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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Ex Parte Notification
WT Docket No. 15-180**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 16 and May 17, 2016, at the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Semi-Annual Meeting in Atmore, Alabama, Federal Communications Commission (Commission) staff met with members of the USET Culture and Heritage Committee and with other USET members, staff and meeting participants. This letter serves to notify the Commission that these meetings occurred.

Commission staff present:

- Chad Breckinridge, Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB)
- Stephen G. DelSordo, AICP – Federal Preservation Officer, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, WTB
- Anne Marie Wypijewski, Senior Attorney, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, WTB
- Sayuri Rajapakse, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

USET members, staff and meeting participants present:

- Brian Patterson, USET President
- Robert G. Thrower, Chairman, USET Culture and Heritage Committee
- Edith Andrews, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- Juan Cancel, Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Walter Celestine, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- James Charles, Lewis, Longman and Walker, P.A.
- Elizabeth Dana, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point
- Cindy Carter Davis, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Jonathan M. Davis, Institute of American Indian Arts
- Wenonah G. Haire, Catawba Nation
- Stacey Hathorn, Alabama Historical Commission

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- Lisa D. Jones, Alabama Historical Commission
- Bradley M. Mueller, Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Teresa Paglione, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Jonathan Perry, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- Marie Pineault, The Mohegan Tribe
- James S. Sappier, Penobscot Indian Nation
- Alina J. Shively, Jena Band of Choctaw
- Gregory Smith, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP
- Anthony Dean Stanton, Narragansett Indian Tribe
- John Sullivan, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States
- Michael Tarpley, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Elaine Thomas, The Mohegan Tribe
- Matthew Thomas, Narragansett Indian Tribe
- Eric Thurston, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Bettina M. Washington, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- Andrew J. Weidman, Seminole Tribe of Florida

Commission staff discussed with USET members, staff and meeting participants a Petition for Declaratory Ruling. The Petition was filed May 4, 2016 by Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth, PLC on behalf of PTA-FLA, Inc. in WT Docket No. 15-180, and is now pending before the Commission ("Clarifying the Obligations of Tower Constructors with Respect to Indian Tribes under Section 106"). The Petition seeks declaratory rulings relating to the Commission's environmental rules and on the Tribal component of Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Chad Breckinridge
Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau