

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA POWER CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL FOR THE PUSHMATAHA COUNTY PUMPED STORAGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION opposing the Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation's proposal for the Pushmataha County Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution, "The Tribal Council shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation;"

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") is committed to the sustainable use and protection of our natural resources within the reservation;

WHEREAS, the Council and the Nation are committed to the protection of the environment and the natural resources available as a fundamental part of the Nation's sovereignty and existence;

WHEREAS, the proposed alterations to the natural resources in the Kiamichi River, which flows 177 miles from the Ouachita Mountains in the North to the Red River in the south and sustains countless communities, ecosystems, economies, and cultures, is unacceptable;

WHEREAS, the Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation (SEOPC) has applied for approval for the Pushmataha County Pumped Storage Hydroelectric project (FERC Project No. 14890), which threatens to dramatically alter the Kiamichi River and all that depend on the River; and

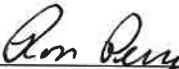
WHEREAS, the Kiamichi River region is home to at least thirty-six historical and archaeological sites that are important to the cultural preservation of the Nation and other Tribal Nations, including burial grounds, all of which require additional actions under the National Historic Preservation Act, which the SEOPC has failed to comply with.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Resolution be cited as the Nation's opposition to the SEOPC Pushmataha County Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14890) and any attempt to undermine the natural resources which sustain the communities, ecosystems, economies, and culture of the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

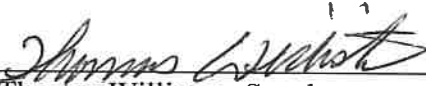
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that Twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 13, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 21 - 24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Twelve (12) members, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Bolton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 7/19/24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: This Resolution opposes the attempt of the Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation's to implement the Pushmataha County Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14890) which would forever alter and damage the Kiamichi River, the ecosystems, communities, environments, economies and all that depend on it. The Choctaw Nation is making this Resolution as a steward of the lands within its reservation and to ensure that they are protected from these extreme intrusions. Other tribal nations have also made similar resolutions, including the Chickasaw Nation, Cherokee Nation, Muscogee Nation and the Seminole Nation.

Title of Council Resolution: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA POWER CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL FOR THE PUSHMATAHA COUNTY PUMPED STORAGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Agency: Legislative

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Tribal Council