

2002 Mid-Year Conference Coeur D' Alene, Idaho

RESOLUTION #02-XX

“Support of ATNI-EDC Tribal Telephone Outreach – Comments to the WUTC”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws of the constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific Tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, it is important to monitor federal, state and local regulations that impact Indian country ; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Telephone Outreach program has prepared written comments that includes comments that support the protection of customer privacy, lower payback arrangements on old debt; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the written comments made to the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission by the Tribal Telephone Outreach Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2002 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur D' Alene Resort and Casino on May 16th 2002 with a quorum present.

Ernest L. Stensgard, President

Patricia L. Martin, Secretary