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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

re: Uranerz Energy Corporation, Nichols Ranch In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project (SHPO File # 0708RLC009)

Dear Mr. Hsueh:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced project. We have reviewed the project report and find the documentation meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42). We concur with your determination that the following sites are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and no further work or protective measures are necessary:

48CA379	48CA6149	48CA6498	48JO2948
48CA5386	48CA6151	48CA6499	48JO2949
48CA5390	48CA6342	48CA6750	48JO2950
48CA5392	48CA6343	48CA6752	48JO2953
48CA5393	48CA6344	48CA6926	48JO2957
48CA6146	48CA6345	48JO2944	
48CA6147	48CA6491	48JO2946	

We further concur that sites 48CA5391, 48CA6490 and 48CA6927 are eligible for the NRHP but will not be affected by the project as planned.

Site 48CA6475 has been determined eligible for the NRHP. However, we recommend that this site remain unevaluated for the NRHP pending evaluative testing. This site will not be affected by the project as planned (fencing and avoidance).

Site 48CA6754 has also been determined eligible for the NRHP, yet no justification for this determination is given. We recommend that 48CA6754 remain unevaluated for NRHP eligibility until a justification of eligibility can be provided. This site will not be affected by the project as planned (fencing and avoidance).



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Site 48CA6148 has been determined not eligible for listing on the NRHP, yet no justification for this determination is given. Additionally, the feature type identified at this site is a type known to be of interest to Native Americans. We recommend that this site remain unevaluated pending Native American consultation. The affect of the project on this site is unknown pending the results of that consultation.

Sites 48CA6748, 48C6751 and 48CA6753 have been determined eligible for the NRHP under criteria "d". However, we recommend that these sites remain unevaluated for NRHP eligibility under criteria "d" pending evaluative testing. Additionally, two of these sites (48CA6748 and 48CA6753) extend into 48CA268, the Pumpkin Buttes Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). While site 48CA6751 is immediately adjacent to 48CA268 and contains a feature type known to be of interest to Native Americans. In addition to the testing, we recommend that these sites remain unevaluated under criteria a, b and c pending Native American consultation. The effect of the project on these sites is unknown pending further evaluation.

Site 48CA268, the Pumpkin Buttes TCP is eligible for the NRHP. Per your letter, Native American consultation is currently underway to determine the effects of this project on this historic property.

We look forward to further consultation with your office concerning the results of further evaluation and Native American consultation. However, please be aware that any discussion of treatment of adverse effects (and development of a Memorandum of Agreement) is premature pending the outcome of that evaluation and consultation.

Please refer to SHPO project #0708RLC009 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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