



2013 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #13 - 56

"ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIBAL ENERGY CONSORTIUM"

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 Constitutions of the United States and of 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, Tribal transit operators have faced increased costs in providing transit service and in some instances closing of their transit operations due to high fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) or Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), enables a user to save approximately \$2 dollars per gallon compared to diesel fuel and about \$1.50 per gallon compared to gasoline; and

WHEREAS, pipeline natural gas must be converted to Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) or Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to be used as an excellent fuel for all classes of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, LNG can be readily and efficiency produced locally in the Northwest at small-scale purification/liquefaction plants using pipeline natural gas as feedstock; and

WHEREAS, LNG can be transported by tankers to urban and rural fueling stations for heavy duty trucks in the northwest, and alternatively dispensed as LCNG (Compressed Natural Gas made from LNG) fuel for medium duty vehicles or light duty vehicles such as buses and trucks; and

WHEREAS, an investment by Tribes to own the entire LNG production, transport, and end-user infrastructure allows ATNI tribes to participate in a great wealth transfer that is beginning to occur in the USA due to the abundant supply of shale gas in the USA; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee has identified local companies that have the skills and expertise to safely and economically operate/manage a LNG production facility; and

WHEREAS, Tribal leadership has consistently directed ATNI committees to look for opportunities to leverage Native buying power and opportunities to diversify tribal economies; and

WHEREAS, capital investments made now in this innovative approach of creating Tribal Energy businesses becomes a repeatable model that can be scaled in size and location within the ATNI region similar to the successful Tribal resort-casino ownership/management business model to establish a successful LNG energy supply chain, long-term and growing business; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the creation of a Tribal Energy Consortium that is based on creation of a complete LNG fuel supply chain that enables the Tribes to make, deliver, and sell LNG and LCNG for Tribal vehicles and to also sell LNG and LCNG to non-Tribal users at Tribal refueling stations; and

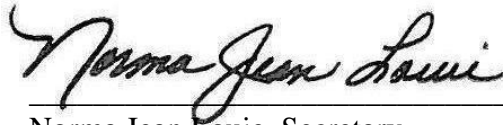
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI directs the Transportation Committee to work with energy consultants to further discussions with Tribal leadership on establishing an energy consortium, and complete a final report to the Executive Committee before the 2013 Annual Convention.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 13 – 16, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary