



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

A Resolution entitled, "Approval of JT Energy LLC Indian Mineral Development Agreement."

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of the Three Affiliated Tribes comprises approximately 1,000,000 acres and had within it potentially significant oil and gas resources worth many hundreds of millions of dollars, as it lies within the generally accepted geologic formation known as the Williston Basin, a proven oil field since the early 1950's; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes is actively seeking to develop its resources for the economic benefit of all of its members which will provide both increased revenue to individual members and increased employment for tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** JT Energy, LLC desires to enter into a an Oil and Gas Lease ("Lease") with the Tribes as Lessor and JT Energy as Lessee; and
- WHEREAS,** The Lease is a minerals agreement under the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 and the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 225; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council finds:
1. The Lease contains assurances that mineral development operations shall be conducted with appropriate diligence;
 2. The Lease provides for the payment of adequate royalties and other forms of economic return to the Tribes;
 3. The Lease is in the best interest of the Tribes;
 4. The Lease does not have adverse cultural, social, or environmental impacts sufficient to outweigh its expected benefits to the Tribes; and
 5. The Lease complies with the requirements of 25 C.F.R. Part 225, and all other applicable regulations and the provisions of applicable Federal law.



WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to approve the Lease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves of the Indian Mineral Development Act Agreement with JT Energy LLC attached to this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director approve the JT Energy LLC IMDA as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 24th April 2007; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not voting.

Dated this 24 day of APRIL, 2007.

ATTEST:

Judy Brugh

for Executive Secretary, Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Marcus Wells, Jr.

Tribal Chairman, Marcus Wells, Jr.
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes