

2009 Fall Annual Conference Tacoma, Washington

RESOLUTION #09 - 67

"NORTHWEST TRIBES ENERGY POLICY PLATFORM -2009"

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, ATNI 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the energy industry poses great challenges and holds great economic development opportunities for Northwest Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS, several Northwest tribes currently generate a significant share of their tribal revenues from participation in the industry; and

WHEREAS, other tribes are examining the formation of their own electric utilities or other energy and economic development ventures; and

WHEREAS, economic and environmental factors exist and development opportunities are only going to increase in the very near future.

WHEREAS, knowing the laws that govern energy issues is critical to executing opportunities for tribes to participate in energy markets and related matters; and

WHEREAS, when tribes act collectively in a coordinated fashion they can do more than if they act individually; and

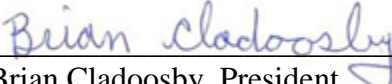
WHEREAS, tribes must also be aware of their rights and of the opportunities to protect those rights when US Congress may impact those tribal rights; and

WHEREAS, ATNI passed Resolution #08-81 in 2008 to create the “Northwest Energy Policy Platform for Energy Issues” and since that time Congress has passed certain legislation and Congress is considering new energy and climate change related legislation which requires an update of Resolution #08-81; now


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the attached Platform priorities effecting tribal energy interests or resources in the United State Congress.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2008 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center at Tacoma, Washington on September 21 - 24, 2009 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary