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

Resolution EC 22-01

Title: Tribal Government Resolution of Consent

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 33,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Alaska Power & Telephone Company, through its subsidiaries provides telecommunications services in the rural communities of southeast Alaska, the traditional homelands of Tlingit & Haida tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, high-speed, affordable broadband connectivity would be tremendously valuable to our tribal citizens and can help facilitate new economic development, distance learning, telemedicine opportunities, cultural preservation and exchange, and other benefits desired by tribal members, businesses, and families; and

WHEREAS, AP&T subsidiaries AP&T Wireless (APTW) and Alaska Telephone Company (ATC) are applying for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect Funds to develop infrastructure for an advanced fiber optic network that would serve our tribal members in diverse communities and locations in southeast Alaska, including Prince of Wales Island, Skagway, and Klukwan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. Tlingit & Haida hereby certifies its consent and support for APTW's and ATC's efforts to apply for ReConnect Funds to develop advanced broadband infrastructure for communities in southeast Alaska; and

Section 2. Tlingit & Haida asserts that the ATC and APTW proposals should receive the maximum allowable points in the following socioeconomic need scoring categories, despite apparent flaws with USDA demographic data and map layers:

- Rurality of Proposed Funded Service Area
- Economic Need of the Community
- Affordability
- Socially Vulnerable Communities

Section 3. Tlingit & Haida hereby requests that the Secretary of Agriculture prioritize the APTW and ATC proposals to the fullest extent possible due to their proposed funded service areas including tribally- and ANCSA-owned lands qualifying as Substantially Underserved Trust Areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by U.S. Department of Agriculture for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed ReConnect Funds.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe