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the historical Mashpee tribe enumerated in a State report by John Milton Earle in 1861. Based on precedents in previous findings, this is sufficient to meet the requirements of 83.7(e).

Under criterion 83.7(f), the petitioner demonstrated that its membership is composed principally of persons who are not members of any federally acknowledged North American Indian tribe.

Under criterion 83.7(g), the evidence demonstrates that neither the petitioner nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship.

The petitioner, interested parties and the general public have 180 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Proposed Finding in the Federal Register to provide comments to the Department. This proposed finding is based on the evidence available at this time and may be changed or modified by new evidence or analysis available for the Final Determination.

This evaluation has been considered under time-frames set by a court-approved negotiated settlement agreement, which did not otherwise affect the Department's standard review of the evidence or the mandatory criteria.

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