

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 1981

The House Natural Resources Committee convened in Room 104 of the Capitol Building on Wednesday, February 4, 1981, at 12:35 p.m. with CHAIRMAN DENNIS IVERSON presiding and seventeen members present (excused was REP. COZZENS).

The hearing was opened on HB 509.

HOUSE BILL 509 REP. JOE QUILICI, chief sponsor, presented the bill which would provide for the administration of the residential conservation service in Montana. This bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to carry out the provisions of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978. If the state does not receive the legislative authority it needs to implement the plan, the utilities would have to comply with a federal plan. It would be better to have state people handle this program.

Speaking as a proponent was LEO BERRY, Director of the Department of Natural Resources. See Exhibit 1. Mr. Berry further supported two amendments offered by REP. QUILICI.

MIKE ZIMMERMAN, representing the Montana Power Company, supported the bill as amended.

LARRY GESKE of the Great Falls Gas Company spoke in favor of the bill. See Exhibit 2. Attached to his testimony was an amendment.

There were no OPPONENTS.

REP. QUILICI closed on HB 509 saying he is willing to accept the proposed amendments of the Great Falls Gas Company and the Department of Natural Resources. He hoped also that R. E. A.'s would participate in this program.

During questions from the committee, REP. SALES questioned that there would be no fiscal impact upon the state. REP. QUILICI said the department felt it could be handled with existing staff and within the current budget.

The hearing closed on HB 509 and opened on HJR 11.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11 REP. JOHN HARP, chief sponsor, presented the bill which would commend and support Northern Lights, Inc. and other participants in a proposed project to construct a hydroelectric dam on the Kootenai River near Troy. See Exhibit 3. REP. HARP presented two amendments. He stated that if the R. E. A.'s want to see growth in the state, they will have to generate their own power. He feels the location for the proposed dam is ideal and will not disturb an undeveloped area. The land is owned almost entirely by the Forest Service and the Army Corps of Engineers. He provided a book to committee members "Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project No. 2752-Montana".

Speaking as a proponent to the bill was ERVAL RAINEY, representing Northern Lights. He told of a survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce of Libby which indicated 63% of the people and businesses in the area favored the construction of the Kootenai project.

SENATOR WILLIAM HAFFERMAN presented petitions to the committee as Exhibit 4. He stated the most vital issue facing our country is energy. Hydroelectricity will give us energy and that will give us power in the world. It helps provide jobs and is environmentally sound.

REP. AUBYN CURTISS spoke in favor of the bill. See Exhibit 5.

PETER JACKSON, Western Environmental Trade Association, said the project will provide growth and jobs in both Troy and Libby. He strongly supported the project.

JOE ROSSMAN, representing the Teamsters Union, supported the bill.

WILBUR ANDERSON of Vigilante Electric Co-op said they have also received notice of insufficiency of power from Bonneville. He said they must have additional power.

EARL REYNOLDS, Vice-President of the Ravalli County Electric Co-op, supported the bill.

BOB DENNIS of Libby spoke in favor of the bill and what it could for the economic development of that area.

DON ALLEN of the Montana Petroleum Association said that the total energy supplies are very precarious. We import 43% of our oil. We need to build our own supplies of energy. It would be in the best interests of the people of Montana to have this project.

RILEY CHILDERS of the Montana Associated Utilities said this is an excellent opportunity to develop this type of power.

JIM CHALLINOR from Libby said people will keep coming to that area because it is a beautiful place to be. Water is a renewable resource and should be used to its full potential.

RANDY SUMMERS of the Operating Engineers Union supported the bill because he felt it would help supply union jobs.

JOYCE BROOKS of Libby spoke in favor saying the area needs jobs in order to keep some of the young people in the area. Also said the project would not be upsetting an undeveloped area.

M. E. EDDLEMAN, representing the Montana Water and Development Association, said Montana is blessed with the head waters of many rivers. Should have this type of project because we need the power and the work.

Opponents to the bill included BARBARA RHODES, the Co-ordinator of Save the Kootenai. See Exhibit 6.

ELLA DISTER spoke in opposition saying the resolution is the question. As amended the resolution means the legislature would commend Northern Lights for what it is doing even though none of the permits have been granted. The basic question is then whether or not this is the time to address this issue before the process is complete. Should the state commend them for what they should be doing anyway? Does this mean the legislature is implying approval? The project has not been reviewed yet by any state or federal agency.

PATRICK LEFTHAND spoke in opposition on behalf of the Kootenai Tribe. See Exhibit 7. The proposed site is the site of the aboriginal hunting and fishing grounds of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. The tribe does practice its religion on this site.

WILBUR REHMAIN of the Montana Wildlife Federation is concerned because this points to a specific type and feasibility of the project. The Federation would have no problem supporting this if the amendments are stricken. The Major Facility Siting Act would look at more than one site and type of project. Also, the Department of Natural Resources should complete the studies and after analyzing them, make a recommendation. Then, the resolution could be made. The legislature should not commend and support one particular site over another.

REP. ART SHELDEN spoke on the bill. He felt the site for the project is a beautiful one but that the project in the area has divided the people. Many questions still need to be answered before any work could be done. Problems of the people in the area, problems of the R. E. A.'s and problems with growth all need to be addressed before the project can progress.

REP. HARP closed on the bill saying this is a renewable source of energy and we should use it.

During questions from the committee, REP. KEEDY asked whether or not Northern Lights had submitted an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a certificate and application of need. JIM SEWELL of Northern Lights said the application was submitted in March of 1980 and should be completed about March of 1981.

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REP. KEEDY asked if the Department of Natural Resources had acted one way or another. The answer was no.

REP. KEEDY asked if passage of this resolution wouldn't preempt the action of the state agency. REP. HARP replied this is just to commend the group for what they are doing.

REP. CURTISS asked what is holding up the application. MR. SEWELL said the engineers have checked out different sites, but still needed are needs analysis of the customers, some questions on height, etc.

REP. KEEDY asked if anybody had intervened in this application. MS. RHODES said several groups both in the area and out have intervened. REP. KEEDY then asked the basis for the intervention. MS. RHODES said F.E.R.C. allows for hearings to cover the siting.

REP. ASAY asked how the tribe members are affected. MR. LEFTHAND replied that it is a ritual site and that it is used for religious purposes. The Indian Religious Freedom Act protects them.

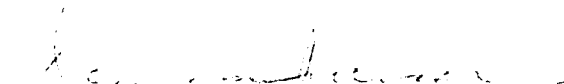
REP. KEEDY asked how this resolution is going to create jobs. MR. ROSSMAN replied that the resolution implies that the state is giving permission to the company.

MR. BERRY said the resolution would imply some sort of legislative approval as written without the amendments. There is still some implication of legislative intent.

The hearing on HJR 11 closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DENNIS IVERSON, CHAIRMAN

Ellen Engstedt, Secretary

VISITORS' REGISTER

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HJR 11

Date 2/4/81

HARP

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Wilbur Anderson	Dillon, Mont.	Vigilante Elec. Coop	✓	
Ernest Ragner	Landowner + Ida	Mont. Wildlife Fed	—	
Wilbur Kellerman	Helena	Mont. Wildlife Fed	—	
Mr. Ragner	Ba H.	Teamster 9	✓	
Mr. Edelman	Warden	Montana Water Development Soc.	✓	
Paul Childers	Great Falls	NIHA	✓	
Pat. Hoffmann	Elmo MT 59911	Kootenai Tribe		✓
Peter Jackson	Helena	Wells	✓	
Bob Dennis	Libby MT	B & S Homes Inc	✓	
Joyce E. Brooks	" "		X	
Barbara H. Hoke	Therese Montana	Sanitation Center		✓
Antony Curtis	Justin	Dist 20		
Jim Challinor	Libby, Mont	Miner - Miner	✓	

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PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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2/5/81

NAME: PAT Underwood DATE: HB 547

ADDRESS: RT 7 Box 1207 Bozeman, MT. 59715

PHONE: 587-3153

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONT. FARM BUREAU

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 547

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: MTFBF SUPPORTS Passage
of this Bill

PAT Underwood

NAME Jo Brunner BILL No. HB 547
ADDRESS Helena DATE 2/4
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT W.I.F.E
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

W.I.F.E Supports PASSAGE of
This bill. Pat Underwood.
M.F.U. will offer testimony
on This bill for us.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND CONSERVATION
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION



THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

32 SOUTH E WING

STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 449-2872

HELENA MONTANA 59601

CERTIFIED RETURN: 58204

December 4, 1980

Mr. William T. Nordeen
Northern Lights, Inc.
P. O. Box 310
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Dear Mr. Nordeen:

This is in response to a letter dated November 20, 1980 from James A. Sewell, Engineer in Newport, Washington, requesting an additional 90 days extension of time to make the deficiencies in your Application No. 4955-s76D correct and complete as outlined in my letter of July 25, 1980.

Please be informed that you are hereby granted an additional 90 days extension of time from the date of receipt of this letter to correct the deficiencies as outlined in my letter of July 25, 1980 pursuant to Section 85-2-302, MCA.

If I can be of further assistance, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald J. Guse".

Ronald J. Guse
Assistant Bureau Chief
Water Rights Bureau
(406) 449-3962

RJG/m

cc: Wilbur Rehnann
Jim Rehbein
Laurence Siroky
Gary Fritz
James A. Sewell ✓

STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT

Note: Use one application for each source of supply or separate development. Check all appropriate boxes and fill in each blank line. If the question is not applicable in your case, enter NA (not applicable). If more space is necessary, attach additional sheets.

(Please type or print in ink)

1. Name of Applicant Northern Lights, Inc.

Mailing Address P. O. Box 310

City or Town Sandpoint, State Idaho Zip 83864

Home Phone _____ Other Phone 208-263-5141

2. Source of water supply Kootenai River

a tributary of Columbia River

(stream name; if well, so indicate)

3. (a) Point of diversion:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 13, Township 31 ^N~~S~~ Range 33 ^E~~W~~, Lincoln County

Additional points of diversion, if any:

____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____, Township ____ ^N~~S~~, Range ____ ^E~~W~~, _____ County

____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____, Township ____ ^N~~S~~, Range ____ ^E~~W~~, _____ County

(b) If water is not consumed, it will be discharged back into the same source:

Yes ☒ ; No ☐ . If no, explain and give the complete land description at the point of discharge. _____

____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____, Township ____ ^N~~S~~, Range ____ ^E~~W~~, _____ County

4. Description of water development:

(a) Diverting works. Enclose all pertinent engineering data available. If not available, describe the horsepower rating of the pump and capacity in gallons per minute, size of ditches, flumes, dikes or other. _____

See attached sketch

(b) Reservoir (if applicable).

1. Project will be an enlargement of an existing reservoir.

Yes ☐ ; No ☐ . (If yes, complete both 3 and 4 below.)

2. Project will be a new reservoir.

Yes ☐ ; No ☐ . (If yes, enter NA in 3 below, and complete 4.)

3. Capacity of existing (old) reservoir when constructed: _____ acre-feet.

4. Capacity of new (proposed) reservoir: _____ acre-feet.

(c) Well Depth: _____ feet (if applicable).

(d) Project will be a developed spring: Yes ☐ ; No ☒.

5. Proposed Construction:

- (a) Desired starting date _____; anticipated completion date 1978
 (b) Estimated construction cost \$ 50,000,000.00

6. Amount of water, use to which it will be applied, and period of use:

Example:

7.5 ^{cfs} gpm up to 535 for IRRIGATION from April 15 to October 15 inclusive.
 (Amount) (acre-feet) (use) (month-day) (month-day)
12,200 ^{cfs} gpm up to 8,820,000 for power from January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
 (Amount) (acre-feet) (use) (month-day) (month-day)
 _____ cfs gpm up to _____ for _____ from _____ to _____, inclusive.
 (Amount) (acre-feet) (use) (month-day) (month-day)
 _____ cfs gpm up to _____ for _____ from _____ to _____, inclusive.
 (Amount) (acre-feet) (use) (month-day) (month-day)
 Total amount requested: 12,200 cfs ave. ^{cfs} gpm up to 8,820,000 acre-feet per year.

7. Description of proposed beneficial water uses:

(a) Irrigation (if applicable).

1. Method of irrigation: Flood ☐ ; Sprinkler ☐ . If Flood, explain: _____

 2. Project will involve new irrigated land: Yes ☐ ; No ☐ .
 3. Project will involve supplemental water to existing irrigation: Yes ☐ ; No ☐ .
 4. Project will involve both new irrigated land and supplemental water to existing irrigation: Yes ☐ ; No ☐ . If yes, the acreage must be entered on separate lines in the Table below, and identified on the map in Item 9, page 3.
 5. Acreage by land description: (Enter the number of acres to be irrigated in the appropriate quarter-section.)

Example:

								Check Appropriate Block	
Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	NE%	NW%	SW%	SE%	Totals	New	Supplemental
7	18N.	20E	35		140	118	293	✓	

								Check Appropriate Block	
Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	NE%	NW%	SW%	SE%	Totals	New	Supplemental

Total number of acres to be irrigated →

(b) Non-irrigation use: (if applicable)

1. Place of use of the water will be the same as location given in Item 3(a), page 1.

Yes ☒ ; No ☐ . If no, give the location: _____ ¼ _____ ¼ _____ ¼ Section _____,

Township _____ N S, Range _____ E W, _____ County.

2. Estimate the maximum number and type of livestock to be watered: N/A

Are there other locations where the same livestock are watered? Yes ☐ ; No ☐ .

3. Name of municipality to be served: N/A

4. Number of families to be supplied: N/A

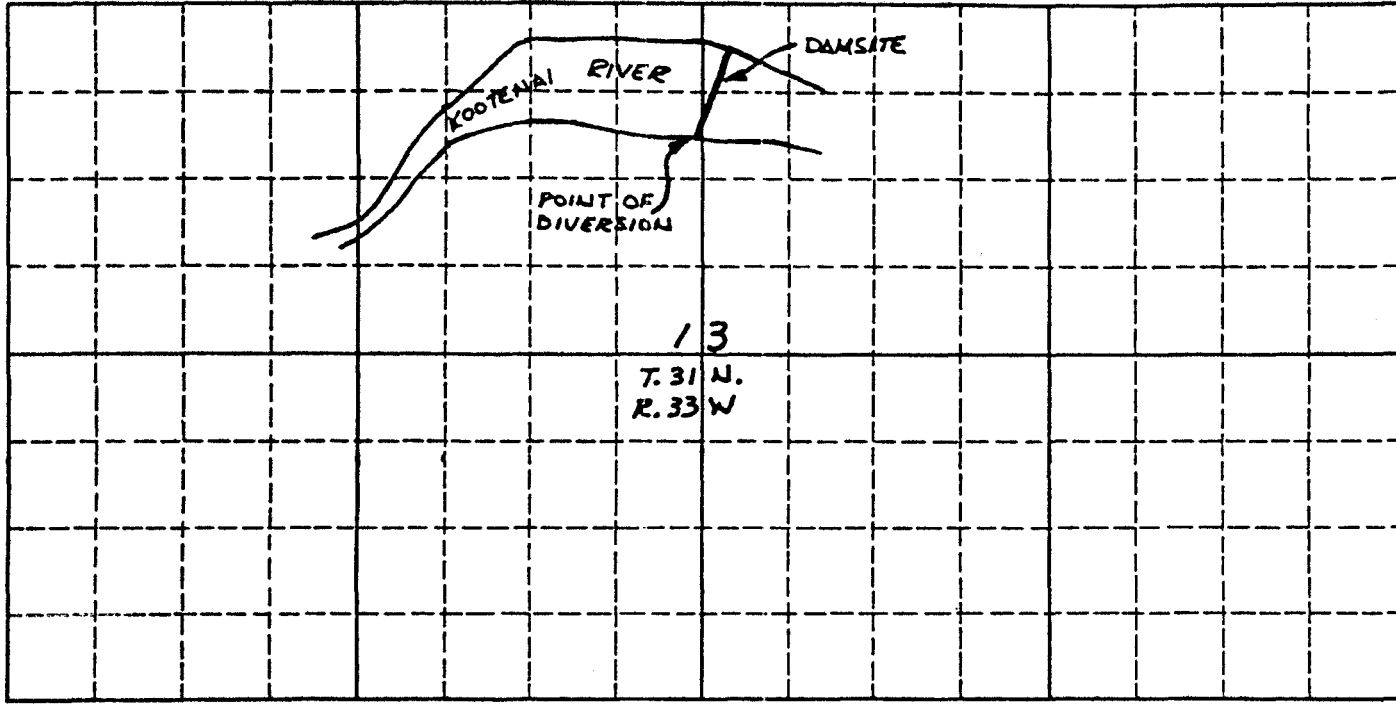
5. If water will be used for other purposes, describe: The applicant plans to construct a 140 MW power facility at the site.

