



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 Winter Conference Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #07 - 24

"SUPPORT FOR BIOMASS EQUITY IN PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY"

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, Resolution #06-88, "Support for Tribal Joint Venture Production Tax Credit" was approved at the 2006 Annual ATNI Conference and generally supports federal congressional efforts to extend the production tax credit for renewable energy development and to include a provision in that extension to allow a tribe to assign their share of the credit within their venture; and

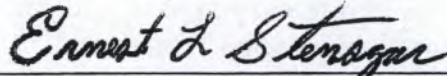
WHEREAS, many ATNI Member Tribes are developing biomass generation that is now only allowed a portion of the tax credit that other renewable energy projects may utilize; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the generation of energy using renewable resources by ATNI Member Tribes, ATNI finds that it would be beneficial for biomass projects to have equity with other renewable energy projects for use of a tax credit; now

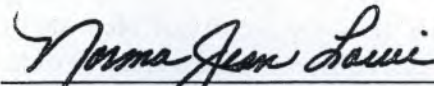
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby encourages the extension of the production tax credit for renewable energy development and encourages a provision allowing for the sharing of the tax credit by tribes within joint ventures, and further encourages Congress to give biomass energy projects equal treatment with other renewable energy sources.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2007 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport Hotel Portland, Oregon on February 15, 2007, with a quorum present.



Ernest L. Stensgar, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary