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Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development

Attn: Section 1813 ROW Study

Room 20 – South Interior Building

1951 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20245

RE: Comments on the Section 1813 Right of Way Study, Revised Draft (Dec. 21, 2006)

Dear Sirs:

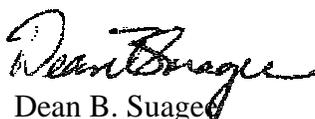
We write on behalf of three of our tribal government clients – the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians; and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe – to express endorsement of the joint comment letter on this matter filed by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), dated February 1, 2007. In particular, we are pleased with the decision to recommend that Congress leave the statutory framework as it is. We also want to express our appreciation for the attention that you have given to the written comments we have filed in this matter, as reflected in the citations provided in the end notes.

We should draw to your attention to a point that may be a source of confusion if it is not cleared up. In the list of commenters in Appendix B, we noticed that the “Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation” and “Three Affiliated Tribes” are listed as if these are separate federally recognized tribes. Rather, these are two names for the same tribe. Similarly, the “Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians” and the “Manzanita Band of Mission Indians” are one in the same tribe. In the listing of commenters, neither one should be counted twice.

We thank you for the careful consideration that you have given to the views of our clients and those of other tribes and inter-tribal organizations across the nation.

Sincerely,

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