



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native
Sisterhood
Grand Camp**



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-24

Title: Request Funding for Energy Plan for Southeast

Whereas, Southeast Alaska through the Alaska Energy Authority recently completed an integrated resource plan (IRP) for a number of utilities, without important input from all communities and tribal outreach, with the intent of guiding regional development of energy resources, transmission and public spending which is based on an “insular community concept” and maintenance of the unfair disparity of cost to consumers across the region that currently exists; and

Whereas, this “energy status quo” called for in the IRP disproportionately impacts and discriminates against Native consumers as the highest cost service areas include lands and communities owned and inhabited by Native people; and

Whereas, until the IRP was finalized this year the official plan of the Southeast region through the Southeast Conference and the State of Alaska was to construct and operate the Southeast intertie connecting most population centers in Southeast by crossing public and Native owned lands to large hydro project such as Ruth and Scenery Lakes; and

Whereas, two hydro solutions were identified in the IRP as necessary to provide relief to Angoon (Kootznoowoo’s Thayer Lake) and to Kake (via an intertie project), on balance several important hydro projects: the City of Angoon’s Ruth and Scenery Lakes and Saxman’s Mahoney Lake project were discounted unfairly; and

Whereas, the IRP ignored fundamental problems of energy supply and demand, reliability, disparity in cost between communities, market discipline and the need for power costs in the 5 to 7 cent per kWh range in order for our region to grow and be competitive; and

Whereas; Native people, as the largest landowners paying the highest cost of energy are most affected and all Southeast communities need to be addressed in any acceptable regional IRP or other energy planning process; and

Whereas; a grid connection to British Columbia and the Yukon must be planned for in order to implement market discipline, to provide sufficient import to allow for the construction of new hydro resources and a basis for exporting excess power in order to realistically reduce regional rates to below 10 cents per Kwh, be it

RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013, request that the political leadership of Southeast not accept the IRP as a final report, that the study be continued and that the Alaska State Legislature fund the completion of an energy plan for Southeast including within the plan “a regional target rate of the lowest cost energy” and the creation of objectives that include a feasibility analysis and a path forward for construction of a “backbone” for the Southeast Intertie and transmission line(s) to connect Alaska and Canada to not only import low cost energy, but also to provide a market thereby increasing the feasibility for construction of several large hydro project in Southeast Alaska which could provide affordable low cost energy to many communities currently suffering from high energy costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Grand Camp requests that all planning efforts related to economic development road and transmission planning and construction by state and federal entities be pulled together and that the USFS, Commerce, USDOT and the State of Alaska through the ADOT and AEA be required to cooperate with a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) and that the Alaska Legislature this upcoming session establish, charter and fund an RTO for Southeast so that vested interest no longer hold back the health, safety, welfare and prosperity of our people which is so damaging to our people, our communities and culture.

ANB Grand President

ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Yakutat, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through 11, 2013.

ANB Grand Secretary