



## **2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho**

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 40**

#### **"TRIBAL PARTICIPATION FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON STATE"**

##### **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**, many tribes in the Northwest generate a major share of their tribal revenue from participation in the energy industry; and

**WHEREAS**, energy development opportunities for Northwest Indian Tribes are increasing and the laws that govern energy issues need to be aligned to support tribal energy development; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Washington there are shared goals and opportunities for sustainable energy development between tribes and First-class cities operating electrical facilities; and

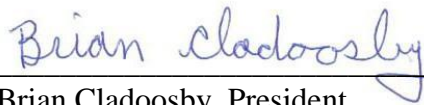
**WHEREAS**, under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.92.052, “First-class cities operating electrical facilities—Participation in agreements to use or own high voltage transmission facilities and other electrical generating facilities—Terms and Limitations,” does not specify participation with tribes; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby urge the Washington State Legislature to adopt amendment of the following RCW Sections (1) including “(f) any agency of a federally-recognized Indian tribe” and in Section (3) including “federally-recognized tribes and tribal utilities;” and

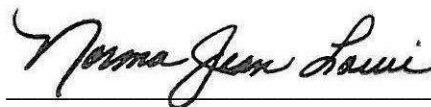
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the Washington State Legislature to adopt these proposed recommendations to assure tribes and cities and local governments can form partnerships, where necessary, to further common energy development goals and objectives.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur d’Alene Casino and Resort in Worley, Idaho, May 16-19, 2011 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary