



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

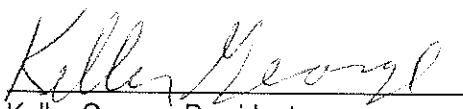
USET Resolution No. 2005:024

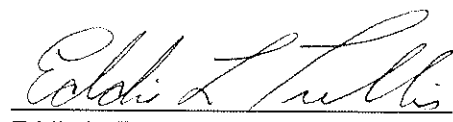
### REQUEST TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR WATER RESOURCE FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

- 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,** under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450, and the Snyder Act of 1921, Public Law 67-85, 25 U.S.C. 13, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is authorized to obligate funds to federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** a portion of these funds are allocated to the BIA Water Management Planning and Pre-Development program (\$7,632,000 in FY05) for collection and analysis of baseline data, and for Water Rights Litigation and Negotiation activities (\$10,477,000 FY05); and
- WHEREAS,** the funds from this program are competitively awarded based on scored criteria; and
- WHEREAS,** project scores and minimum project costs are determined regionally, the BIA Central Office is responsible for the actual amount funded; and
- WHEREAS,** historically, funds have been awarded to USET Member Tribes at a significantly smaller amount than requested; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide USET member Tribes current and historical data regarding the distribution of water resource funds on a national basis beginning with FY 00; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that the relationship between the amount of funding requested by a Tribe, the minimum amount required for a project, and the actual amount funded, including all determination criteria, be made available to USET member Tribes.

### CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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