8. Ownership:

U. S. Forest Service right bank

- (a) Property owner at the point of diversion: Burlington Northern, Inc. left bank
- (b) Property owner at the place of use: Burlington Northern, Inc.
- (c) If either (a) or (b) above are other than the applicant, describe the arrangement enabling the applicant to make this filing: The applicant has filed for a preliminary permit to the Federal Power Commission for development of this site and when license is issued it will include the necessary property from the U.S. Forest Service and the Applicant will negotiate with Burlington Northern for the property necessary from them.

9. Map of proposed water development: Indicate clearly the point of diversion, place of use, and section, township, and range numbers. Show pertinent information concerning the development, such as dams, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, etc. Use the largest, most convenient scale possible. If the map shown below is not adequate to describe your development, attach additional sheets.



10. Remarks: _____

11. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT THE STATEMENTS APPEARING HEREIN ARE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE TRUE AND CORRECT.

NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.

(Signature) (Date)

By: Wm. T. Nordeen (Signature) February 24, 1975 (Date)

Wm. T. Nordeen, Manager (Signature) (Date)

Signature of applicant(s) must be exactly as in Item 1, page 1. If more than one applicant is shown, all must sign.

(This section is not to be filled in by Applicant)

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Others (specify) _____

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REMARKS

(For Department Use Only)

TESTIMONY ON HB 509 - Leo Berry

House Bill 509 allows the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to carry out the provisions of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 in regard to the Residential Conservation Service. If the state does not receive legislative authority to implement the Montana Residential Conservation Service Plan that is now being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Energy, the utilities would have to comply with the federal standby plan. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy would administer and enforce the standby plan through the utilities from its Washington, D.C. office. The utilities have indicated that they would rather work with the State instead of the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.

The Residential Conservation Service Program can be implemented with no fiscal impact on the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The costs of the program are to be absorbed in the budgets proposed by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Office of Budget and Program Planning, from part of the federal funds.

The Department feels that the wording on page 1, lines 16-18, of HB 509 may jeopardize the approval of the Montana Residential Conservation Service (RCS) Plan by the U.S. Department of Energy. The RCS regulations do not limit the financing of energy conservation measures to low-cost loans. The Montana RCS Plan allows for financing through any type of loan which includes those from private lending institutions. The words "low-cost" should be stricken from HB 509 to conform with the Montana RCS Plan and the National Energy Conservation Policy Act.

The definition of "utility" should be expanded to allow utilities that annually sell less than 10 billion cubic feet of natural gas or 750 million kilowatt hours of electricity to voluntarily participate in the Residential Conservation Service Program, if they so desire. This would increase the potential energy savings from the program and allow for the equal treatment of all utility customers.

GREAT FALLS GAS COMPANY
TESTIMONY OF LARRY D. GESKE - FEBRUARY 4, 1981
BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Good afternoon. The Great Falls Gas Company has participated with other utilities in the state in assisting the Department of Natural Resources in drafting the State's Residential Conservation Service Program Plan to comply with the National Energy Conservation Policy Act. During the drafting process, the companies that have been included in the draft plan were:

The Montana Power Company

Montana Dakota Utilities

Pacific Power and Light

Great Falls Gas Company

We are proud to be part of the RCS program and have been performing energy audits on a formal basis for two (2) years. We are the major energy supplier into the Great Falls area and are pleased to have the opportunity to offer this more detailed RCS audit program to our customers. We believe that Great Falls Gas Company has been a leader in the State in advancing energy conservation with our customers and, as you may recall, in 1977 the Montana Legislature passed a unanimous resolution that commended the Great Falls Gas Company for being the first in the State with its home insulation program.

After receiving a copy of the draft of HB 509, we were alarmed to find that the bill had been drafted, hopefully in error, to exclude Great Falls Gas Company from participating in the RCS Program. The exclusion is in Section 2. (3) (a): which states that participation would be by utilities supplying

over 10 Bcf of natural gas sales per year. Since Great Falls Gas Company sales are some 6 Bcf per year, we would be excluded under the present draft of the bill. We have prepared a revision to the draft of HB 509 that is marked Exhibit-A to this testimony. This exhibit includes a provision for utilities smaller than the above stated criteria to participate in the plan, if they want to, as long as they comply with the Department's rules and regulations.

In talking with The Montana Power Company and the Department of Natural Resources, we believe they support this amendment.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this proposed change in HB 509. Thank you.

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

INTRODUCED BY Franklin D. Williams Vincent L. Lohr
Don Brann Robbie Lague Stella L. Lohr
Thompson Wendy Ramsey
 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION SERVICE IN
 MONTANA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of [this act] is to
 provide for administration by the state of the residential
 conservation service program mandated by the National Energy
 Conservation Policy Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-619).
 Implementation of this program will provide the citizens of
 Montana with a means of determining the need for and the
 cost-effectiveness of various energy conservation measures
 in their homes. It will also provide procedures for
 obtaining low-cost financing for installation of necessary
 energy conservation measures.

