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Honorable Russell Begaye Navajo Nation P.O.Box 7440 Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation Opportunity; New Mexico Gas Company at Pueblo of Laguna; EPA Permit Number: R6NSR-NM-003

Dear President Begaye:

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RE: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation Opportunity; New Mexico Gas Company at Pueblo of Laguna; EPA Permit Number: R6NSR-NM-003

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Honorable Kurt Riley P.O.Box 309 Acoma, NM 87034

RE: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation Opportunity; New Mexico Gas Company at Pueblo of Laguna; EPA Permit Number: R6NSR-NM-003

Dear Governor Riley:

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We are writing to inquire if you are interested in participating in the Section 106 Consultation process on this proposed permit. At this time, the EPA does not anticipate consultations with the SHPO because of the lack of cultural resources in the project area, but we understand that you may want to provide additional information or discuss your interests in the area or project site. To provide you with background on this project, the permit application and the archeological survey mentioned above can be found on the EPA Region 6 website at: <u>http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/tribal-nsr-permits-epas-south-central-region</u>.

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Honorable E. Paul Torres Pueblo of Isleta P.O.Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

RE: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation Opportunity; New Mexico Gas Company at Pueblo of Laguna; EPA Permit Number: R6NSR-NM-003

Dear Governor Torres:

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Chairman Wallace Coffey Comanche Nation of Oklahoma P.O.Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502

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