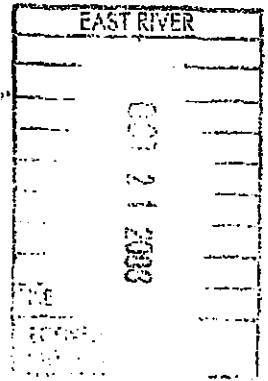




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**REVISED**

October 2, 2008

Attn: Paige Hoskinson  
Section 106 Review and Compliance  
South Dakota State Historical Society  
Cultural Heritage Center  
900 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2217

RE: Chancellor 115 KV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Hoskinson:

Enclosed you will find maps and supportive information concerning the proposed Chancellor 115 KV transmission line to be constructed by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

The proposed project is located in the southeastern region of South Dakota, near Chancellor, South Dakota. The elevation in which the proposed transmission line will be constructed is approximately 1350 feet to 1440 feet.

The proposed Chancellor 115 KV transmission line would be located along existing roads on private property and public right of way. The transmission line will initiate at the Virgil Fodness high voltage substation located in the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Two (2), Township Ninety-nine (99) North, Range Fifty-one (51) West of the 5th P.M. in Lincoln County. The line will be built above ground along the township and county roads. Some tree trimming or removal will need to be done to meet National Electrical Code. The typical structure used for this line will be a single wood pole with stand off insulators. The average height of the poles will be 65' and set into the ground 8.5'.

The line will terminate at the location of the Chancellor Substation located in the northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Ninety-nine (99) North, Range Fifty-one (51) West of the 5th P.M. in Turner County, South Dakota.

Ms. Paige Hoskinson

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The proposed Chancellor 115 KV transmission line is required by our member, Southeastern Electric, to meet the demands of new electrical loads being added in this area.


Wildlife in the area include, but are not limited to, deer, rabbit, coyote, badger, skunk, raccoon, mink, fox, gopher, and many species of birds.

Based on the findings of Cultural Heritage Consultants in Sioux City, Iowa, in a Letter Report - Addition to archaeological survey conducted prior to construction of the proposed Chancellor 115kv Transmission Line project in Lincoln, County, South Dakota, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. concurs with the findings of "this report recommends clearance to proceed with the proposed project" and cultural resources clearance for the proposed project is recommended.

I would appreciate receiving your comments based on this information.

If any additional information is required, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kurt Donelan  
Land Agent

KD/jc

Enc. (original and one copy of the report)

cc: Jim Haug (with one copy of the report)

**SECTION 106 DETERMINATION**

Based upon the information provided to the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office on 10/16/08 we concur with your agency's determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this undertaking.

Gay D. Vogt  
State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

By: Amy Rubingh

10/17/08 Date      080725008F SHPO Project #

Pursuant to 36 CFR part 800.13, if historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties found after the agency official has completed the Section 106 process, the agency official shall avoid, minimize or mitigate the adverse effects to such properties and notify the SHPO/THPO, and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery.

**SECTION 106 CONSULTATION**

Concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Office does not relieve the federal agency official from consulting with other appropriate parties, as described in 36 CFR Part 800.2(c).