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.