Section 2. Definitions. As used in [this act], the
 following definitions apply:

(1) "Department" means the department of natural
 resources and conservation.
 (2) "Residential conservation service" means a
 program, in which utilities must participate, that provides
 for energy audits and installation and financing of energy

conservation measures.

(3) "Utility" means a person, individual, group, firm,
 partnership, corporation, cooperative, association, or other
 organization or entity supplying:

(a) 10 billion cubic feet or more of natural gas a
 year in sales; or
 (b) 750 million kilowatt hours or more of electricity
 a year in sales; or

(c) Less energy than 3(a) or 3(b), but which is
 a "Utility" regulated by the Montana Public Service
 Commission which elects by written notice to the
 Department to participate in the Residential Conser-
 vation Service Program and agrees to comply with the
 rules and regulations of the Department.

Section 3. Residential conservation service
 established. (1) There is a residential conservation service
 established in Montana under the National Energy
 Conservation Policy Act of 1978, which shall be administered
 by the department according to the provisions of P.L. 95-619
 and [this act].

(2) [This act] is supplemental to the provisions of
 15-32-107 administered by the public service commission.

Section 4. General powers of department. The
 department may:

(1) employ a staff adequate to administer [this act];

1 (2) provide and maintain a list of qualified
2 contractors, lenders, and suppliers;

3 (3) adopt rules for the purpose of establishing:

4 (a) qualification criteria for contractors, lenders,
5 and suppliers;

6 (b) procedures for applications for energy audits and
7 financing for energy conservation measures;

8 (c) guidelines for and monitoring of the residential
9 conservation program;

10 (d) grievance procedures for the residential
11 conservation service.

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The economic future of Western Montana is primarily dependent on the development of it's abundant natural resources. These resources have to be developed in an environmentally prudent and economically responsible manner - and we, the undersigned, feel that the Northern Lights proposal to build a hydro-electric project on the Kootenai River is consistant with these demands and will produce an additional clean, renewable and domestic energy source so vital to the stability of our nation.

We urge you to support HJR # 11 in the 1981 Montana Legislative Session. Copies of this petition will be sent to the Montana State Legislature.

NAME	ADDRESS
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Ed L. Dwyer	880 E. ...

TO ALL MONTANA STATE LEGISLATORS

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<i>Gill Warren</i>	<i>Libby MT.</i>
<i>L. G. Lewis</i>	<i>Libby Mont</i>
<i>Allen Nelson</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>John P. Lewis Sr.</i>	<i>Rt 2 Angel Island Trail MT.</i>
<i>George L. Culbin</i>	<i>Rt 2 Box 400 Libby, Mont 59923</i>
<i>Don A. Burdick</i>	<i>320 Idaho Libby 59923</i>
<i>Vernon O. Lantz</i>	<i>Rt #1 Box 1585, Libby, Mont 59923</i>
<i>Michael Deter</i>	<i>114 Idaho St. Libby, Mont 59923</i>
<i>Nellie Lavelle</i>	<i>Box 1507 Noxon MONT 59853</i>
<i>Judith A. Rayome</i>	<i>P.O. Box 41 Libby, Mont. 59923</i>
<i>Ronald Rayome</i>	<i>P.O. Box 41 Libby, Mont 59923</i>
<i>Andy R. Kist</i>	<i>PO 675 Troy Mont 59935</i>
<i>Steven A. Kettering</i>	<i>Rt 4 Box 400 KIRK</i>



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF NORTHERN LIGHTS PROPOSED RUN-OF-THE-RIVER KOOTENAI RIVER
HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN OPERATION SHOWING UNDERWATER SPILLWAY. (SEE ARROW ON PICTURE)
POWERHOUSE WILL BE UNDERGROUND.

N.E.E.D.

P.O. BOX 1158, LIBBY, MONTANA 59923

Jan. 30, 1981

Sen. William Hafferman
Capitol Station
Helena, Mont. 59620

Dear Bill:

We have letters on the way to you with regards to SJR # 4, SJR # 5, and HJR # 11. Enclosed is the first of petitions you will receive on HJR # 11. If you can, we would like you to forward to us, a copy of each petition you receive, as we will have them mailed from several individuals. We hope to have 3 or 4 people in Helena to testify next Wednesday.

I am puzzled by Sheldon and Mueller's opposition, based, (according to news reports), on the opinion that the resolution will divide the community. If ever a federal agency makes the final decision, then they will raise hell, because they weren't given the opportunity to submit local or state input.

Keep in there, Bill, we appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Ron Rayome, Chairman



Steve Lethrud, Co-chairman

N.E.E.D. Legislative Committee

February 2, 1968
Libby Montana

Near Aubrey:

Due to the demand for
electrical power in the near future, I
support the construction of the Kootenai
Dams project. Since this is a private
enterprise, it will also help the Fiscal
County tax base. This is H. J. R. # 11, ~~11~~.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann E. Thodde

Rt 2 Box 759

Libby, Montana 59923

February 2 1981
Libby, Montana

Dear Rep. Harp:

Due to the demand for electrical power in the near future, I support the construction of the Kootenai Falls project. Since this is a private enterprise, it will also help the Lincoln County tax base. This is H.J.R. 11.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou E. Hooda

Rt 2 Box 759

Libby, Montana 59923

February 2 1981
Libby, Montana

Dear Senator Hoffmann:

