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Mr. William L. Goetz  
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St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers  
1136 U. S. Post Office and Custom House  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

SHSW 0412-76  
RE: KCSCO-GR(79-34/50/51-13)  
Transmission lines - Tyrone  
Energy Park

Dear Mr. Goetz:

We have reviewed the material submitted for the above mentioned permit. Our records indicate a high density of archeological sites within the general area of the Mississippi River crossings, and several sites in or adjacent to all three corridors on the Wisconsin side of the river. One of these sites (the Diamond Bluff/Mero site; 47-Pi-2) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located in Section 19, T25N, R18W. The effect of the route chosen on this or other archeological sites eligible for inclusion on the National Register cannot be determined until a thorough archeological reconnaissance and evaluation is undertaken.

Our records also indicate a high density of archeological sites in the vicinity of the Chippewa River crossings in Pepin and Dunn counties. These areas must also be examined by a qualified archeologist before we can comment on the effects of transmission line construction.

Archeological reconnaissance should not be limited to the river crossings, however. Previous work in interior drainages such as the Eau Claire and Plum River valleys has located many important archeological sites far removed from the major rivers. We have pointed out to other federal agencies involved in this project that a survey of the entire transmission line would be necessary in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Executive Order 11593, and 36 CFR 800.

In addition, we will need to know what buildings of architectural or historical significance may be altered, demolished or otherwise affected by the construction of these transmission lines.

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If there are any further questions on this matter, please contact me at (608) 262-2732 in the Historic Preservation Division.

Sincerely,

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Compliance Coordinator

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cc: Mr. Richard Prestin, Northern States Power Company  
Mr. Frank W. Bennett, Rural Electrification Administration  
✓ Mr. B. J. Youngblood, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mr. Joseph P. Rough, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation