

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

..title

A RESOLUTION addressing a proposed liquefied natural gas facility in Tacoma, and urging the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to improve tribal consultation procedures and collaborate with regional mayors, leaders, and tribes to address the growing impact of climate change.

..body

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a for-profit company, is developing a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at the Port of Tacoma in the Tacoma Tideflats for the purpose of producing, storing, and distributing liquefied natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the regional 2008 Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy set ambitious goals for reducing emissions from ships and other port-related sources and improving regional air quality; and

WHEREAS, most cargo ships in the Puget Sound region currently run on diesel or bunker fuel, and emissions from ships are responsible for 63 percent of maritime-related diesel particulate matter emissions; and

WHEREAS, vessels operating in Puget Sound must meet appropriate federal emissions standards; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council considers climate change to be a threat to people everywhere in the world, and a vital concern for the people of Seattle and the Northwest, and data shows that LNG is one choice to fuel some ships and provide natural gas to residential and commercial customers to reduce sulfur emissions, harmful diesel particulate matter by 90 percent, nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide emissions by 90 percent, and carbon dioxide emissions by 35 percent over that of diesel or bunker fuel; and

1 WHEREAS, dockworkers, pilots, and communities surrounding vessel routes and docking that
2 utilize bunker fuel experience decreased air quality, significantly impacting the public
3 health of workers and communities in the Puget Sound region; and

4 WHEREAS, allies in labor organizations and the environmental community, as well as tribal,
5 city, county, and state governments, should work collaboratively on measures to decrease
6 the harmful impacts of emissions that harm public health and impact climate change; and

7 WHEREAS, natural gas, like other fossil fuels, emits carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that
8 contributes to climate change when used as a fuel source, and leaks along the natural gas
9 supply chain emit methane, a gas with 86 times the global warming potential of carbon
10 dioxide, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; and

11 WHEREAS, many natural resources are disappearing faster than they can be restored due to the
12 impacts of climate change; and

13 WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes who rely heavily on the cultural and
14 subsistence practices of their ancestors are disproportionately impacted by climate change
15 due to their geographic locations and direct connection to the surrounding environment,
16 particularly those tribal nations located in coastal communities; and

17 WHEREAS, in Resolution 31757 The City of Seattle committed to “doing its part to meet the
18 United States’ obligation under the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5
19 degrees Celsius”; and

20 WHEREAS, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 173-441, regarding the reporting
21 of emissions of greenhouse gases, and WAC Chapter 173-442, known as the Clean Air
22 Rule, establish greenhouse gas emission standards for natural gas distributors; and

1 WHEREAS, natural gas is often extracted from the earth through hydraulic fracturing
2 (“fracking”), causing environmental damage beyond the impacts on climate change; and

3 WHEREAS, PSE’s proposed LNG facility in Tacoma would process a steady supply of gas from
4 offsite wells including gas extracted through fracking, potentially exposing communities
5 living near those wells to toxic and carcinogenic chemicals and polluting local waters;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, LNG is natural gas that has been condensed into a liquid, taking one-six-hundredth
8 the volume of its gas form when cooled to -260 degrees Fahrenheit; and

9 WHEREAS, PSE’s proposed LNG facility includes a storage tank that could hold up to 8 million
10 gallons of LNG, which is the equivalent of 4.8 billion gallons of natural gas in vapor
11 form; and

12 WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes depend upon natural resources to sustain
13 their way of life, and the proposed Tacoma LNG facility places a disproportionate share
14 of health and safety risks on tribal lands and tribal members; and

15 WHEREAS, local, state, and federal permitting and other approval processes require tribal
16 consultation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) is a regional organization
18 comprised of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and represents tribes in the states of
19 Washington, Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Oregon; and

20 WHEREAS, the ATNI adopted Resolution 17-51 in September 2017, included as Attachment A
21 to this resolution, opposing the siting of the proposed Tacoma LNG facility, supporting
22 documentation and disclosure of the risks of constructing and operating an LNG storage
23 and distribution facility, promoting the siting of such facilities where the risks are

1 lessened for the public as a whole and not disproportionately absorbed by tribes, and
2 calling for the cessation of construction activities on the proposed Tacoma LNG facility;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the ATNI adopted Resolution 18-10 in January 2018, included as Attachment B to
5 this resolution, stating that several of the failures to document and disclose the risks of
6 constructing and operating an LNG facility are best addressed through a Supplemental
7 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), an environmental justice analysis, and a human
8 health study; calling on the City of Tacoma to require a Supplemental EIS; and reiterating
9 many of the positions contained in ATNI Resolution 17-51; and

10 WHEREAS, ATNI Resolutions 17-51 and 18-10 were signed by the Honorable Leonard
11 Forsman, President of ATNI and Chair of the Suquamish Tribe, located in Kitsap
12 County; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is
14 the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal
15 governments; and

16 WHEREAS, NCAI adopted Resolution MKE-17-034 in October 2017, included as Attachment
17 C to this resolution, opposing the siting of LNG facilities that would harm tribal lands,
18 and urging disclosure of the risks associated with construction and operation of LNG
19 facilities to ensure that any risks are reduced for the public as a whole and not
20 disproportionately absorbed by tribes; and

21 WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians adopted Resolution 180118F in January 2018,
22 included as Attachment D to this resolution, opposing the Tacoma LNG facility and
23 approving a statement declaring that the review and permitting process has been

1 inadequate and that construction activities should cease until all tribal consultation and
2 public participation requirements are met and all permit requirements are satisfied; and

3 WHEREAS, Puyallup Tribe of Indians Chair Bill Sterud supports the adopted statement by the
4 Tribal Council that “The Puyallup Tribe of Indians opposes the location of the Liquefied
5 Gas storage facility because of its direct threat to our homeland, culture, way of life, and
6 tribal members.... This area is all that we have left of our aboriginal homeland, and it
7 cannot be replaced”; and

8 WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is a special-purpose, regional
9 government agency chartered by state law in 1967 under the Washington Clean Air Act
10 with jurisdiction covering four counties: King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish; and

11 WHEREAS, the PSCAA is governed by a Board of Directors composed of elected officials from
12 the cities and counties within its jurisdiction, along with one member representing the
13 public at large; and

14 WHEREAS, the PSCCA Board of Directors does not include elected tribal leadership from any
15 of the nine tribes located within those four counties; and

16 WHEREAS, the nine tribes within PSCAA’s jurisdiction are:

- 17 a) Pierce County: Nisqually, Puyallup
- 18 b) King County: Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie
- 19 c) Kitsap County: Port Gamble S’Klallam, Suquamish
- 20 d) Snohomish County: Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish, Tulalip; and

21 WHEREAS, Seattle Mayor Durkan holds a seat on the Board of Directors of the PSCAA; and

1 WHEREAS, PSE began construction of the LNG facility without first obtaining the necessary
2 approval by the PSCAA, resulting in issuance of Notice of Violation 3-008343 by the
3 PSCAA in April 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, the PSCAA is currently considering PSE’s application for a permit to build and
5 operate the LNG plant in Tacoma; and

6 WHEREAS, in January 2018, the PSCAA placed PSE’s application on hold after determining
7 that a Supplemental EIS is required to quantitatively identify and analyze greenhouse gas
8 emissions throughout the fuel life cycle, including emissions upstream and downstream
9 of the proposed project; NOW, THEREFORE,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

11 Section 1. The Seattle City Council is deeply concerned by the expansion of fossil fuel
12 infrastructure in general, and is specifically troubled by the proposed siting of a new liquefied
13 natural gas (LNG) facility by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) in Tacoma. The Seattle City Council
14 requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to communicate this resolution to the
15 Northwest Seaport Alliance including the Port of Tacoma, the Tacoma City Council, the Mayor
16 of Tacoma, and Washington State Governor Jay Inslee.

17 Section 2. Due to the disproportionate impact of the proposed LNG facility on tribal
18 lands, and in light of the lack of tribal consultation in spite of the significant presence of tribes in
19 the area, the Seattle City Council urges the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) to:

20 A) Improve its tribal consultation procedures and engage in a government-to-
21 government relationship with tribes on matters related to PSE’s application; and

22 B) Collaborate with regional mayors, leaders, and tribes to address the growing
23 impact of climate change; and

- 1 C) Promote investments in clean energy that will reduce regional reliance upon fossil
2 fuels; and
- 3 D) Include an examination of hydraulic fracturing in the Supplemental
4 Environmental Impact Statement that was announced in January 2018; and
- 5 E) Provide timely information regarding the environmental impacts of any proposed
6 facility affecting tribal land prior to any hearings on these facilities.



**2017 Annual Convention
Spokane, WA**

RESOLUTION #17 - 51

**OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE PROPOSED TACOMA
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT**

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, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and 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 to 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, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, 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 the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, our economy, culture, religions and way of life has been centered around our fishing, hunting, and gathering resources, and the lands and waters upon which they depend, and we have been and remain careful and conscientious stewards over them to ensure their continued health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the tribes of ATNI depend on the natural resources of this region to sustain; our way of life, rights to fish, hunt and gather, our economies, human health and fulfill our sacred obligation to protect our First Foods and our most precious natural resources, water; and

WHEREAS, the tribes of ATNI work tirelessly to protect tribal members health, safety, welfare, and futures both within and outside tribal reservations; and

WHEREAS, the tribes of ATNI recognize that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) could provide a cleaner fuel for ships, trucks, or cars than other fuel sources; however, ATNI tribes cannot accept that tribes, their members and tribal lands are bearing a disproportionate share of the significant risks posed by LNG facilities; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local agencies are supporting LNG storage facilities in areas within or in close proximity to tribal lands without significant input or consideration of tribal interests or rights; and

WHEREAS, LNG storage and the untested technology for such facilities pose significant risks to human safety, human health, and natural resources due to explosive risks, spill risks, and risk to the health of natural resources relied upon by ATNI tribes; and

WHEREAS, LNG proponents are not fully analyzing and disclosing to ATNI tribes or the general public the risks posed by LNG to human safety, human health, and natural resources due to explosive risks, spill risks, and risk to the health of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribes' ancestral industry of fisheries relies on sustainable resources that will face detrimental impacts from the construction and operation of LNG storage and fueling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant has received several permits for its development that have conditions that other permits be applied for and obtained, including a permit from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the Tacoma LNG Plant have begun substantial work on the project even where such work is subject to unmet permit conditions and permits that remain under appeal; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state and local authorities are responsible for enforcing the permit conditions and responsible for ensuring permit compliance; and

WHEREAS, the remaining permits for the facility will have significant Tribal Consultation and public participation prior to issuance; and

WHEREAS, the permitting authorities have received notice of the unmet permit conditions and the applicants failure to comply with the legal authorities governing the permitting of the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant and have yet to act to stop ongoing work on the facility; and

WHEREAS, the failure to hold LNG and other major project proponents to full compliance with the law and permitting conditions, including Tribal Consultation and public participation, prior to initiating construction and expending significant resources is a common occurrence across the United States and capable of repetition on future projects; now

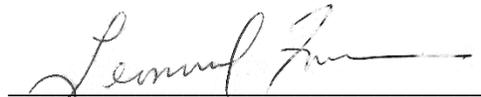
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI is opposed to the siting of the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports a strategy to document and disclose the true risks of construction and operation of LNG storage and distribution facilities to accurately disclose the risks involved with such facilities and promote siting of such facilities in areas where such risks are not disproportionately absorbed by tribes and such risks are lessened for the public as a whole; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI calls for all Federal, State, and Local agencies to ensure cessation of illegal construction activities of the proposed Tacoma LNG Plant.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington on September 18-21, 2017, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary



**2018 Winter Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION #18 - 10

**“OPPOSING THE SITING AND CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF THE TACOMA
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PLANT WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMITS AND
IN VIOLATION OF PERMIT CONDITIONS”**

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, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and 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 to 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, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, 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 the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, our economy, culture, religions and way of life has been centered around our fishing, hunting, and gathering resources, and the lands and waters upon which they depend, and we have been and remain careful and conscientious stewards over them to ensure their continued health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, ATNI member Tribes depend on the natural resources of this region to sustain our way of life, rights to fish, hunt and gather, our economies, human health and fulfill our sacred obligation to protect our First Foods and our most precious natural resources, water; and

WHEREAS, ATNI member Tribes work tirelessly to protect tribal members health, safety, welfare, and futures both within and external to tribal reservations; and

WHEREAS, ATNI member Tribes recognize that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) could provide a cleaner fuel for ships, trucks, or cars than other fuel sources; however, ATNI tribes cannot accept that tribes, their members and tribal lands are bearing a disproportionate share of the significant risks posed by LNG facilities; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local agencies are supporting LNG storage facilities in areas within or in close proximity to tribal lands without significant input or consideration of tribal interests or rights; and

WHEREAS, LNG storage and the untested technology for such facilities pose significant risks to human safety, human health, and natural resources due to explosive risks, spill risks, and risk to the health of natural resources relied upon by ATNI tribes; and

WHEREAS, LNG proponents are not fully analyzing and disclosing to ATNI tribes or the general public the risks posed by LNG to human safety, human health, and natural resources due to explosive risks, spill risks, and risk to the health of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribes' ancestral industry of fisheries relies on sustainable resources that will face detrimental impacts from the construction and operation of LNG storage and fueling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant has received several permits for its development that have conditions that other permits be applied for and obtained, including a permit from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has issued a notice of violation to Puget Sound Energy for constructing the LNG plant, including the 8 million gallon storage tank and related valves and facilities, without an application and final order from the agency authorizing such construction; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy still does not have a permit from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and its application has not even reached the public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Notice of Violation remains open; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy continues to construct the LNG Plant on the Tacoma Tide flats; and

WHEREAS, permits for the LNG Plant from the City of Tacoma, Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers require that Puget Sound Energy comply with all environmental laws and, if not in compliance, immediately come into compliance with those laws; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local authorities are responsible for enforcing the permit conditions and responsible for ensuring permit compliance; and

WHEREAS, the permitting authorities have received notice of the unmet permit conditions and the applicant’s failure to comply with the legal authorities governing the permitting of the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant and have yet to act to stop ongoing work on the facility; and

WHEREAS, the failure to hold LNG and other major project proponents to full compliance with the law and permitting conditions, including Tribal Consultation and public participation, prior to initiating construction and expending significant resources is a common occurrence across the United States and capable of repetition on future projects; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI is opposed to the siting of the Proposed Tacoma LNG Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI member Tribes support a strategy to document and disclose the true risks of construction and operation of LNG storage and distribution facilities and promote siting of such facilities in areas where such risks are not disproportionately absorbed by tribes and such risks are lessened for the public as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI member Tribes have identified that several of the failures to document and disclose the risks of construction and operation of the LNG plant are best addressed through a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a complete analysis of environmental justice concerns and a human health study, which have not been completed to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI member Tribes call on the City of Tacoma to require a supplemental EIS and the State of Washington and Federal authorities to urge the City of Tacoma to require a supplemental EIS, to be scoped accordingly through public comment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, ATNI calls for all Federal, State and Local agencies to enforce the Tacoma LNG Plant proponents to cease construction activities.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 22-25, 2018, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

**The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #MKE-17-034**

TITLE: Opposing the Siting of Liquefied Natural Gas Plants that Harm Tribal Lands, Reserved Rights, and Other Interests

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT
Jefferson Keel
Chickasaw Nation

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
Aaron Payment
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan

RECORDING SECRETARY
Juana Majel-Dixon
Pauma Band Mission Indians

TREASURER
W. Ron Allen
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

ALASKA
Rob Sanderson, Jr.
Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

EASTERN OKLAHOMA
Joe Byrd
Cherokee Nation

GREAT PLAINS
Larry Wright, Jr.
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

MIDWEST
Roger Rader
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

NORTHEAST
Lance Gumbs
Shinnecock Indian Nation

NORTHWEST
Leonard Forsman
Suquamish Tribe

PACIFIC
Willie Carrillo
Tule River Tribe of California

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Darrin Old Coyote
Crow Nation

SOUTHEAST
Nancy Carnley
Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indians

SOUTHERN PLAINS
Zach Pahmahmie
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation

SOUTHWEST
Joe Garcia
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

WESTERN
Franklin Pablo, Sr.
Gila River Indian Community

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Jacqueline Pata
Tlingit

NCAI HEADQUARTERS
1516 P Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
202.466.7767
202.466.7797 fax
www.ncai.org

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American 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 the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, our economy, culture, religions and way of life have been centered around our fishing, hunting, and gathering resources, and the lands and waters upon which they depend, and we have been and remain careful and conscientious stewards over them to ensure their continued health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, tribes depend on natural resources to sustain our way of life; rights to fish, hunt and gather; our economies; and human health, as well as fulfill our sacred obligation to protect our First Foods and our most precious natural resource, water; and

WHEREAS, the tribes work tirelessly to protect tribal members' health, safety, welfare, and futures both within and outside tribal reservations; and

WHEREAS, the tribes recognize that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) could provide a cleaner fuel for ships, trucks, or cars than other fuel sources; however, tribes cannot accept tribal members and tribal lands bearing a disproportionate share of the risks posed by LNG facilities; and

WHEREAS, LNG storage could pose risks to human safety, human health, and natural resources due to explosive risks, spill risks, and risk to the health of natural resources relied upon by tribes; and

WHEREAS, tribes rely on sustainable resources that could face detrimental impacts from the construction and operation of LNG storage and fueling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the Tacoma LNG Plant have begun substantial work on the project even where such work is subject to unmet permit conditions and permits that remain under appeal; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state and local authorities are responsible for enforcing permit conditions and responsible for ensuring permit compliance; and

WHEREAS, permits and other approvals for LNG facilities often require significant tribal consultation and public participation prior to issuance; and

WHEREAS, the failure to require full compliance with applicable legal requirements and permitting conditions, including tribal consultation and public participation, prior to initiating construction and expending significant resources often negatively impacts tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, unmet permit conditions and the failure to comply with applicable legal requirements should prohibit facility construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is opposed to the siting of LNG facilities that would harm tribal lands, reserved rights, and other interests, especially in the absence of full and meaningful tribal consultation and full public participation, as required by federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI urges the disclosure of any risks associated with construction and operation of LNG facilities to ensure the risks of these facilities are not disproportionately absorbed by tribes and any risks are reduced for the public as a whole; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2017 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI, Oct 15, 2017 - Oct 20, 2017, with a quorum present.



Jefferson Keel, President

ATTEST:



Juana Najel Dixon, Recording Secretary



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 180118F

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has existed since creation as the aboriginal people who are the owners and guardians of their lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations including the United States in the Medicine Creek Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and waters, reaffirmed in the Medicine Creek Treaty, and their Constitution and Bylaws, as amended and approved by the Tribe and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has a primary interest in protecting and preserving its environment and natural resources, which are integral components of the Tribe's economic, social, cultural and spiritual life, and the Tribal Council is aware that activities both on and near the Puyallup Reservation ("Reservation") may adversely affect these resources and values, and may impair the health and welfare of the Reservation population. Off-Reservation activities may adversely affect the Tribe's Treaty fishery rights and other cultural and spiritual interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has reviewed all the permits issued for the Tacoma LNG Plant being constructed by Puget Sound Energy on the Tacoma tideflats; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has found each permit decision to be woefully insufficient to protect the environment, the Tribe's natural resources, cultural resources, and Treaty Rights; as well as completely inadequate to protect the health and welfare of its people and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the LNG Plant is being constructed by PSE without all the required permits to continue with construction of the tank and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed LNG project presents significant risks to human life, property, cultural resources, and natural resources particularly when sited in a densely populated urban environment and the Tribal Reservation; and

WHEREAS, there are no identified alternatives to the proposal that will reduce the risks to Tribal Members, the public as a whole, human life, and property;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians hereby declares:

1. The Puyallup Tribe is strictly opposed to the Puget Sound Energy's Proposed LNG Plant on the Tacoma Tideflats; and
2. The Puyallup Tribe has approved the attached statement as it's official statement regarding the LNG Plant being constructed by Puget Sound Energy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman (Bill Sterud), and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman

(Lawrence LaPointe), to execute this Resolution and other implementing instruments, or amendments, required on behalf of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

I, Rosalee Mccloud, Secretary of the Puyallup Tribal Council of the Puyallup Reservation do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Puyallup Tribal Council held on the Puyallup Indian Reservation on the 18 day of Jan. 2018, a quorum being present with a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 NOT VOTING its adoption.

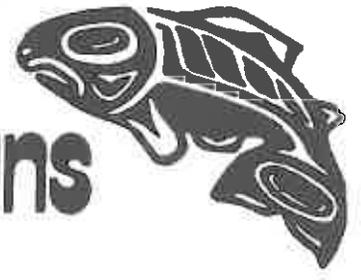
Rosalee Mccloud
Secretary, Puyallup Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Bill Sterud
Bill Sterud, Chairman
Puyallup Tribal Council



Puyallup Tribe of Indians



The Puyallup Tribe of Indians opposes the location of the Liquefied Gas storage facility because of its direct threat to our homeland, culture, way of life, and tribal members.

The Puyallup people have lived in this region for millennia. We have fought for and retained our rights as a sovereign nation, including on lands we ceded by treaty to the United States.

This area is all that we have left of our aboriginal homeland, and it cannot be replaced.

The proposed Liquefied Gas plant has not been fully evaluated and poses significant safety and environmental risks to our people and local residents.

The Liquefied Gas storage facility could have devastating impacts on the Puyallup Tribe and well-being of our tribal members.

Our treaty-protected fisheries will face detrimental impacts from the construction and operation of Liquefied Gas storage and fueling facilities, and future vessel traffic.

The review and permitting process has been completely inadequate.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians is exercising its authority as a sovereign nation:

- We are taking legal action against PSE & City of Tacoma because they conducted the EIS process without consultation with the Tribe.
- We are working with other tribes in our region to insist that federal, state, and local officials ensure compliance with all permitting requirements.
- We are demanding that PSE cease construction activities until all Tribal Consultation and public participation requirements are met and all permit requirements are satisfied.
- We are demanding that the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the PSE facility be adequately analyzed and that this information is released to the public.
- We call on the City of Tacoma and Port of Tacoma to order a supplemental environmental, health, and safety review under the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA).