



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:038

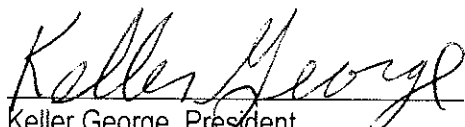
Memorandum of Understanding between USET and the FCC

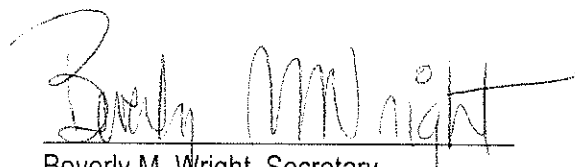
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** USET and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have been involved in extensive consultation regarding the development of a nationwide programmatic agreement for National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation and a Best Practices document to provide voluntary guidance to the Telecommunications industry and Indian tribes in order to facilitate historic preservation and environmental reviews; and
- WHEREAS,** the FCC has developed, incorporating recommendations from USET, an electronic database and notification system ("Tower Construction Notification System") which will provide notification to tribes of proposed tower locations in geographic areas of interest to them, as well as notification to the FCC and FCC applicants of which USET tribes have an interest in an area where a tower is proposed for construction; and
- WHEREAS,** USET and the FCC have developed a Memorandum of Understanding that, in addition to reaffirming the government-to-government relationship and the Federal trust responsibility, also commits the parties to the completion of the Best Practices document and to support the voluntary participation of tribes and FCC applicants in the Tower Construction Notification System; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** USET recognizes the exemplary commitment of the FCC over the last year and a half to work with USET on a government-to-government basis and to engage in meaningful consultation; and
- RESOLVED** USET expresses its appreciation to Chairman Powell for his personal commitment to addressing tribal concerns; and
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President of USET to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between USET and the FCC.

CERTIFICATION

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This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, Virginia, Monday, February 2, 2004.


Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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