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Mr. Anthony Rivera, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Rivera:

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 2009, regarding a request for an extension of the response period for the group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians – Acjachemen Nation (Petitioner #84A). In your letter, you requested a second extension in order to complete your response to third party comments. The response period presently closes July 13, 2009.

Under 83.10(k) of the Federal acknowledgment regulations,

The petitioner shall have a minimum of 60 days to respond to any submissions by interested and informed parties during the response period. This may be extended at the Assistant Secretary's discretion if warranted by the extent and nature of the comments.

During the response period, you contacted the Department to advise us that you had not received copies of exhibits that were part of third party comments submitted by Mr. James P. Lynch on behalf of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Under 83.10(i), interested parties who submit comments to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (ASIA) must provide copies to the petitioner. JPA failed to provide copies of exhibits to you. Upon realizing that you did not have copies of these exhibits, you contacted the Department. We provided them to you, as well as copies of other third party comments, totaling 571 pages. Due to the extent and nature of these comments, you have requested 60 days to complete your response. Under the ASIA's discretion, Mr. Larry Echo Hawk has approved your extension request of 60 days due to the extent and nature of the comments. Therefore, the new date for the end of the response period will be September 11, 2009.

This extension will also apply to Petitioner #84B, and we will notify the interested and informed parties through this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact me through the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B-SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties