



August 13, 2026

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

**SHSND Ref.: 26-9018 Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Prairie Winds Repowering Project,
PU-26-164 in Ward County, North Dakota**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to let you know that an archaeological testing plan has been submitted to our office for sites that cannot be avoided by the project in case PU-26-164. That plan is currently under review, and testing would occur only after the plan is approved. The results of the testing are needed before we can make further recommendations regarding the affected cultural resources.

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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