



October 30, 2019

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RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 150904001S – Addendum 2 to the Archaeological and Traditional Cultural Property Inventory, Crowned Ridge Transmission Line
Location: Multiple Counties
(PUC)

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 1-19A-11.1. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to provide the following comments concerning the effect of the proposed project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On October 24, 2019, we received your letter dated October 23, 2019, and the report entitled “Addendum 2 to Level III Intensive Archaeological and Traditional Cultural Property Resources Inventory for the Crowned Ridge Transmission Line, Codington and Grant Counties, South Dakota,” prepared by Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Spirit Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Yankton Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Office, HDR, Inc. and SWCA Environmental Consultants.

According to the report, tribal representatives participating in the survey documented 73 new properties in Grant County and one previously recorded property in Codington County. The 74 properties identified below were evaluated and determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as Traditional Cultural Properties under Criterion A.

Permanent Number	Temporary Number	Permanent Number	Temporary Number
TCP-GT-0085	CRW-265-S1	TCP-GT-0470	PER-33
TCP-GT-0422	OS-05	TCP-GT-0471	PER-34
TCP-GT-0423	OS-06	TCP-GT-0478	TLA-002
TCP-GT-0424	OS2-01	TCP-GT-0479	WP19-010
TCP-GT-0425	OS-01	TCP-GT-0480	WP19-004
TCP-GT-0426	OS-02	TCP-GT-0482	WP19-003



TCP-GT-0427	OS2-03	TCP-GT-0484	TLB-021
TCP-GT-0428	OS2-07	TCP-GT-0486	TLA-003
TCP-GT-0430	OS2-08	TCP-GT-0487	TLA-005
TCP-GT-0433	OS2-02	TCP-GT-0490	TLA-004
TCP-GT-0434	OS2-04	TCP-GT-0492	WP19-005
TCP-GT-0435	OS2-09	TCP-GT-0494	TLB-024
TCP-GT-0436	OS2-05	TCP-GT-0495	TLB-025
TCP-GT-0437	OS2-06	TCP-GT-0501	TLA-010
TCP-GT-0438	PER-26	TCP-GT-0502	WP19-015
TCP-GT-0439	PER-25	TCP-GT-0503	WP19-016
TCP-GT-0440	PER-24	TCP-GT-0504	TLA-009
TCP-GT-0441	PER-15	TCP-GT-0507	TLB-005
TCP-GT-0442	PER-27	TCP-GT-0509	TLB-003
TCP-GT-0443	PER-28	TCP-GT-0511	TLB-002
TCP-GT-0444	PER-16	TCP-GT-0519	TLB-015
TCP-GT-0445	PER-18	TCP-GT-0520	TLB-019
TCP-GT-0446	PER-21	TCP-GT-0521	TLB-014
TCP-GT-0447	PER-23	TCP-GT-0524	TLB-012
TCP-GT-0448	PER-19	TCP-GT-0525	TLB-016
TCP-GT-0449	PER-12	TCP-GT-0526	TLB-017
TCP-GT-0450	PER-13	TCP-GT-0682	TLINED-002
TCP-GT-0451	PER-17	TCP-GT-0683	TLINED-003
TCP-GT-0452	PER-11	TCP-GT-0684	TLINED-001
TCP-GT-0453	PER-22	TCP-GT-0685	TLINED-004
TCP-GT-0455	PER-14	TCP-GT-0469	PER-29
TCP-GT-0456	PER-05	TCP-GT-0470	PER-33
TCP-GT-0457	PER-07	TCP-GT-0471	PER-34
TCP-GT-0458	PER-06	TCP-GT-0478	TLA-002
TCP-GT-0459	PER-10	TCP-GT-0479	WP19-010
TCP-GT-0460	PER-08	TCP-GT-0480	WP19-004
TCP-GT-0461	PER-09	TCP-GT-0482	WP19-003
TCP-GT-0464	PER-04	TCP-GT-0484	TLB-021
TCP-GT-0465	PER-03	TCP-GT-0486	TLA-003
TCP-GT-0466	PER-31	TCP-GT-0487	TLA-005
TCP-GT-0467	PER-30	TCP-GT-0490	TLA-004
TCP-GT-0468	PER-32		
TCP-GT-0469	PER-29		

As a result of the identification efforts, the participating THPOs have determined that the proposed project will impact the integrity of the Traditional Cultural Properties. Measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to historic properties were developed by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER) and the THPOs. These measures can be found in Section 4.1.1 of the current report.

Given the above, we have determined that the proposed project will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any archaeological property or Traditional Cultural Property that is listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places or the environs of such property pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. We recommend applying the above-mentioned measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to historic properties and continue to implement the document entitled "Historic Property Monitoring and Discovery Plan for Crowned Ridge Wind and Crowned Ridge II Projects, Deuel, Grant and Codington Counties."

We appreciate the efforts made by NEER to acknowledge the special expertise American Indian tribes possess in identifying and assessing cultural properties that hold religious and cultural significance to them. We also appreciate NEER's willingness to consider the effects of the transmission line project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paige Olson at Paige.Olson@state.sd.us or (605) 773-6004.

Sincerely,

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