



February 4, 2020

Ms. Sarah Emery
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RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 190507003S – Tatanka Ridge Wind, LLC - PUC Docket No. EL19-026 – Archaeological Evaluation 39DE0097, 39DE0150 and 39DE0151

Location: Deuel County
(PUC)

Dear Ms. Emery:

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 evaluation of sites 39DE0097, 39DE0150 and 39DE0151 for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

On January 21, 2020, we received your email and the report entitled “Archaeological Evaluation of Sites 39DE0097, 39DE0150 and 39DE0151 for the Tatanka Ridge Wind Project, Deuel County, South Dakota,” by HDR. Based on the information provided, the additional identification efforts have established that newly recorded sites 39DE0150 and 39DE0151 do not have the potential to yield additional information important in precontact history or history. However, previously recorded site 39DE0097 was only partially tested by HDR. While the results of the additional efforts indicate site 39DE0097 does not appear to have the potential to yield additional information, we are unable to comment until the entire site has been tested and evaluated for listing in the National Register.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above documents. Should you require additional information, please contact Paige Olson at (605) 773-6004 or Paige.Olson@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer



Paige Olson
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cc: Jane Watts and Renee Boen, Archaeological Research Center
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