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RE: Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project  
Construction of approximately 4.5 miles of additional 161-kV transmission line route and associated facilities, including a substation  
Martin County  
SHPO Number: 2025-1795

Dear Adam Holven:

Thank you for continuing consultation on the above referenced project. We understand that this transmission line extension project will require a Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) route permit. Therefore, the submitted information has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Office by the Minnesota Historic Sites Act (Minn. Stat. 138.665-666). If this project will be located on non-federal public land, the project will also be subject to review under the Minnesota Field Archaeology Act (Minn. Stat. 138.40)

We have reviewed the revised report, *Phase IA Cultural Resources Investigation Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project Martin County, Minnesota* (November 24, 2025) as prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. We agree with the survey recommendations and look forward to reviewing the Phase I archaeological survey report when it is available. Please continue to submit reports in the OSA Portal and submit a project review request letter to the Environmental Review Inbox as usual. Please be sure to reference the SHPO Number 2025-1795, and include the full title, author, and date of the Phase I survey report in the letter.

We look forward to continuing consultation on this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at [kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us](mailto:kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

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