Due to the demand for electrical power in the near future, I support the construction of the Kootenai Falls project. Since this is a private enterprise, it will also help the Lincoln County tax base. This is W. J. R. 11.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou E. Hoodie

Rt 2 Box 759

Libby, Montana 59923

Feb. 2, 1981
Libby, Montana

Sen Bill Hafferman,
Helena, Montana 59620

Senator Hafferman,

I'm writing to you this evening to ask you to vote for 2 joint resolutions hopefully coming up for a vote soon. I'm talking about HJR-11 and SJR-4. As far as I'm concerned both are needed; HJR-11 for power, jobs and important tax base for Lincoln County. Being a resident of this county, I'm sure you are aware of these too. We need ~~the~~ SJR-4 also to stop just anybody from stopping just anything that somebody else wants or needs. That's my feeling on it anyway, Bill, and I think you know what I mean.

Thank you Bill.

Sincerely,
Clarence R. Johnson

Representative John Dingell
Dear members of Bill
1-11-11 and also Bill SJR-4
will you help support them
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Sincerely,

Donna B. Bump

presenting today letter
in favor of Bill
HJR-11 and also S. JR-4
give them your support.

Sincerely
Donna Brumpe

Feb 2, 1981

Senator William Jefferson

I am in full support of Bills

H.R. 11 Kastenbaum bill project

H.R. 444 require groups to get word to file

Class Action suits to stop energy projects

Sincerely

Diana Bump

Noxon MT

Feb. 2, 1981

Senator Wm. Hafferman

Dear Sir;

I Am very much in favor of, And
Recommend The passage of Bill S

H. J. R. 11

S. J. R. 4

Mrs. Nellie E. Lavelle

Bx 1507

Noxon
MT 59853

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Feb. 2, 1981

Rep. John Harp
Dear Sir;

I Am very much in Favor of,
And recommend the passage of Bills

H.J.R. 11
SJR x

Mrs Nellie E. Lovell

BX 1507

Norxon

NT 59853

Noxon MT
Feb. 2, 1981

Rep. Aubyn Curtis

Dear Sir;

I am very much in favor of,
And recommend the passage of Bills

H.J.R. 11

J.J.R. 4

Mrs Reece E. Lavell

Bx 1507

Noxon

MT 59853

Letter to Harry Hatfield

I am for H.T.B. as long as
I can. We will meet this week
to see what we can do.

We will meet again to
to pass this bill

Thanks Bill

Harry Lovell
Alexandria

Feb 2, 1981
Betty Montana

Senator William Saffman
Capt. Emilio
Selma Montana.

Dear Senator Saffman,

I am very much in favor
of S.R. 4. I hope you will find in
needed support to get this made into
law.

I also support S.R. 11 on the
Festini Gills Project. The additional
S.R. 10 - Tamen is needed especially when
it is built by private enterprise

Sincerely
Betty Montana
Rt 2 Box 658
Betty Montana
59923

Representative John Ding

I am in favor of HR 11

I also ~~fully~~ support S.R. 4

Please give both these bills
your full support.

Thank you.

Wm. C. Sullivan

112 First St

Libby Montana

59723

Representative Arthur Hunter

I am informed of HSR 11

I am also informed of SLR 4

Please give them your full
support.

Thank you.

Felix L. Williams

212 Davis St.

Felix Williams

5923

Feb. 2, 1951

Senator William H. Hufferman
Capital Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Hufferman:

I thank you for the excellent work that you are doing in representing our district. We shall appreciate your support of HJR-11 at Kootenai Falls Project in Libby.

We hope that all is well with you and your family.

Thanks again for all you've done.

Sincerely,

George and Annie Perry

Feb. 2, 1981

Representative Aubyn Curtis
Capital Station
Helena, Montana

Dear Aubyn,

The purpose of this
letter is to support HJR-11
supporting the Kootenai Falls
Project in Libby and to
request your vote
for it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. George Farag
416 W 5th St.
Libby, Mont. 59923

Feb. 2, 1981

Rep. John Harp
Capital Station
Helena, Montana
Dear John:

The purpose of this
letter is to support H & R-11
supporting the Montana
Falls Project in Libby and
to request your vote for it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. George Faray
416 W. 5th St.
Libby, Mt. 59923

Feb 2, 1981

Senator William Happerman

Dear Bill,

Doug & I would like to express
our support for the H.J.R. #11 Hootenau
Falls Project, and also for the S.J.R. #4
Require Groups to Post Bond to file Claws
Action Suite to Stop Energy projects.

We would also like to thank you
for the fine work that you are
doing for us.

Sincerely,

Doug & Kathy Brown
P.O. Box 108

Kathy, Mont 59923

Dear Bill Chapman

I support H.R. = 1

I appreciate you taking S.B. 27.

I was one of the slave victims from
Lynchburg.

Jack Thompson

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Bill

Feb. 2, 1981

Rep. John Harp.

Re H.S. R. II

Rep. John Harp:

Please count me in support
of the Xootenai Falls Project.
As proposed I believe the project
is environmentally sound and
also necessary for supply of
future energy needs.

Respectfully

Alma M. Hall

P.O. Box 166

Libby, Mt. 59923

Feb. 2, 1981

Rep. Aubyn Curtis

Re: H.J. R 11

Dear Aubyn Ann,

Please count me in support
of the Kootenai Falls Project.
As proposed I believe it is
environmentally sound and
necessary for supply of future
energy needs.

