

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

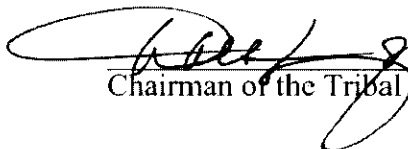
(Approval to Join the Newly Formed Arizona Tribal Utility Association)

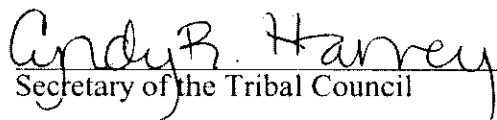
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe more directly involved itself in energy matters in 1999 when it decided to pursue receipt of an allocation of Western Area Power Administration (Western) hydroelectric power from the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP); and
- WHEREAS,** since that time the Tribe has applied for additional hydroelectric power from the Parker-Davis Project, completed a second feasibility assessment of a biomass-fueled power generation facility and has also intervened in the last Navopache Electric Cooperative rate filing at the Arizona Corporation Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 1, 2004 the Tribe began to receive the benefit of its CRSP power allocation, the proceeds of which are deposited into the "Energy Benefit (or 'CRSP') Account;" and
- WHEREAS,** the need to oversee the management of this power allocation and the growing importance of energy issues to the Tribe and its Reservation requires that the Tribe continue to be involved in energy and related matters; and
- WHEREAS,** several Arizona tribal utilities are interested in forming an association to stay better informed about and be better able to address energy issues that affect them; and
- WHEREAS,** the group currently includes the Ak-Chin Electric Utility Authority, Tohono O'Odham Utility Authority and Gila River Utility Authority; and
- WHEREAS,** the group would likely contract with one individual to track issues and relay information to them on an on-going basis; and
- WHEREAS,** the issues to be monitored need to be further defined by the group but could include activities involving the Western Area Power Administration, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Arizona Corporation Commission, and/or energy legislation and renewable and other developments in the energy market; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe could gain useful information from and be well represented by participating in such a group; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe may also gain cost savings from its participation; and
- WHEREAS,** membership requires a \$5,000 contribution from each participant to cover the initial scope of work.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it desires to join the newly forming Arizona Tribal Utility Association and that its initial membership fee shall be funded out of the Energy Benefit Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman hereby directs the Tribal Attorney or his designee to negotiate the specific terms of this arrangement, associated agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman or his designee shall have authority to execute any agreements or other documents required to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 6, 2005 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ONE against, and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (b), (h), (i), (s), and (t) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council