



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

RESOLUTION #08 - 05

"NORTHWEST TRIBAL UTILITY VENTURE"

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 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 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, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, ATNI Member Tribes have an interest in working together by owning a tribal utility business that will invest in and develop renewable energy businesses and projects; and

WHEREAS, ATNI Member Tribes have established a steering committee that has made recommendations for a biodiesel project; and

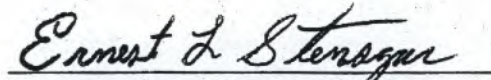
WHEREAS, other tribal utility related projects exist that could be pursued by a tribally owned energy venture; and

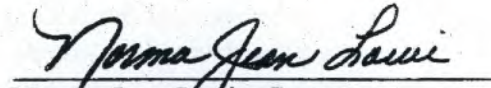
WHEREAS, project development would be furthered by grant funding that will assist in the feasibility of projects and the development of business plans; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI supports an ATNI grant proposal to the Administration for Native Americans and other grant proposals that will further this effort and assist tribes in the development of tribal utility related opportunities.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2008 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Washington on January 25, 2008, with a quorum present.


Ernest L. Stensgar, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary