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SHSND Ref: 26-0114 Maple River Substation Fiber Installation Project 190355 in portions of [T140N R49W Section 28] Cass County, North Dakota

Dear Melinda,

We reviewed SHSND Ref: 26-5144 "A Class I: Literature Review for the Maple River Substation Fiber Installation in Cass County, North Dakota" from Burns McDonnell and find the report by Melinda McCarthy and Ashley Ellison acceptable. We find that there has been a good faith effort to avoid impacts to significant sites.

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 Margie Patton, Research Archaeologist at 701-328-3576 or mmpatton@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD
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