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**USET Resolution No. 2011:022**

**ELIMINATION OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TRIBAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes are helped in their efforts to promote energy efficiency and develop renewable energy in their homelands with United States Department of Energy Tribal Energy Program competitive grants; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal match for such grants, sometimes up to 50% of the award, precludes some Tribes from applying for funding and/or utilizing awarded funds; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress has the power to eliminate the match in an effort to encourage renewable energy development on Tribal lands; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Administration and Congress to address this disparity through legislation by removing the Tribal match provision from current and future U.S. Department of Energy grant requirements for Tribal applications.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

Brian Patterson, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Robert McGhee, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.