



2012 Mid-Year Convention Lincoln City, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 34

“SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A 10-YEAR ENERGY PLAN FOR OREGON THAT INCLUDES A STATEWIDE FEED-IN-TARIFF PROGRAM”

PREAMBLE

We the members of 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 comprise 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 supports Governor Kitzhaber's goal of establishing a ten-year energy plan for Oregon; and

WHEREAS, ATNI believes with our input and participation this plan can be designed and implemented correctly, the energy plan can stimulate job growth throughout the state, attract business to Oregon, reverse the flow of energy dollars sent out of Oregon, combat climate change and make Oregon a national model for sustainable prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the decisions ATNI makes at this pivotal time have profound impacts for future generations; and

WHEREAS, capital investments made now can bind us to decades of fossil-based energy generation whose profits flow out of state; or conversely can produce widespread local ownership, local job creation, and leadership in renewable energy and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the widely dispersed nature of renewable energy resources and the urgent need to deploy them present Oregon with new opportunities for widespread economic development and broad participation in the production and sale of electricity; and

WHEREAS, ATNI believes this calls for a shift in the way energy is produced in Oregon and ATNI's energy policy must reflect this shift by assigning value to the non-energy objectives of inclusiveness, sustainable economic development and environmental impacts, as well as cost-effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, ATNI supports a broad, robust statewide feed-in tariff as a highly effective policy mechanism to lower barriers to participation in the clean energy market, encourage rapid deployment of renewable energy, reduce the cost of renewable energy and bring sustainable economic growth to Oregon; and

WHEREAS, an equitable and effective feed-in-tariff program for renewable energy should be to benefit and be in the best interest of our communities, including our tribal communities and our energy resources; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has abundant clean energy resources available now, but we are still suffering from long-term high unemployment, while at the same time sending 85% of our energy dollars out of state; and

WHEREAS, the cost of continuing to do business as usual with centralized generation using fossil fuels and extensive transmission infrastructure will rise dramatically as easily accessible supplies become increasingly scarce and our climate continues to change; and

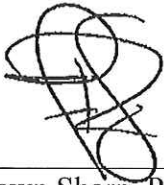
WHEREAS, a carefully designed feed-in-tariff will provide a stable funding source for developing renewable energy, put Oregonians back to work in communities all across the state, spur economic development, increase conservation and energy efficiency, and make Oregon a national model for transforming to a sustainable energy economy; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI supports Governor Kitzhaber’s goal of establishing a ten-year energy plan for Oregon; and

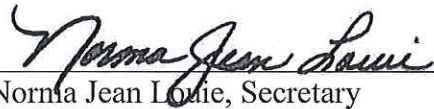
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI urges support in a broad statewide feed-in tariff as a highly effective policy mechanism to lower barriers to participation in the clean energy market, encourage rapid deployment of renewable energy, reduce the cost of renewable energy and bring sustainable economic growth to Oregon.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Lincoln City, Oregon, on May 21 – 24, 2012, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary