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of **ALASKA**  
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Mr. Paul Charles, President  
Newtok Village Council  
P.O. Box 5502  
Newtok, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Charles,

The State of Alaska currently has several grants with the Newtok Village Council. As you know, since last October, there has been a dispute over who the official members of the council are. The state has encouraged the tribe to resolve this dispute internally, and members of the tribe have worked towards that goal. Recently the Bureau of Indian Affairs compiled a timeline and summary of actions that have occurred regarding this dispute. In reviewing the history as outlined in this summary, the State feels that the actions occurring, especially those at the June community meeting, are compelling enough for the State to recognize the council members from the new council as the members for state purposes.

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs recognizes the following individuals as members representing the Newtok Village Council for the administration of state grants and other programs.

Paul Charles-President  
George Carl-Vice President  
Simeon Fairbanks Jr.-Secretary  
Katherine Charles- Treasurer

Louie Andy-member  
Lisa Charles-member  
Bernice John-member

In order for the new council to utilize the existing and future fund from the Division, we will need for the council to provide certain information to us. This includes the names, titles, and address of people authorized to sign documents, information regarding bank accounts, and updating or tax identification numbers. The contact information for the program staff within the Division is:

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Ruby".

Scott Ruby  
Director

cc list: New Council Members

George Carl  
Simeon Fairbanks  
Katherine Charles  
Louie Andy  
Lisa Charles  
Bernice John

Old Council Members

Moses Carl  
George J. Tom  
Joseph Patrick  
Mary George

Stanley Tom  
Glen Price, Newtok Village Corporation  
Mike Walleri, Attorney  
John Moller, Governor's Rural Liaison  
Susan Bell, Commissioner, DCCED  
Rachel Spicer, DCRA Grant Administrator  
Sally Cox, DCRA Staff  
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