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USET Resolution No. 2011:023

REORGANIZATION OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TRIBAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- 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,** the United States Department of Energy (DOE) administers energy-related grant programs for federally-recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages; and
- WHEREAS,** these grant programs are administered through DOE Headquarters in Washington, DC, and all support and services for said programs are provided through one field office; and
- WHEREAS,** for example, in the administration of the Tribal Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG), Tribes were subjected to considerable inefficiencies in the onerous management of the grant funds due to burdensome reporting, slow disbursement of funds, and poor communication; and
- WHEREAS,** relocation and consolidation of the administration of Tribal energy grant programs from DOE Headquarters to the field office located within Indian Country will be more effective, productive and better meet the needs of Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Administration to reorganize Tribal support programs within the Department of Energy to more effectively address Tribal needs; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** such reorganization shall be conducted expediently and in consultation with Indian Tribes.

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.