

**Tribal Government Services**

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Dear Mr. Tureen:

This is in response to your letter of March 29 requesting a review of the materials submitted previously as the petition of the Poarch Creek Band.

The Federal Acknowledgment staff has reviewed the original letter and finds that it does not adequately address the seven mandatory criteria found in sections 54.7(a)-(g) of the Federal regulations governing acknowledgment. Its most obvious deficiency is the complete lack of any material relating to membership and Indian ancestry called for in sections 54.7(d)-(f). There is insufficient description and documentation of the community organization as it exists today and has existed over the past fifty years. Further, Exhibits 2B and 3A listed in the original letter are missing from our copies.

Please resubmit the information in the format suggested in the guidelines with the necessary documentation. A copy of the guidelines and the regulations were sent to you previously.

We understand that Mr. Tullis has employed a full-time researcher to compile the necessary information. The Poarch group may already have much of the needed material in hand.

If you have questions, contact the Federal Acknowledgment staff at (703)235-2360.

Sincerely,

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