



January 5, 2024

Chief Richard Phillips
Muscogee Nation Lighthouse Police
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Dear Chief Phillips:

Section 7(I) of the *Intergovernmental Cross-Deputization Agreement Between the United States, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and Political Subdivisions of the State of Oklahoma* authorizes a Commissioning Agency to suspend or revoke an Officer's commission for reasons solely within the Commissioning Agency's discretion. To be consistent with the other agencies of the State of Oklahoma which have cross-deputization agreements with tribal police departments, effective immediately, the Grand River Dam Authority Police Department suspends the Commissions issued to the officers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthouse Tribal Police Department. The Grand River Dam Authority Police Department, however, is not taking any action to terminate the cross-deputization agreement. The Grand River Dam Authority will reevaluate these Commissions after the task force created by Governor Stitt's Executive Order 2023-32 issues its recommendations concerning uniform cross-deputization agreements.

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We look forward to the continued cooperation between our departments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Brian N. Edwards
Executive Vice President
Chief of Law Enforcement / Lake Operations

