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RE: Oil and Gas Lease No. 14-20-604-90

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you how the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe ("Tribe") plans to proceed with regards to Oil and Gas Lease No. 14-20-604-90. On October 10, 2003, the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("Bureau") transmitted to the Tribe assignment documents relating to Oil and Gas Lease No. 14-20-604-90. On October 22, 2003, the Tribe was informed that the Bureau wished to consult with the Regional Solicitor prior to any further action on this issue.

Therefore, the Tribe will take no further action with regards to these assignment documents until the Bureau has had an opportunity to consult with the Regional Solicitor and the Bureau has informed the Tribe of the Regional Solicitor's findings.

In the event the Tribal Council intends to address these assignment documents, I will provide each of you with at least two weeks prior notice. At which time you may request to appear before the Tribal Council when these assignment documents are presented from their review and consideration. Please be aware that the Chairman of the Tribal Council determines the agenda for Tribal Council meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (970) 564-5642.

Sincerely yours,

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