



CENTRAL COUNCIL

Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 15-22

Titled: Support For Continued Funding of the State of Alaska's Renewable Energy Fund

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Renewable Energy Fund (REF) which is administered by the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), has provided \$247.5 million of grant funding statewide since 2009, and has resulted in fuel displacement of nearly 15 million gallons per year so far; and

WHEREAS, of the \$247.5 million of renewable energy project grant funding a total of \$54.8 million has been awarded to the Southeast Alaska region, which provided funding for Inside Passage Electric Cooperative's waste heat recovery projects for Angoon and Hoonah, funds to permit and design the Kake-Petersburg electric transmission intertie, and for permitting, design and construction of the Gartina Falls Hydro Project for Hoonah (which will come online summer 2015); and

WHEREAS, many of CCTHITA's tribal members live in small communities that depend on diesel electric generation, which is expensive and leads to high electric rates; and

WHEREAS, many Southeast Alaska renewable energy projects, especially hydro, are not economically feasible without extensive grant funding yet are often the best renewable energy solution due to Southeast Alaska's high annual precipitation levels; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to obtain grant funding for hydro projects from federal sources since they don't consider hydro a renewable resource, making the State's REF annual legislative appropriations even that much more critical for Southeast Alaska hydro projects; and

WHEREAS, funding for the REF is currently being considered by the legislature through conference committee, with the Senate Finance Committee recommending no funding due to the current State fiscal crisis, while the House Finance Committee recommends \$13 million of grant funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby supports continued funding of the Renewable Energy Fund so that more renewable energy projects can be designed and constructed to provide energy rate relief for many of its tribal members.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2015, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absence(s).

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



For: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw