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SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION

Project: 260122006F – Philip Wind Farm
Location: Haakon
WAPA - Western Area Power Administration

Dear Ms. Meyer,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 306108, also known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with your determination regarding the effect of the proposed undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On January 22, 2026, SHPO received an Electronic Review & Compliance (ERC) submission, which included your letter dated January 21, 2026, and the survey report titled, "Class III Letter Report for Proposed Conductor Tensioning Work Areas near the Philip Switchyard along WAPA's Oahe - New Underwood 230-kV Transmission Line, in Haakon County, South Dakota / SWCA Project 99549" by Stefan Peterson of SWCA Environmental Consultants. This submission is to serve as an addendum to the proposed undertaking previously reviewed by SHPO under the SHPO Project Number 221020010F. For this addendum, an additional cultural resources survey was conducted to address an additional work area being added to the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The additional area is to provide a work area for the conductor pulling and tensioning phase of the interconnection project previously reviewed under SHPO Project Number 221020010F.

Based upon the information provided, a Class III cultural resources survey was conducted for the 2.41-acre additional work area. During the survey, no cultural resources were identified. Therefore, SHPO concurs with your determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the proposed undertaking.

Changes in the location and/or nature of activities from those identified in your request will require the submission of additional documentation pertaining to the identification of historic properties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.4, and/or the undertaking's effects on historic properties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.11.

Concurrence of the SHPO does not relieve the federal agency official from consulting with other appropriate parties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c).





If historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are 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 and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Katie Wasley at Katie.Wasley@state.sd.us or at 605-773-2906. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Garry Guan
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Wasley".

Katie Wasley
Review & Compliance Coordinator

CC: David Kluth - Western Area Power Administration

