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Ms. Pamela J. Flynn  
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Minneapolis, MN 55416

**RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation**

Project: 170516002S - Otter Tail Power Company Astoria Station Project

Location: Deuel County

Dear Ms. Flynn:

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 September 27, 2017, we received your letter and report entitled "Level III Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Astoria Station Project, Deuel County, South Dakota". According to the report, one new property (39DE0126) was identified and recorded and one previously known property (39DE0040) was revisited.

Based on the information provided, properties 39DE0040 and 39DE0126 do not meet any of the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, the proposed project will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any historic property listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places or the environs of such property.

Please note that this letter does not relieve any participating federal agency of its responsibility for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Paige Olson at [Paige.Olson@state.sd.us](mailto:Paige.Olson@state.sd.us) or (605) 773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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