



February 14, 2018

Ms. Jennie Geiger
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RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 180205002S – Dakota Range I Wind, LLC Project in Grant and Codington Counties, South Dakota

Location: Multiple Counties
(PUC)

Dear Ms. Geiger:

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 February 5, 2018, we received your letter, the archaeology survey report entitled “Level III Archaeological Inventory of the Dakota Range I Wind Project, Archaeological High Probability Areas, Codington and Grant Counties, South Dakota,” prepared by Mark Carpenter, and the architectural survey report entitled “Reconnaissance Level Architectural Survey of the Dakota Range I Wind, LLC Project, Grant and Codington Counties, South Dakota, T119N, R51 & 52W; T120N, R51 & 52W; T121N, R51 & 52W,” prepared by Brenna Moloney.

According to the reports, 20 newly recorded and four previously recorded archaeological properties and 55 architectural properties were identified and recorded during the various surveys. Based on the information provided in the reports, we concur with the following recommendations.

- Previously recorded archaeological properties 39GT0089, 39GT0090, 39GT0117 and 39GT0118 are considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under Criterion A.
- Newly recorded archaeological properties 39GT0242, 39GT0258, 39GT0259 and 39GT0261 do not meet any of the Criteria for listing in the National Register.

- Newly recorded archaeological properties 39GT0243, 39GT0244, 39GT0245, 39GT0246, 39GT0247, 39GT0248, 39GT0249, 39GT0250, 39GT0251, 39GT0252, 39GT0253, 39GT0254, 39GT0255, 39GT0256, 39GT0257 and 39GT0260 have not been fully evaluated for listing in the National Register.
- Three structures, CD00000066, CD00000617 and GT00000411, out of the 55 recorded are considered eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C.

Given the above, we have determined that the proposed project will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any property that is list in the State or National Register of Historic Places or the environs of such property pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1.

However, we recommend that all eligible and unevaluated archaeological properties be avoided by construction activities. We also recommend working with local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to identify and avoid any sensitive areas that maybe associated with their tribes.

We appreciate Dakota Range I, LLC's efforts to take into consideration the effects of the 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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