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 relicensing 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.

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