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**NDSHPO REF. : 06-0088 PSC/ Department of State/ENSR
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: Research Design and Project Class I CRI
(File & Records Search) for Cultural Resources**

Dear Ms. Nelsen and Mr. Ellis:

We have reviewed project: "Research Design for the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Cultural Resource Inventory in North Dakota," by Ed Stine (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, January 2006) and find it acceptable. The Class I CRI (File and Records Search) detailed in the report fulfills information needs regarding the project area.

We concur with the level and scope of identification efforts proposed for cultural resources in the TransCanada Keystone project area. The five levels of investigation, as outlined, are acceptable.

If the project crosses lands administered by a federal or state agency, or the project requires federal or state permits, then the respective agency(ies) are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. Finally, we look forward to reviewing the report(s) covering the investigations.

Thank you for the opportunity to review, and to further consultation on, the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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and
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