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Executive Summary

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes and the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States provided a forum for Tribal and Industry leaders and representatives to begin the process of building understanding between and amongst each other in hopes of removing barriers and creating incentives to partner on energy projects. The forum was designed to be highly interactive with participation from the attendees through a series of Questions & Answers sessions. The event began with a traditional opening including the Posting of the Colors and an Invocation. The ceremonial opening was followed by an award presented to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and his remarks on Indian energy and the benefits of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Patricia Limerick, Center of the American West, delivered a dynamic keynote presentation that was both provocative and enlightening, outlining the history of American Indians and the energy industry. The keynote presentation was followed by a full panel of Tribes, government and industry presentations outlining the resource potential and the legal environments.

Zia Pueblo leader, Peter Pino, raised a question about Tribal participation in IPAMS and IPAMS responded with an offer for free memberships, valued at \$15,000, to all Tribes for the remainder of 2007. IPAMS further offered to co-host a conference similar to this initial effort on an annual basis.

The meeting concluded with a brief closing conversation.

Introduction to CERT

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes, formed in 1975, responded to the Energy Crisis and a national need to increase domestic resources. CERT is an organization formed by Tribes to work for Tribes; a “true” Inter-Tribal organization. CERT is dynamically changing and challenging the Federal-Indian relationship.

Member Tribes include: Acoma Pueblo, Blackfeet, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne-Arapaho, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Chippewa Cree, Colville, Crow, Eastern Shoshone, Fort Belknap, Fort Hall, Fort Mojave, Fort Peck, Hopi, Hualapai, Iowa, Isleta, Jemez, Jicarilla, Kaibab, Lummi, Muckleshoot, Morongo, Navajo, Nez Perce, Northern Arapaho, Northern Cheyenne, Northern Ute, Fort Sill Apache, Oglala Sioux, Osage, Pauma, Pawnee, Penobscot, Picuris Pueblo, Ponca, Pueblo of Laguna, Rosebud Sioux, Round Valley, Saginaw Chippewa, St. Regis Mohawk, Salish and Kootenai, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Ana Pueblo, Southern Ute, Standing Rock Sioux, Three Affiliated, Tule River, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Umatilla, Ute Mountain Ute, Walker River Paiute, Yakama, Zia Pueblo, Ermineskin Cree, Louis Bull Cree, Montana Cree, and Samson Cree.

CERT mission is to support member Tribes as they develop their management capabilities and use their energy resources as the foundation for building stable, diversified self-governing economies (according to each Tribe's own values and priorities). CERT programs include: policy advocacy, technical assistance, education and capacity building, partnerships. CERT began working toward energy sufficiency in electricity in the late 1990's through a series of region workshops and conferences. In 1999, CERT convened a National Strategic Plan with Tribal Leadership and created the National Energy Vision. The Vision simply stated is that by the year 2010 each Sovereign Indian Tribe will have a sufficient and reliable supply of electricity at reasonable costs to support its social and economic well-being.

The four components of the CERT vision include 1) Accessing federally discounted and Tribally preference allocations from federal Power Marketing Administrations; 2) Increased power generation for local use including renewable energy generation and distributed generation; 3) Energy efficiency and conservation programs on Tribal lands; 4) Full access to existing and new transmission systems.

CERT services cater to Tribal needs. Business development and partnership structuring services include Tribe to Tribe, Regional Multi-Tribal Aggregations. Training is a CERT component that builds capacity through training, communication, shared experiences and networking. Technical assistance responds to specific Tribal inquiries. As part of capacity building and information sharing, CERT disseminates knowledge through www.CERTResearch.com and other media.

Introduction to IPAMS

IPAMS - Helping companies and communities find success in the Intermountain West!

"IPAMS is an organization of independent men, women, and companies united in a common cause to more efficiently explore, develop, and produce oil and gas using environmentally-sound methods on Fee, State, Federal, and Indian lands located in a thirteen state region of the Intermountain West. IPAMS is dedicated to representing, informing, educating and assisting its members, the public, and regulatory agencies on all issues affecting the oil and gas industry at a local, state and federal level."

Formed in 1974, IPAMS is the regional trade association in the Intermountain West that is committed to environmentally responsible development of natural gas and crude oil resources to help meet the energy needs of the American people. IPAMS members strive to improve energy exploration and minimize the impacts it has on the people and the environment.

IPAMS represents the diverse interests of hundreds of independent natural gas and oil producers, working interest owners, royalty owners, drilling contractors, oil field service and supply companies, and banking and financial institutions operating in the Intermountain West. IPAMS members operate in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

IPAMS is nationally recognized as a leader in the effort to gain access to government lands for exploration and development of oil and gas. Often called the "voice of reason", IPAMS meets continually with federal and state legislators and regulators to urge public policy that fosters the development of domestic resources, lessening the nation's dependence on foreign - and often unfriendly - sources of supply.

An outstanding professional Staff, State Vice Presidents, Basin Advisory Groups, five dynamic working Committees, five Subcommittees, and a large active Board of Directors work collaboratively to make the Intermountain West a friendlier place to do business. In addition:

- IPAMS publishes the highly regarded [Wildcatter Weekly](#), an executive summary of the week's events impacting natural gas and oil producers in the Intermountain West.
- IPAMS also publishes a members-only [Legal, Legislative and Regulatory Update](#) monthly that is the most complete source of information about issues impacting operations in the Intermountain West.
- Regional, national and global outlooks, marketing and transportation issues, the newest in technology, and other current issues are the focus of IPAMS' Energy Finance Discussion Group Breakfasts, Distinguished Speaker Series luncheons, as well as frequent symposia and conferences sponsored by IPAMS.

- IPAMS Public Relations Committee works to improve the industry's image through a wide variety of community outreach efforts, including the National Western Stock Show in January each year.
- IPAMS' Progressive Petroleum Professionals (P3) Club, the Wildcatter of the Year Gala, and Annual Meeting/Summer Conference and Golf Tournament all afford fun opportunities to meet and exchange information with others in the industry.