Respectfully

Alma Hall

P.O. Box 166

Libby, Id. 59923

Feb. 3, 1981

Senator William Hafferaman

Re: H.J. R. 11

Dear Sen. Hafferaman:

I support the Fortenai Falls
Project.

Yours respectfully

Alma M. Hall

P.O. Box 166

Libby, Mont. 59923

Feb. 2, 1981

Sen. Bill Daffernan
Capitol Station
Helena, Mt.

Dear Bill:

I want you to know
I am in favor of IJR #4.
I feel that these organ-
izations should be made
to be responsible for
their actions.

Sincerely,

Judy Rayone
P.O. Box 41
Libby, Mt.

Feb 2 1981

Senator William Jefferson

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Bill H JR # 11

and

Bill S JR 4

Paul Schell

pt 2 Box 752

Libby mt 59923

of John Harp

I support Bill HJR 11

and Bill SJR 4

Paul Schill

pt 2 Box 752

Sibby m7 59923

11/2/1919

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter of
the 28th and am glad to hear
from you.

I hope you

are well and
happy.

Feb 2, 1951

My dear Mr. [unclear]

I would like you to know that
H J R #4 and #5 are

Thank you

Wm. B. [unclear]
July 1951

TO ALL MONTANA STATE LEGISLATORS

The economic future of Western Montana is primarily dependent on the development of it's abundant natural resources. These resources have to be developed in an environmentally prudent and economically responsible manner - and we, the undersigned, feel that the Northern Lights proposal to build a hydro-electric project on the Potomai River is consistant with these demands and will produce an additional clean, renewable and domestic energy source so vital to the stability of our nation.

We urge you to support HJR # 11 in the 1981 Montana Legislative Session. Copies of this petition will be sent to the Montana State Legislature.

NAME

ADDRESS

Merlin H Spiering	RT #2 TROY MONTANA
Robert W Bearby	Box 821 - Lilly Mont
Robert J McCallum	Box 740 Troy, Montana 59235
Ben Garland	RT-2 Troy, MONTANA
John A Brown	Box 352 Troy " "
Darryl K. Brown	" " " "
Todd Brown	" " " "
Carol Ann Line	RT-2 Troy, MT.
Anthony S Brown	PO BOX 8585 Troy MT.
William J. Shaw	RT-2 TROY
Douglas C. Hale	RT-2 Troy
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NAME**ADDRESS**[illegible]

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NAME	ADDRESS
M. Dale Herried	Rt #2 Box 636 Libby Mont.
Marion G. Herried	Rte #2 Box 636 " "
J. L. B. B. B.	Rt 1 Box 1398
Betty J. Hand	Rt. 1 Box 1399 Libby, Mont
Carston M. Wood	P.O. Box 955 Libby, Mont.
Ernest D. Wood JR	" " " " "
Paul J. Hill	Rt 2 Box 752 Libby, Mont
Walter L. Hocking	Rt 4 Box 256 Libby, Mont
H. C. Hocking	Rt 4 - Box 256 Libby, Mont
Walter Hocking	Rt 4 - Box 256 Libby, Mont
Walter L. Hocking	519 Hamilton Ave, Libby, Mont
Ronald W. Hall	Rt 2 Box 678 Libby, Mont



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MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

P. AUBYN A. CURTISS
HOUSE DISTRICT NO. 20
BOX 102
FORTINE, MONTANA 59918

COMMITTEES:
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JUDICIARY
NATURAL RESOURCES

FOR THE RECORD, I AM AUBYN CURTISS, DISTRICT 20 REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE DISTRICT I REPRESENT ENCOMPASSES PORTIONS OF FLATHEAD AND LINCOLN COUNTIES.

THREE OF THE COOPERATIVES JOINING IN THE DECEMBER 1, 1978 FILING OF THE APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, PROVIDE POWER FOR THESE TWO COUNTIES. AND CONSUMER MEMBERS OF FLATHEAD AND LINCOLN ELECTRIC AND NORTHERN LIGHTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF POWER FOR FUTURE USE SINCE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION HAS SERVED NOTICE THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO ALLOCATE ENERGY TO MEET GROWTH NEEDS AFTER 1983.

BONNEVILLES' 90% INCREASE, WITH MORE CONTEMPLATED, AND THE GROWTH RATE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCED IN RURAL AREAS BOTH INDICATE THE NECESSITY FOR THE COOPERATIVES TO INITIATE SOME ACTION TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN ENERGY NEEDS.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE COOPERATIVES AND HARZA ENGINEERING SEEM TO VERIFY THAT THE KOOTENAI RIVER PROJECT # 2752 IS A FEASIBLE METHOD TO MEET INCREASED ENERGY DEMANDS IN A MANNER WHICH WILL HAVE MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.. RATHER THAN RUIN THE FALLS AREA, A FLOW DISTRIBUTED EVENLY ACROSS THE RIVER, AS PROJECTED, WOULD ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF THE FALLS. PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE VISITOR LOCATION WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE THE SCENIC ACCESS, BUT CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER PUBLIC SAFETY.

MONTANA PEOPLE, ON A BALLOT INITIATIVE, INDICATED THEY DID NOT WANT ANY NUCLEAR FACILITIES LOCATED HERE UNLESS STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS WERE MET. ~~Many projects~~ ARE AT A STAND STILL BECAUSE OF ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THE PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE POSES NO SUCH THREATS, BUT IS A CLEAN, ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PROJECT WHICH COULD PERMIT NEEDY CONSUMERS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OTHERS. AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT EVEN SHOULD THE CANAL FLATS DIVERSION TAKE PLACE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE REMAINING KOOTENAI FLOW WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO SUPPLY PROJECT NEEDS WITHOUT SACRIFICING WATER QUALITY OR AESTHETIC VALUES.

