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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Joseph C. Spero
Magistrate Judge of the
United States District Court for the
Northern District of California
450 Golden Gate Avenue
Courtroom A, 15th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

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RE: **Big Lagoon Rancheria v. State of California**
(U.S.D.C., N.D. Cal., Case No. C-09-01471-CW (JCS))
Request for Telephonic Appearance at Hearing of February 26, 2010

Your Honor,

In reference to the above-captioned case, this letter is to respectfully request permission of the Court to make a telephonic appearance at the hearing, set for **Friday, February 26, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.** before Your Honor. The hearing pertains to Defendant the State of California's Motion for Protective Order. The reason for my telephonic appearance is that I will be out of the country on the date of the hearing, attending a long-planned firm meeting, which has been scheduled for many months. My associate, Irene V. Gutierrez, will be in attendance in person at the hearing.

This letter will also confirm that my office will work out the logistical details of the telephonic appearance with your courtroom deputy, Karen Hom.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Peter J. Engstrom

PJE/cvs

cc: **Randall A. Pinal, Esq., Counsel for Defendant The State of California**
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Dated: Feb. 9, 2010

