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- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has established as its top economic objectives the development of irrigated agriculture, the rehabilitation of forests and rangelands, and the protection of its historic water rights against the claims of outside interests; and
- WHEREAS, this comprehensive program of development and protection of natural resources requires a large and rapidly-increasing use of energy of all types more specifically, electric and hydroelectric energy required for the utilization of water and other natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Government (through the Western Area Power Administration WAPA) produces vast amounts of hydroelectric power within the Colorado River system; said electric power presently being distributed to various local, state and Federal "preference" customers under long-term contracts at rates much lower than those paid by "non-preference" users; and
- WHEREAS, these long-term preference contracts for electric power are scheduled to expire during a period from 1984 through June 1, 1987; said contracts to be eligible for renewal under terms of a new General Marketing Regulation for Boulder City Area Projects prepared by WAPA; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe as an eligible preference user of Federal hydroelectric power from the Boulder City Area (BCA) Project has a critical need for the low-cost power produced by BCA in order to develop its agricultural and water resources and to achieve economic self-sufficiency on the Reservation;
- BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to take all necessary steps to obtain the status of "preference" customer for Federal hydroelectric power for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and further directs that the following actions be taken:
 - 1. That a "position" statement be coordinated by the Economic Development Planner with legal counsel establishing the Tribal requirement for participation as a preference user of power in the BCA Project system; said statement to be filed with the Western Power Administration before the designated comment deadline of March 8, 1982; and
 - 2. That the Tribal Chairman, with the coordination and assistance of legal counsel, pursue the objective of obtaining a long-term contract to receive preference power from the Western Area Power Administration.

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