

Mr. William R. Jackson
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Leesburg, Georgia 31763

WV-1033

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In accordance with the Federal acknowledgment regulations (25 CFR 83, formerly part 54), the Acknowledgment staff has completed its initial review of the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy's (SECC) petition for Federal acknowledgment for obvious deficiencies and significant omissions. This letter discusses questions raised by the staff and areas which we feel could be strengthened with additional information. This letter is not a notification of active consideration nor is it a denial of the petition.

Staff questions and requests for additional information will be found in the individually numbered paragraphs which follow:

1. Please provide a list of all clans. For each clan, indicate the date when it was formed and list the names of its past and present leaders.
2. Please provide a breakdown of the group's membership by clan. Each clan list should include the names of all members who belong to that clan.
3. How is clan membership determined and by whom?
4. Several departments or offices appear in the upper left corner of the SECC letterhead stationery. Do all of these offices function? If so, please describe what they do.
5. List all grants held by the SECC and any participation by the organization in Federal, state or local programs (e.g., CETA, Indian Education).
6. Has the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy had any contact with Georgia's State Office of Indian Heritage? If so, in what way? Please explain.
7. List and describe group ceremonies, gatherings other than council meetings, and any other informal activities done together by all or part of the SECC membership.
8. Please provide copies of additional newsletters or minutes of the Confederacy's meetings not previously submitted with the petition. If minutes of individual clan meetings are available, these would also be helpful.
9. What evidence, if any, is required of an applicant's tribal ancestry or degree of Indian blood? Is any effort made to verify information of this type which is provided on membership applications? If so, please explain how verification is done?
10. Are lists available which show the names of members who were present at SECC meetings? If so, please provide copies.

The Acknowledgment staff will be in touch with you by telephone to discuss the specific information requested above. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have at that time.

In response to your recent question regarding whether to submit the 100 new applications and charts, as Mrs. McMillion indicated by telephone, we would be happy to add these documents to the SECC petition until the petition comes under active consideration.

A copy of our letter to Mr. Robert Ponder regarding obvious deficiencies in the petition submitted by the Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Robert A. McLelland
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Georgia State Office of Indian Heritage

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