

June 26, 2012

Mr. Gary Robinette
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF TRANSCRIPT FROM TELECONFERENCE CONDUCTED
ON APRIL 24, 2012

Dear Mr. Robinette:

Enclosed please find a copy of the transcript from the teleconference conducted on April 24, 2012, pertaining to the proposed Crow Butte North Trend, Crow Butte License Renewal, and Dewey-Burdock projects. The participants in the call included staff from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); representatives of Powertech, Cameco, and SRI Foundation (SRIF) (applicant's contractor); the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SD SHPO); and representatives of eight Tribes (Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Northern Arapaho, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Standing Rock Sioux, Yankton Sioux, and Cheyenne and Arapaho).

During the teleconference, the NRC staff sought feedback from the Tribes on the applicants' proposed Statements of Work (SOWs) for conducting Tribal Cultural Properties (TCP) studies. The staff had previously sent these SOWs to the Tribes on March 9, 2012. The consulting parties discussed the following aspects of the applicants' draft SOWs:

- Adequacy of compensation for Tribal officials conducting the fieldwork.
- Confidentiality of information gathered by the Tribes.
- Amount of acreage to be covered during the fieldwork. Tribes requested 100% surveys of project areas. The Tribes agreed to send two Tribal officials to visit the project areas and determine the scope and extent of the fieldwork.
- Tribal involvement in making eligibility determinations.
- Next steps:
 - Two Tribal officials visit the project areas for initial work assessment;
 - Tribes develop SOWs based on these initial visits;
 - Tribes hold a teleconference to discuss their draft SOWs;
 - Tribes provide copies of draft SOWs to NRC after all Tribal members agree;
 - NRC distributes draft SOWs from Tribes to all other consulting parties including Tribes, applicants, and SHPO;
 - NRC schedules another meeting with all consulting parties to finalize SOWs; and
 - Applicants will provide dates for proposed field work.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my staff Haimanot Yilma via email at Haimanot.yilma@nrc.gov or phone at 301-415-8029 for the Dewey-Burdock project or Nathan Goodman via email at Nathan.goodman@nrc.gov or phone at 301-415-8029 for the Crow Butte projects.

Sincerely,

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