I AM A NATIVE MONTANAN AND HAVE LIVED IN LINCOLN COUNTY MOST OF 48 YEARS. I VALUE OUR RESOURCES AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING AIR AND WATER QUALITY, FORESTS, FISHERIES, AND WILDLIFE. ONE MOST VALUABLE



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RESOURCE, TOO OFTEN OVERLOOKED, IS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I FEEL IT IS DEPLORABLE THAT WE MUST LOSE SO MANY OF OUR MOST GIFTED TO OTHER STATES BECAUSE OF LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM HERE IN OUR STATE. I BELIEVE THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT WOULD INCREASE THE TAX BASE AND STRENGTHEN THE OVERALL ECONOMY OF THIS AREA, BY GUARANTEEING A STABLE SUPPLY OF ENERGY, WITHOUT WHICH NO COMMUNITY CAN THRIVE AND DEVELOP ITS POTENTIAL.

ALTHOUGH I AM NO ENGINEER OR TECNICIAN, I BELIEVE THAT THE MONTANA STATUTES PROVIDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE ADEQUATE TO ENSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED AND THAT THE PROJECT, IF APPROVED, WILL PROVE TO BE AN ASSET TO THE COUNTY AND THE STATE .

THANK YOU FOR AFFORDING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR COMMENTS.

NEWS RELEASE

Athens, Greece

November, 5, 1979

Information regarding the proposed Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project on the Kootenai River between Libby and Troy, Montana, was presented here today in a paper entitled, "Adding The Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project To Existing Multi-Purpose Development". The paper was presented by Brian J. Gallagher, Environmental Scientist of Harza Engineering Company, Chicago, and was co-authored by Wm. T. Nordeen, General Manager of Northern Lights, Inc., a Montana and Idaho rural electric cooperative based in Sandpoint, Idaho; and Arthur E. Allen, Civil Engineer for Harza Engineering Company.

The Symposium on the "Prospects of Hydroelectric Schemes Under the New Energy Situation and on Related Problems" is being held November 5 - 8 at Athens under the auspices of the Committee of Electric Power of the United Nations - Economic Commission For Europe with the cooperation of the Greek government. With present energy shortages, European nations are renewing their interest in Hydroelectric power projects that are self-renewable and can be built with minimal effect on the environment. Papers presented are reproduced in the three working languages of the Economic Commission For Europe (English, French and Russian).

Participants in the Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project include all of the electric cooperatives in Western Montana and the Flathead Irrigation Districts.

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The Kootenai River site involves problems relative to topography, geology, areas at the site devoted to public recreation, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife, highway traffic, and railroad relocation. The combination of factors results in a unique project having an underground powerstation, which is unusual at such low head. The technical approaches to minimize cost while providing adequate residual flow in the river for wildlife and public recreation involve many unusual features.

The Project serves an area in which population is growing even though population density is small. The need for electrical power and energy in the area is increasing. The paper ^{presented at Athens discussed} ~~will discuss~~ the beneficial effects of the Project on the economy of the area and ~~will~~ ^{described} the position of the project relative to alternative sources of power and energy. It is expected that the Project will increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists and recreational visitors.

Testimony on House Joint Resolution 11

My name is Barbara Rhodes and I live in Libby. I speak to you as a private citizen. I am the Co-ordinator of Save the Kootenai and an active member of the League of Women Voters of Montana.

In your consideration of this resolution I would like to speak to the orderly process that the State of Montana is now undertaking to identify the facts about the impacts of the Northern Lights proposal. This resolution will do nothing to help the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in its' timely efforts. It will not serve to shed light on the confusion of a polarized community, it will not diminish the emotional rhetoric or help in any way to come to a decision on the merits of the proposal.

I would like to ask you to table this resolution and spend no more time in helping Northern Lights evade the process of fact finding and objective decision making that our Montana due process necessitates. in an effort to protect the rights of all its' citizens. Thank you.

RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

RESOLUTION OPPOSING KOOTENAI FALLS DAM

WHEREAS, the Northern Lights Electric Co-op is proposing to build a dam at Kootenai Falls on the Kootenai River near Libby, Montana, and,

WHEREAS, the site is in the aboriginal hunting and fishing grounds of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and,

WHEREAS, P.L. 95-341 (92 Stat. 469), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, guarantees Native Americans the inherent right to free exercise of their religion, and,

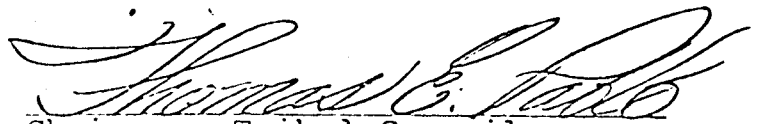
WHEREAS, it is the site of one of the last Kootenai Vision Quest sites in Northwest Montana and its destruction would infringe upon the Kootenai people's freedom of religion, and,

WHEREAS, there are 15 archeological sites in the area to be inundated, 10 of which are prehistoric, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that for the above reasons the Tribes are opposed to the construction of Kootenai Falls Dam.

C E R T I F I C A T E

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the 6th day of July, 1979, with a vote of 9 for 0 opposed and 0 not voting, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (a), (c) and (u) of the Tribes' Constitution and Bylaws; said Constitution adopted and approved under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended.


Chairman, Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary