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RE: YN role in cultural resources studies for wind power project in Kittitas County

September 10, 2002

Dear Mr. Mininick:

I am writing to follow up on our telephone conversation from this June regarding our interest in involving the Yakama Nation in the cultural resources studies we plan to undertake as part of our proposed wind power project in Kittitas County. I am sorry you were not able to attend the meeting at the tribal natural resources offices on May 29, 2002 to discuss our proposed project in Kittitas County. Hopefully, Carroll Palmer was able to provide you with an overview of what was discussed.

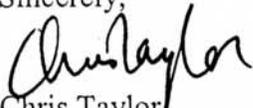
As I said when we spoke over the telephone, we would like to invite Yakama Nation to participate in the cultural resources work that we will soon be initiating at the site located between Ellensburg and Cle Elum. Our consultants have already completed a records search with the state historical preservation office and no records were discovered of any known cultural resource sites within our project area. We hope to begin our cultural resources field surveys shortly in order to complete this portion of the work before snow begins to cover the area and complicate field surveys.

I would like to arrange an in-person meeting at your offices in Toppenish or my offices in Ellensburg to discuss the desired role of the Yakama Nation in these studies. Specifically, I would like to discuss tribal participation in developing an oral history of the area, in the field surveys, and in construction monitoring. You indicated during our phone conversation that you needed to review the work load of your staff to determine what will be possible.

I would also like to know if you have any recommendations or preferences regarding our selection of a cultural resources consultant to perform this work. As you know, we have been in contact with Prof. Morris Uebelacker of Central Washington University about this project but have not made any final decisions regarding consultants for this work.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at the above address and telephone numbers or by email ctaylor@zilkha.com or mobile phone 509-899-4609.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "T".

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October 14, 2002

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Re: Zilkha Wind Power Project, Kittitas County

Dear Mr. Meninick,

Lithic Analysts has been retained to conduct the required cultural resources survey for the Zilkha Renewable Energy wind power project in Kittitas County. As you may recall, during June, Chris Taylor of Zilkha contacted you by telephone regarding the cultural resources studies Zilkha planned to undertake as part of their proposed project. On May 29, Zilkha met at the Yakama Tribal offices to further discuss their proposed project. In addition, on September 10, Chris Taylor formally notified you by certified mail of the proposed wind power project.

This letter is to further update you on Zilkha's plans. On Friday, October 25, Jeff Flenniken and Pam Trautman of Lithic Analysts will begin conducting an on-ground cultural resources survey of the proposed project area.

As mentioned previously by Chris Taylor, a literature search has been conducted at the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Olympia, Washington. At this time, there are no recorded historic or prehistoric archaeological sites within this portion of the proposed project. If any tribal staff person would like to monitor our survey, please contact us.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Jeff Flenniken at 509/334-9781 or Pam Trautman at 360/943-3388.

Sincerely,

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c: Chris Taylor ✓