

RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL  
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE  
OF THE  
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION, NEVADA

RESOLUTION NO.: SL - 36 - 2008

**TITLE:** Council Action Because of Robyn Burdette's Failure to Pay for Electricity and Failure to Communicate on Proposed Pay Back Agreement

**WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, is a modern entity of the Northern Paiute People known, in English, as Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters who, for thousands of years, controlled 2,800 square miles of land in and around Summit Lake as a tribe with sovereign, unlimited, powers and laws (customs, traditions, usages, etc.); and,

**WHEREAS,** in 1964, and after much consideration, the members of the Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, adopting, for certain sovereign purposes, the name "Summit Lake Paiute Tribe" with a tribal constitution titled "Articles of Association," the latter which was approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior on January 8, 1965; and,

**WHEREAS,** over time the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe have regained a small fraction of their historic land base, including the Tribe's reserved lands (Reservation), and the Indian allotments outside the Reservation boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe's Articles of Association grant to the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1) certain sovereign powers, including the power to negotiate with federal agencies like the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the welfare and education of tribal members (see Article II, Section 1 (b), (k)); and,

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has its Utility Regulations, adopted on February 22, 1992 by Council Resolution SL-01-1992; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Utility Regulations state what the cost per month per tribal member who uses electricity shall be at page 8, Chapter Four (Billing), Section 2, whether the use is at or less than 300 kwh (kilo watt hour) or more than 300 kwh; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Utility Regulations provide for a "Program for deferred payment of delinquent bill," Chapter Four, Section 7; and,

**WHEREAS,** tribal member Robyn Burdette has admitted she has not paid for electricity (see Letter, Robyn Burdette to Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, dated July 27, 2008; and,

