

**JUNE 21, 2002 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL NO. CLB02-18**

**INTRODUCED BY: Clifford BirdinGround, Sr., Chairman**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: AN ACT RATIFYING THE INDIAN  
MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY THE  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT WITH  
THE BILL BARRETT CORPORATION FOR THE EXPLORATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CROW TRIBE'S COAL BED METHANE  
RESOURCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe of Indians possesses mineral rights to possible vast amounts coal bed methane resources within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has a desire to explore the prospective coal bed methane deposits on the Crow Reservation for development in an effort to increase Crow Tribal revenue to benefit the Crow Tribal membership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Constitution empowers the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribal government to negotiate and approve any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interests in lands or other Tribal assets, including buffalo, minerals, gas and oil with final approval granted by the Legislative Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has successfully negotiated and approved an Indian Mineral Development Agreement in accordance with the Indian Mineral Development Act with the Bill Barrett Corporation for the exploration and harvest to the Crow Tribe's Coal Bed Methane resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific terms of the agreement are contained in the documents executed by the Executive Branch Officials and Bill Barrett attached to this bill; however, to remain confidential in accordance with the terms of the

agreement and to protect the Tribe's and Bill Barrett Corporation's competitive position in the Coal Bed Methane market; and

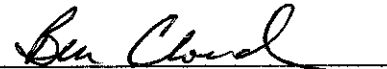
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CROW TRIBE:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Ratification of the Indian Mineral Development Agreement Between the Crow Tribe of Indians and the Bill Barrett Corporation.**

(1) The Indian Mineral Development Agreement negotiated and approved in accordance with the Indian Mineral Development Act by the Crow Tribal Executive Branch and the Bill Barrett Corporation is hereby ratified by the Crow Tribal Legislature.

**CERTIFICATION**

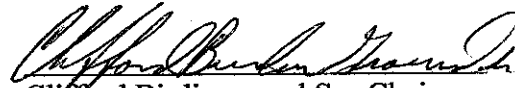
I hereby certify that this Bill was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 12 in favor, 6 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 21 day of June, 2002.



Ben Cloud, Speaker  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

I hereby ~~approve~~ approve, \_\_\_\_\_ veto, this Bill pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians on this 24 day of July, 2002.



Clifford Birdinground Sr., Chairman  
Crow Tribe of Indians

Bill or resolution number \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Vote \_\_\_\_\_

Representative	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Bull Tail	✓	—	—	—
Costa	✓	—	—	—
Crooked Arm	—	✓	—	—
Little Light	—	✓	—	—
Plain Feather	✓	—	—	—
Stewart	✓	—	—	—
Not Afraid	✓	—	—	—
Goes Ahead	✓	—	—	—
Hogan	—	✓	—	—
Old Elk	—	✓	—	—
Passes	✓	—	—	—
Pease	✓	—	—	—
Medicine Horse	✓	—	—	—
Russell	✓	—	—	—
Real Bird	—	✓	—	—
Black Hawk	—	✓	—	—
Stone	✓	—	—	—
Cloud	✓	—	—	—
<b>Results</b> (If tie vote)	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Vice Chair Goes Ahead	—	—	—	—
<b>Results</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of vote: Passed      Not Passed      Tabled      Veto Override

Signature of Officer: Don Cloud      Date: 6-21-02