



June 11, 2019

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RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 150904001S – Addendum 1 to 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 May 30, 2019, we received your letter dated May 28, 2019, and the report entitled “Addendum 1 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 (THPO), Spirit Lake THPO, Yankton Sioux THPO, HDR, Inc. and SWCA Environmental Consultants.

Based on the information provided in the report, we agree with the following recommendations.

- Newly recorded properties 39GT0419, 39GT0420 and 39GT0421 and previously recorded property 39GT0418 do not meet any of the Criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- A total of 49 properties were identified and evaluated as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) by the THPOs. These properties are considered eligible for listing in the National Register for Criterion A.

TCP-GT-0420	TCP-GT-0416	TCP-GT-0477	TCP-GT-0522
TCP-GT-0421	TCP-GT-0462	TCP-GT-0498	TCP-GT-0485
TCP-GT-0419	TCP-GT-0463	TCP-GT-0496	TCP-GT-0489
TCP-GT-0432	TCP-GT-0454	TCP-GT-0497	TCP-GT-0491
TCP-GT-0431	TCP-GT-0512	TCP-GT-0506	TCP-GT-0488



TCP-GT-0429	TCP-GT-0517	TCP-GT-0505	TCP-GT-0513
TCP-GT-0411	TCP-GT-0514	TCP-GT-0499	TCP-CD-0433
TCP-GT-0412	TCP-GT-0476	TCP-GT-0510	TCP-CD-0432
TCP-GT-0413	TCP-GT-0475	TCP-GT-0508	TCP-CD-0474
TCP-GT-0414	TCP-GT-0493	TCP-GT-0523	TCP-CD-0475
TCP-GT-0415	TCP-GT-0500	TCP-GT-0515	
TCP-GT-0418	TCP-GT-0481	TCP-GT-0518	
TCP-GT-0417	TCP-GT-0483	TCP-GT-0516	

In addition, the THPOs have determined that the proposed project will impact the integrity of the TCPs. As a result, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER) and the THPOs developed measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate these impacts, which are outlined in the report. NEER and the THPOs also coordinate the development of a Historic Property Monitoring and Discovery Plan.

Given the above, we have determined that the proposed project will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any archaeological property or TCP 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 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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