



2013 Annual Convention Worley, ID

RESOLUTION #13 - 86

“SUPPORT OF CROW COAL TO LIQUIDS PILOT PROJECT”

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, the Crow Tribe owns coal resources located in the northeastern and eastern portions of the Crow Indian Reservation held in trust by the United States of America and it appears that clean coal conversion technologies (e.g. coal gasification and liquefaction), including capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide produced by the plant, will provide the best market for this Crow-owned coal in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe has relied on the coal for 40 years as its only other source of income, besides the limited grants given to by the government; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe and its 13,000 members currently struggle socially and economically, with an unemployment rate at 47 percent, inadequate health care and myriad of social issue afflicted by our members through lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe and its Leadership have worked to further develop its Natural Resource Coal for the benefit of its members and to further develop the 9 billion tons of Coal available of which has minimally been tapped into; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe intends to develop the Coal to Liquids Pilot Project (CTL) according to the highest standards of environmental protection, health and safety as required under applicable law, with due regard and priority for the protection of the Crow cultural resources, and provisions for the capture and sequestration of substantially all the carbon dioxide produced by the CTL Plant; and

WHEREAS; the CTL Project development provides the opportunity to monetize a substantial portion of the Crow Tribe's vast coal resources, for the Tribe and Tribal members to receive a fair share of the value-added from processing the coal and selling the end products for the benefit of the energy independence and national security of the United States, a Pilot Project is desired; and

WHEREAS; the CTL Plant if successfully completed, the Crow Tribe will receive substantial economic benefits, in addition to Tribal member employment rights, college scholarships and technical training opportunities specific and for the Crow Tribe and Tribal members to participate in the management of the CTL Plant and obtain the skills; now

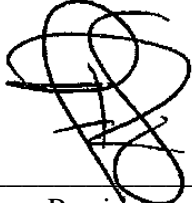
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the Crow Tribe Coal to Liquids Pilot Project to gain further support from the Department of Energy for the development of a Crow Coal to Liquid Plant for benefits of furthering tribal self-sufficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution does not supersede, replace, or rescind ATNI's Resolution #13- 47 **Oppose the Proposals for The Transportation and Export of Fossil Fuels in the Pacific Northwest**, which was passed by ATNI membership on May 16, 2013; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI will support the Crow Tribe's Coal to Liquid Pilot Project at the National Congress of American Indians by forwarding this resolution for submission and approval.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel & Casino, Worley, Idaho on September 16 - 19, 2013, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary