



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:032

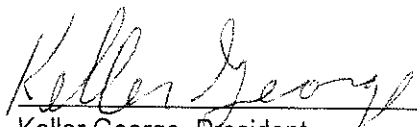
### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

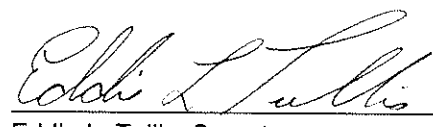
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Government and all its agencies have a government-to-government relationship with all federally recognized Indian Tribes and each of those agencies as a result of that relationship have a trust responsibility to each of those Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), among other federal laws, regulations and executive orders, requires consultation with Indian Tribes during the planning and implementation of any federal undertaking which includes the issuance of any permit or license; and
- WHEREAS,** over the next decade, the licenses of numerous hydro electric facilities all over the territories of the USET member Tribes will expire and these facilities will require re-licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and
- WHEREAS,** some USET member Tribes have encountered significant problems in the consultations occurring on facilities which are currently going through the relicensing process; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls on the Chairperson of the FERC to appoint a policy level person to consult with representatives of USET on issues of government-to-government consultation.

The representatives of USET for this issue shall be:  
Brian Patterson, Chair, Culture and Heritage Committee/Oneida Indian Nation  
Kenneth H. Carleton, Vice-Chair, Culture and Heritage Committee/Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Sheree Bonaparte, St. Regis Mohawk  
Kathleen J. Mitchell, Seneca Nation  
Robert Thrower, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 10, 2005.

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

  
Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*