



August 1, 2019

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

Project: 150904001S – Crowned Ridge II Generation Tie Line, Addendum 1 to Level III Intensive Archaeological and Traditional Cultural Property Inventory  
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 July 29, 2019, we received your letter dated July 26, 2019, and the report entitled “Addendum 1 to Level III Intensive Archaeological and Traditional Cultural Property Resources Inventory for the Crowned Ridge II Generation Tie Line, Codington and Grant Counties, South Dakota,” prepared by the 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. Based upon the information provided, we concur with the following determinations of eligibility:

- Newly recorded sites CD00000633, CD00000634 and CD00000635 should be considered **not eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Twenty-three newly recorded sites were evaluated as Traditional Cultural Properties by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), Spirit Lake THPO and Yankton Sioux THPO. These sites should be considered **eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Criterion A.

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According to the report, the THPO's have determined that the proposed project will alter characteristics that make the TCPs eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in a way that will diminish the integrity of setting and feeling. NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER), working in coordination with the THPOs, including the Rosebud THPO, have developed the document entitled "Historic Property Monitoring and Discovery Plan for Crowned Ridge Wind and Crowned Ridge II Projects, Deuel, Grant and Codington Counties." The document outlines avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures. We recommend implementing these measures for all eligible and unevaluated properties located in the project area.

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 appreciate the efforts made by all parties to consider 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](mailto:Paige.Olson@state.sd.us) or (605) 773-6004.

Sincerely,

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