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Suzanne Lewis Superintendent Yellowstone National Park P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone NP, WY 82190

Re: Old Faithful Collular Communications Site (SHPO File # 0899TPT069)

Dear Ms. Lewis:

I recently received a letter from Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PBER) requesting that the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office reconsider the finding of effect which was rendered in 1999 for the aforementioned project. In our August 31, 1999 letter to Yellowstone National Park commenting on the Environmental Assessment, we concluded that if the Park chose Alternative D, the preferred alternative, there would be no adverse effect to the Old Faithful Historic District.

PEER has brought to my attention that what was actually built for this cell tower site does not conform to what was described under Alternative D. I concur. Last summer, SHPO staff and I had the opportunity to intensively tour the Old Faithful Historic District with a number of Park Service employees. The incompatible structure is quite visible from the historic district. It's presence within the viewshed of the Old Faithful Historic District has created a very noticeable adverse effect to this district.

The Wyoming SHPO requests that the National Park Service give consideration to what can be done to reduce or eliminate this adverse effect.

Please refer to SHPO project control number #0899TPT069 on any future correspondence dealing with this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-777-6311.

Sincerely,

Review and Compliance Program Manager

cc: Jeff Ruch, Executive Director, PEER, 2001 S Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington D.C. 20009

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