



# 13<sup>th</sup> State and National Leadership Conference

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## Resolution No. 3

**Expressing appreciation for the role of National Petroleum Corporation and State Utilities and calling for a review and increased transparency in fuel prices and utility tariffs.**

**WHEREAS;** Leaders have acknowledged and appreciated the hard work of National Petroleum Corporation and State utilities in delivering essential services to the Nation and States; however, they have also highlighted several critical challenges related to the delivery and pricing of these services; and

**WHEREAS;** Leaders have raised concerns about fuel prices and utility tariffs, including the need for greater transparency in their determination, as well as the implementation of effective oversight and checks and balances in the process.

**NOW, THEREFORE;** Leaders of the State Governments of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap and of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia **RESOLVE** to call upon the FSM Petroleum Corporation and States' utilities companies to work collaboratively with the Governments with a view towards increasing transparency in the fuel prices and setting of utility tariffs. Leaders have agreed to establish, through a Presidential Executive Order, a Power Tariff & Fuel Surcharge Task Force that is made up of the CEOs of PUC, CPUC, YSPSC, KUA, FSM Petroleum Corporation, FSM R&D, and any other relevant state and national agencies including independent power tariff and fuel surcharge experts-who are to meet at a minimum of once a month, and are to generate a report within the next 12 months that ensures fuel surcharge and power tariffs are significantly more transparent AND whether the fuel surcharge and power tariffs are at the lowest possible rates and are based factors including, but not limited to: (1) overall economic condition of the state and nation; (2) the consumers' ability to pay for the tariffs and surcharge; (3) financial condition of the utilities and FSM Petroleum Corporation; (4) surcharge and tariffs of other similarly situated entities; and (5) any other relevant factors.

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