facilities (Figures 1-1 and 1-2, and Appendix A).

Since the Project is located entirely on private and state land, there is no federal regulatory nexus associated with the Project, and it is not subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Project will require a Certificate of Site Compatibility from the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC); therefore, the Project is subject to review by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 49-22-09 – *Factors to be considered in evaluating application and designations of sites, corridors, and routes*. The purpose of this investigation is to provide the necessary information for the SHSND review by confirming the presence or absence of archaeological sites within the Project APE for direct effects and visual effects. The direct effects APE includes all areas that may be permanently or temporarily affected during construction of the Project and is based on the Project footprint from September 9, 2025. The visual effects APE includes the Project direct APE and surrounding 2-mile buffer (covered in a separate report).

This report documents a Class III cultural resource survey of approximately 26,950.77 acres (Survey Area) including the approximately 4,578.9-acre direct APE and 1,723 acres of Limits of Disturbance (LOD). The larger survey area of approximately 26,950.77 acres was conducted to allow for Project design changes and avoidance of eligible and unevaluated cultural resources, if documented. The May 5 through June 8 pedestrian survey was conducted in cultivated agricultural fields where the ground surface visibility exceeded 30 percent. The August 8 through 18 and September 22 through 29 supplemental shovel testing survey included state land and private land parcels in non-cultivated pasture lands where the ground surface visibility was less than 30 percent.

The survey included a total of 26,950.77 acres referred to as the Survey Area. The direct APE is defined as the 4,578.9 acres where ground disturbing activity may occur for the construction of the Project. The Research Area is defined as a 1-mile buffer surrounding the direct APE.

A cultural resource desktop study was completed in April 2024 and revised in March 2026 for the areas of the Project parcels (Project Area) plus a 1-mile buffer (Desktop Research Area). Archival research included access to the SHSND interoffice records system. The Desktop Research Area has been reduced since the 2024 file search and is now defined as the direct APE plus a 1-mile buffer (Research Area). Based on the revised Research Area, 15 previously conducted cultural resource investigations have occurred within the Research Area (9 of which intersect the direct APE), and 19 archaeological resources (11 sites and 8 IFs), two architectural resources, and one unrecorded cemetery are located within the

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Research Area. Of the 19 previously recorded archaeological resources, one IF was identified within the direct APE. The IF (32WIX384) was recommended as not eligible for the NRHP and was not located during the survey. No potential historic resources were identified during a review of the historic Bureau of Land Management (BLM) General Land Office (GLO) plats from 1893.

The cultural resource survey conducted for the Project recorded 42 newly identified cultural resources (17 sites and 25 IFs) and revisited 7 previously recorded cultural resources (6 sites and 1 site lead) within the Survey Area. Of the 49 identified archaeological resources, 14 (6 sites, 1 site lead, and 7 IFs) are located within the direct APE.

All cultural resources identified during the Class III survey are addressed in this report for the SHSND's records. A total of 14 archaeological resources (6 sites, 1 site lead, and 7 IFs) are located within the direct APE. Of the six sites located within the direct APE, sites 32WI2599 and 32WI2600 were both probed for subsurface artifacts. Subsequent probes were all negative for cultural material and are left as evaluated under Criterion D. Both sites are located outside of the Project limits of disturbance and will not be impacted. Sites 32WI2594, 32WI2608, and 32WI2609 are left as unevaluated and will be avoided by the final Project design. The one site lead (32WIX268) located adjacent to the direct APE is left as unevaluated and will be avoided by the final Project design. Of the seven IFs (32WIX905, 32WIX906, 32WIX907, 32WIX916, 32WIX917, 32WIX921, and 32WIX927) located within the direct APE, all have been probed for subsurface artifacts. These seven IFs are recommended as not eligible for the NRHP and no further management is recommended. Site 32WI2601 was researched and after consultation with Andrew Robinson, recommended as not eligible for the NRHP and no further management is recommended.

One newly recorded site 32WI2593 that is located outside of the direct APE is recommended as eligible for the NRHP. Site 32WI2598 is also located outside of the direct APE and is left as unevaluated pending a more thorough investigation and research into the significance of the historic component of the site. These two sites will not be affected by the Project.

The remaining sites and IFs located outside of the direct APE are left as unevaluated and will not be affected by the Project. Only IFs 32WIX905 and 32WIX917 and site 32WI2601 intersect the Projects Limits of Disturbance (LOD). All three resources have been recommended as not eligible for the NRHP. All other cultural resources will be avoided, and no direct effects to cultural properties are anticipated.