



**2017 Mid-Year Convention
Portland, OR**

RESOLUTION #17 - 27

**“SUPPORTING EXTENDING BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION’S 40
AVERAGE MEGAWATTS OF POWER FOR TRIBAL UTILITY LOAD GROWTH**

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, some ATNI member tribes have formed or are in the process of forming electric utilities which will be customers of the Bonneville Power Administration; and

WHEREAS, the established “Regional Dialogue Policy” of the Bonneville Power Administration “recognizes that tribal utilities face unique challenges due to sovereign, legal and

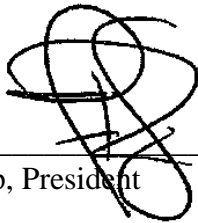
jurisdictional circumstances, as well as the checkerboard of land ownership between tribal and non-tribal persons” and therefore to encourage tribal utilities to form and take advantage of federal power, tribal electric utilities were allowed to utilize up to 40 average megawatts (“aMW”) of power for their load growth at the favorable “Tier 1” rate until September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to difficulties of many tribes to form tribal utilities and to grow those utilities as expected, only a small portion of the 40 aMW reserved for tribal load growth has been used to date but it is anticipated that there will be qualified tribal utility load growth after the expiration of this power benefit; now

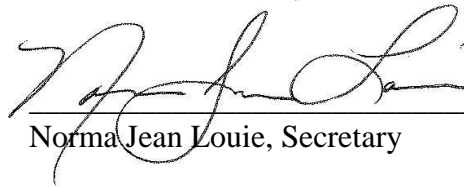
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby encourage the Bonneville Power Administration to amend the Regional Dialogue Policy to extend the September 30, 2021 expiration of the 40 aMW for tribal load growth at Tier 1 rates until September 30, 2028.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary