

APPENDIX E: SCOPING LETTERS



December 1, 2009

Ms. Adelina Alva-Padilla
 Chair Woman
 Santa Ynez Tribal Elders Council
 P.O. Box 365
 Santa Ynez, California 93460

Subject: Proposed Channel Islands Telecommunication Project

Dear Ms. Alva-Padilla:

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 Thousand Oaks, California 91362

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 Owl Clan
 48825 Sapaque Road
 Bradley, California 93426

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 1027 Cacique Street, #A
 Santa Barbara, California 93103

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 Chumash
 119 North Balsam Street
 Oxnard, California 93030

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 Owl Clan
 48825 Sapaque Road
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 Chumash, Fernandeno, Tataviam, Shoshone Paiute, Yaqui
 655 Los Angeles Avenue, Unit E
 Moorpark, California 93021

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Sincerely,

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Jeff Smith
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Attachment:
Project Location Maps



December 1, 2009

Mr. Vincent Armenta
 Chairperson
 Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians
 P.O. Box 517
 Santa Ynez, California 93460

Subject: Proposed Channel Islands Telecommunication Project

Dear Mr. Armenta:

This letter is to inform you of a proposed project in the Channel Islands National Park off of the coast of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, California, and to solicit information from you regarding whether any known cultural resources may exist at any of the 17 proposed project locations.

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- Santa Barbara Island;
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September 8, 2009

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Desert Equine Veterinary Hospital
81200 Avenue 52
Indio, California 92201

Subject: Channel Islands Telecommunication Project Scoping Letter

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September 8, 2009

Mr. John Gherini
Law Office of John Gherini
1114 State Street, Suite 235
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Channel Islands Telecommunication Project Scoping Letter

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September 25, 2009

Ms. Angela Guglielmino
Santa Rosa Island Housing Area
National Park Service
Channel Islands National Park
1901 Spinnaker Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

Subject: Channel Islands Telecommunication Project Scoping Letter

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Robert DeLong
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Subject: Channel Islands Telecommunication Project Scoping Letter

Dear Mr. DeLong:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is seeking your involvement and input regarding a grant application filed by the Channel Islands Telephone Company (CITC). The CITC has applied for grant funding from the CPUC to construct telecommunication facilities and to provide local exchange and interexchange services to and with five previously underserved Channel Islands.

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The CITC proposes to install cellular telecommunications infrastructure at 17 locations on the following five Channel Islands:

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