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Mr. Manuel P. Sanchez
c/o Mr. Ruben Q. Leyva
5690 Desert Star Road
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

As required by the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Federal acknowledgment regulations, Part 83 of Title 25 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (25 CFR Part 83) at § 83.22(a), the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) is notifying the group known as the Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico of the receipt of its documented petition on February 16, 2024. The OFA has assigned the number 404 to the group's petition.

Pursuant to § 83.22, by April 16, 2024, OFA will publish notice of the receipt of the documented petition in the *Federal Register*, publish petition-related items on its web site, and notify, in writing, those listed under § 83.22(b)(2).

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, then please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment in writing at MS-4071-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, via email at katharine.litz@bia.gov or via phone at (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

K. Denise Litz
Acting Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment