



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing WMAT Telecommunication Agreements with Verizon, Inc.)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has, by way of the Tribal Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), been in contact with Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") regarding the possibility of bringing Verizon telecommunication services to the Tribe for the benefit of Tribal members and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, after years of discussions and negotiations, completion of structural analysis, engineering designs, land surveys and ongoing environmental reviews, the Tribe's OAG has come to terms, in principle, with Verizon regarding the co-location of equipment on Tribally owned towers and/or for the purpose of adding towers in strategic locations to begin growing Verizon's infrastructure on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("FAIR"); and

WHEREAS, although the Tribal Council had previously given the Attorney General verbal support of its efforts to bring Verizon onto the FAIR, the OAG now comes before the Tribal Council to request formal support via resolution that would authorize the Tribe to move forward with Verizon pursuant to a long-term lease agreement, which could include a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the sole purpose of enforcing the contract, and an initial understanding that the following projects are in progress, with more to come over the next three to five years:

1. Cooley
2. Whiteriver
3. Cibecue
4. Sunrise

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the Tribe's best interest to authorize co-location, lease and owner agreements between the Tribe and Verizon, pending final legal review, in order to benefit the Tribal community and greater White Mountains region.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares support of the proposed Verizon telecommunications network within the boundaries of FAIR and pursuant to such support the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman to sign any agreement that would allow for co-location of Verizon towers, or establishment of new towers on Tribal Land, provided that if new ground is disturbed, all proper environmental and Tribal clearances are acquired.

The following locations are scheduled for launch by Verizon within three to six months after all proper clearances are granted and documentation completed:

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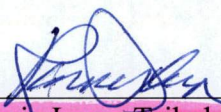
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Attorney General's Office to administer the contract, provide final legal review over contractual terms, obligations, and limited waivers, and any such authority that is reasonably necessary to facilitate the establishment and growth of a Verizon Network on the FAIR. The Attorney General, as has been the practice, shall continue to provide the Tribal Council with notice of any new information regarding telecommunications and additional co-location and tower efforts prior to completing future related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

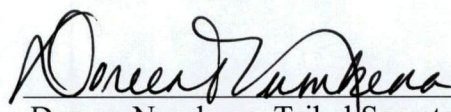
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **JULY 9, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for and **ZERO** against with **ZERO** abstaining by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

7/16/14
Date



Doreen Numkena, Tribal Secretary

7-16-2014
Date