

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting Tohono O'odham Utility Authority Grant Application to Department of Interior's Tribal Electrification Program to Develop and Administer an Energy Efficiency Program)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-059

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian tribe,
2 organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18,
3 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. § 476), which exercises sovereignty over both its
4 members, its enterprises, and its lands; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
6 the authority to "authorize, charter and regulate public or private corporations
7 and associations whether organized for profit, or for non-profit or charitable
8 purposes" and "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,
9 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"
10 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(e) and Section 1(c)(2)); and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Second Restated Plan of Operation of the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority
12 ("TOUA Plan of Operation"), 24 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, was adopted
13 by Resolution No. 91-175 (TOUA was formerly known as the "Papago Tribal
14 Utility Authority" and was originally established pursuant to Resolution No. 08-
15 70); and

16 **WHEREAS,** the stated purposes of the TOUA Management Board include, among other
17 purposes, the purpose to "plan for, provide and furnish utility services to all areas
18 within the Tohono O'odham Nation, where such services are determined to be
19 feasible and economic," "promote the use of utility services where available in
20 order to improve the health and welfare of the residents of the Tohono O'odham
21 Nation," and to "acquire, construct, operate, maintain, promote and expand utility
22 systems . . . within the Tohono O'odham Nation." (24 Tohono O'odham Code
23 Chapter 1, Section 4.A.1, 2, and 3.); and

24 **WHEREAS,** Section 5 of TOUA's Plan grants TOUA "the franchise, right, permit, easement and
25 privilege of placing, erecting, constructing, repairing, removing, replacing,
26 maintaining, using and operating public utility systems, lines and facilities . . .
27 together with the right of ingress and egress . . . on, over, under and across
28 unallotted lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . ." subject to the provisions of
29 TOUA's Second Restated Plan of Operations as adopted into 24 Tohono O'odham
30 Code, Chapter 1; and

31 **WHEREAS,** the Beneficial Electrification League ("BEL") is a nonprofit organization dedicated
32 to promoting beneficial electrification of the economy and BEL has an initiative

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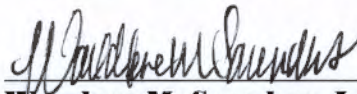
1 that seeks to improve the energy efficiency of the home and BEL desires to advance
2 this initiative on the reservation; and

3 **WHEREAS, TOUA** with the support of BEL will apply for a grant from the Department of
4 Interior's Tribal Electrification Program, which will help develop a program that
5 will assist in making the homes electrification-ready and provide on the ground
6 oversight for a Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate program by
7 leveraging federal electrification rebates to homeowners within the Reservation
8 Membership.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council hereby
10 supports TOUA's application to the Department of Interior's Tribal Electrification
11 Program and recognizes the project proposed in TOUA's application will involve
12 collaboration and participation from the Beneficial Electrification League.

13 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 14TH
14 day of **FEBRUARY 2024** at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of **3,263.3**
15 **FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT**, pursuant to the powers vested in the
16 Council by Article VI, Section 1(e) and Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham
17 Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting
18 Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section
19 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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21 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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24 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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27 20 day of February, 2024

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30 **ATTEST:**

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32 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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35 20 day of February, 2024

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37 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham**
38 **Nation on the** 20 **day of** February, 2024 **at** 1:45 **o'clock,** 1 **.m.,** pursuant
39 **to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon**
40 **his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.**

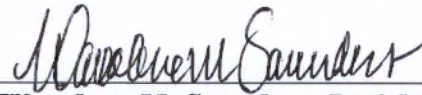
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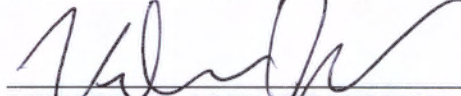
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 20 day of February, 2024

DISAPPROVED

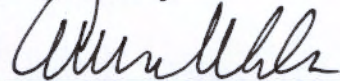
at 6:29 o'clock, pm.m.



**VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

February, 2024, at 12:14 o'clock, pm.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: SUPPORTING TOHONO O'ODHAM UTILITY AUTHORITY GRANT APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S TRIBAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA HOBBS

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			X
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (<i>Absent</i>) (Francis Homewytewa) (<i>Present</i>) 2. WAYALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[03]