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Good Afternoon:

Attached is Cherokee Nation's Section 106 response to the review request for the Clinch River Nuclear Site in Roane County, TN. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

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May 12, 2017

Allen H. Fetter, Acting Branch Chief
Licensing Branch 3
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Clinch River Nuclear Site Early Site Permit Application

Mr. Allen H. Fetter:

The Cherokee Nation (CN) is in receipt of your correspondence about **Clinch River Nuclear Site Early Site Permit Application**, and appreciates the opportunity to provide comment upon this project. The CN maintains databases and records of cultural, historic, and pre-historic resources in this area. Our Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) reviewed this project, cross referenced the project's legal description against our information, and found that this Area of Potential Effect (APE) lies within our historic homelands.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) [16 U.S.C. 470 §§ 470-470w6] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in S101(d)(6)(A), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their action on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The CN has a vital interest in protecting its historic and cultural resources. The CN is in concurrence that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with NHPA should be conducted for the Clinch River Nuclear Site, and is requesting a copy of this report. This office looks forward to receiving and reviewing the EIS. Please contact the CN with response to this request.

Additionally, we would request Department of the Interior conduct appropriate inquiries with other pertinent Tribal and Historic Preservation Offices regarding historic and prehistoric resources not included in the CN databases or records. If items of cultural significance are discovered while developing this project report, the CN asks that activities halt immediately and our offices be

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contacted for further consultation. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Wado,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Toombs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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