

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 8-70

WHEREAS; Hecla Mining Company and Newmont Exploration Ltd. have two mining leases with The Papago Tribe, and

WHEREAS; Each company is proceeding to develop a copper mine on the Reservation, and

WHEREAS; The electrical power consumption of the mining companies may make it feasible for The Papago Tribe to enter into the utility business, and

WHEREAS; The proposed Papago Tribal Utility Authority could in the future serve many villages not served in the past, not only with electricity but water, gas and other services, and

WHEREAS; The Executive Mining Committee of The Papago Council has reviewed the Plan of Operation of the Papago Tribal Utility Authority, and

WHEREAS; It would be desirable for The Papago Council to establish a Papago Tribal Utility Authority, and

WHEREAS; It is also desirable to have the Executive Mining Committee retain on behalf of The Papago Tribe an engineering consulting firm to do an economic feasibility study,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL:

1. The Executive Mining Committee is hereby authorized to investigate and do all things necessary to determine the feasibility of The Papago Tribe's entering into the utility business.
2. The Papago Chairman is authorized to enter into a contract to retain an engineering consulting firm recommended by the Executive Mining Committee to conduct an engineering and economic feasibility study.
3. The Papago Tribal Utility Authority is hereby created and the Plan of Operation attached hereto is hereby adopted with the understanding that until The Papago Council at some future time appoints the seven-member Management Board, the Authority as such shall not conduct business.

