Telephone Memo

 **To:**  Public Files

**From:**  Suzanne Novak - OEP

**Date:**  October 26, 2017

**Dockets:** P-4784-095

**Project:** Pejepscot Project

**Subject:**  Tribal Consultation Contact with the Penobscot Nation Regarding the Relicensing of the Pejepscot Project.

 On October 5, 2017, I contacted the receptionist with the Penobscot Nation. She said that Chief Kirk Francis was out of the office but she would have their Natural Resources Director, John Banks, call me back. On October 4, 2017, I left a message with John Banks explaining that I was following up on the September 5, 2017, letter FERC sent to Chief Francis regarding a possible meeting with the Nation. I requested that he call me back. On October 5, 2017, I received a voice message from John Banks in which he said that the Pejepscot Project is located out of the Nation’s area of concern, which is primarily the Penobscot River, not the Androscoggin River. He said the Nation had no land holdings that would be immediately impacted by the project. He did, however, suggest that I talk to Chris Sockalexis, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) to see if he might be interested in the project. On October 5, 2017, I called Chris Sockalexis and left a voicemail message regarding the October 5 letter and a possible meeting to discuss the relicensing process. I requested that he return my call. On October 17, 2017, I called Chris again and left a message to call me if he was interested in having a meeting with FERC staff. Since then, I have not heard back from Chris or any other member of the Nation.