

2019 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #19 - 34

"PARTITIONING DISAGGREGATION AND LEASING OF SPECTRUM"

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, ATNI submits this resolution to comment to FCC-19-22A1, partitioning disaggregation and leasing of spectrum; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI Tribes support a Tribal Priority or set aside for unused licensed spectrum over the usual and accustomed, traditional areas of influence and/or Tribal reservation lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where there are competing requests for partitioning part of a license area, that the Tribal application or request take priority over any other small carrier for the Tribal lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI requests that the FCC encourage wireless license holders to assign portions of spectrum blocks, unused by the license holder, to Tribes where they are able to deploy and provide service over Tribal lands; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tribes have first right of refusal for spectrum over their Tribal lands to entities willing and able to deploy service over Tribal lands.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2019 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 20-23, 2019, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman President