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Shawn Barndt
Bonneville Power Administration
3404 Swallow Ave
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RE: Meeting of April 11,2011

Dear Mr. Barndt;

During our meeting on April 11,201, I shared concerns about the level of monitoring at the Midway substation area. At that time we discussed the need for full time monitoring as the area is heavily used by the general public, particularly at certain times of the year.

We all agreed the area is rich in cultural resources that must be protected, however Yakama Nation Environmental Restoration/Waste Management believe the monitoring as recently suggested in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) does not provide the level of protection needed, which is why we felt the meeting was necessary.

The dilemma of providing adequate monitoring and protection has been a subject of discussion for some time. As I shared with you at our meeting a solution was once reached with James Normandeau of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) staff some years ago. The former structures at the sub-station were offered to the Yakama Nation, and graciously accepted. These structures would have provided a permanent residence among other uses for the various buildings. The permanent occupancy and other activities by Tribal members would have offered a constant presence at this site, providing full time monitoring year round. It was however, discovered these buildings had asbestos and were removed.

The idea of a full time resident that can monitor the activities at this culturally rich site is still worthwhile. The BPA has settled the adverse effect/damages to site 45BN566 for a considerable amount of money. Our request is that the former offer of a permanent residence at this location be reconsidered as a mitigation measure to the damaged site as well as fulfilling an offer made to the Yakama Nation by Mr. Normandeau. The current monitoring plan in the MOA will not provide the level of monitoring needed to ensure the adequate protection of this area so important to the Yakama Nation.

We look forward to working with BPA on this important and pressing issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact YN ER/WM cultural staff Leah Aleck, Dana Miller or Rose Ferri at 509-452-2502.

Sincerely,



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