

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ARVIN TRUJILLO TO  
THE NAVAJO NATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has oversight authority with respect to communications and utilities. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has been empowered to confirm all appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(1).

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. The Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (Commission) is established under 2 N.N.C. §§ 3451-3455.
- B. The Commission consists of seven Commissioners appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the appropriate committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §3454(A)
- C. The appointment to the Commission shall be for a period of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 3454 (B).
- D. The President of the Navajo Nation has appointed Mr. Arvin Trujillo to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023. Appointment letter attached as **Exhibit A**, letter of interest as **Exhibit B** and resume as **Exhibit C**.

- E. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the appointment of Mr. Arvin Trujillo to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

### Section Three. Confirmation

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, on the recommendation of the Resources and Development Committee, hereby confirms the President's appointment of Mr. Arvin Trujillo to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.



Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Carl Slater

Second: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

# THE NAVAJO NATION

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JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



November 7, 2019

Arvin Trujillo

Farmington, NM 87402

**RE: Appointment as Commissioner for the Navajo Nation Telecommunications  
Regulatory Commission**

Dear Mr. Trujillo

The Nez-Lizer Administration was elected on a mandate of change for the Navajo Nation. This change involves appointing qualified, motivated, and experienced individuals who will move the Navajo Nation forward by "Working Together" to serve the Navajo People.

This letter serves as formal notification of your appointment to serve as a Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NNTRC). This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §3454 (A).

As a Commissioner, you shall be responsible to exercise powers, authorities and duties as a commissioner to protect the public welfare, order, and security, to carry out the purpose and goals set forth in 2 N.N.C. §3453 (A) and (B). This delegation of authority shall be inclusive of the entire regulatory scheme, but exclusive of any telecommunications service or development activity, except where telecommunications regulatory may apply to such activities.

Again, we thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo people. Ahéhee'.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION





October 11, 2019

RE: NNTRC Letter of Interest

Honorable Jonathan Nez,

I would like to express my interest in being considered for a position on the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (NNTRC).

I have an extensive background working in both industry and tribal government. With my background, I believe I would be able to assist your Administration and the Navajo Nation in this particular area. I have recently been working with local governments here in the San Juan County region on broadband development and this is an area of interest to me.

I would ask that you review my resume, which I have attached, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration,

Arvin S. Trujillo  
Chief Executive Officer

Arvin S. Trujillo

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Mobile Phone:

Work Phone:



### Job Objective

I am interested in serving on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

### Strengths

- Management and supervisory experience within a corporate setting, supervising professional and skilled personnel in both a union and non-union operation
- Managing professional and skilled personnel in a tribal governmental setting
- Good understanding on how tribal governance operates and can maneuver in this environment
- Team focused with excellent facilitator skills and strong problem-solving capabilities
- Ability to work well with people; strong interpersonal skills; strong presentation skills
- Excellent project management and organizational skills
- Ability to teach people new skills and responsibilities and able to motivate individuals to higher levels of productivity and performance
- Ability to learn new skills and responsibilities and perform at a high level of competence

### Job Experience

4/19 – Present

Four Corners Economic Development, Inc.  
*Chief Executive Officer*

I am the lead executive for this 501(c) (6) non-profit organization. The focus of the organization is to diversify the economy in San Juan County and support the economic viability of both San Juan County and the greater Four Corners region. I work with civic organizations, Tribal governments and agencies, and local businesses and other economic development organizations and support entities.

6/10 – 4/19

Arizona Public Service Co., Four Corners Power Plant, Fruitland, NM  
*Manager, Government Relations*

I supervised the Government Relations department for the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) and supported APS Corporate HQ on issues related to Indian Country outreach. The department is focused on i) developing effective working relationships with Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments and agencies; ii) improve the overall corporate skill set to meet objectives of the communities in the vicinity of the FCPP in alignment with business goals and objectives of APS and the FCPP; iii) leads the community outreach effort and oversees the compliance of commitments made in the Lease as it would apply to local communities; and iv) is the communication liaison between communities, employees, and the APS corporation.

3/99 – 5/10

Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ  
*Navajo Nation Point of Contact, American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Implementation*  
*Division Director, Division of Natural Resources*  
*Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice-President*

As Division Director, I led the overall effort of the Navajo Nation in the management and protection of the natural resources on the reservation through the operation of the



Division of Natural Resources. This is a cabinet level position with the Navajo Nation and answers directly to the President of the Navajo Nation.

I supervised the Navajo Division of Natural Resources which consisted of 450 employees within 11 Departments with an annual budget of approximately \$35 million. The departments within the Division included:

Department of Agriculture	AML/UMTRA
Forestry Department	Navajo Land Department
Minerals Department	Department of Water Resources
Historic Preservation Department	Archeology Department
Parks & Recreation Department	Fish & Wildlife Department
Department of Resource Enforcement	

During a 4-month period (February – June 2002), President Kelsey Begaye appointed me as his Chief of Staff until the position was permanently filled. In this capacity, I supervised the Office of the President and Vice-President and coordinated and supervised the activities of the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation, which includes 16 separate Divisions and Offices. I was the President's point of contact with the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Chief Justice and represented the President and the Vice-President in their leadership capacity when it was required.

3/98 – 6/98

American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Boulder, CO  
*Interim Executive Director*

As an Executive-on-Loan from BHP Minerals, I supervised the operation of this nationally recognized Native American non-profit organization until a permanent Executive Director was hired. I supervised a staff of 28 who managed and coordinated the student outreach programs (K-College), the membership database and member activities, fundraising and grant development, the annual conference, and the physical assets of the organization.

- I successfully led a nationwide search for an Executive Director and coordinated the interview and hiring process with the Board of Directors.

7/89 – 3/99

BHP Minerals, New Mexico Operations, Farmington, NM  
*Senior Engineer, LaPlata Mine*  
*Supervisor, Employment, New Mexico Operations*  
*Supervisor, Union/Management Relations, New Mexico Operations*  
*Engineering Coordinator, LaPlata Mine*  
*Assistant to the Mine Manager, San Juan Mine*  
*Interim Mine Superintendent, LaPlata Mine*  
*Drill and Blast Supervisor, LaPlata Mine*  
*Drill and Blast Engineer, Navajo Mine*  
*Mining Engineer, San Juan Mine and Navajo Mine*

I held a number of positions during my tenure with BHP Minerals. Starting as a Mining Engineer, I was promoted into supervisory and management positions with the coal mining operation located in northwest New Mexico. There were three mines within the New Mexico Operations: Navajo, San Juan, and LaPlata and I had the opportunity to work at all three operations providing coal to the Four Corners Power Plant and the San Juan Generating Station.

3/87 – 7/89

Mobil Coal Producing, Inc., Caballo Rojo Mine, Gillette, WY  
*Mining Engineer*

I was a mining engineer at this 7.7 MM ton operation in the Powder River Basin. I held positions as a Grade Control engineer, the Truck-Shovel and Planning engineer, and the Environmental and Reclamation engineer during my tenure at Caballo Rojo Mine.

### Leadership Positions Held

- Four Corners Economic Development, Inc., Board, Ex-officio, 2018 - present
- Navajo United Way, Board of Directors, member, 2015 - present
- Tribal Energy Management Program, Advisory Board, San Juan College, 2016 - present
- Navajo Technical University, Engineering Advisory Board, member, 2015 - present
- San Juan College Foundation, Board member 2014 – present
- Navajo Ministries, Development Board member 2014 - 2017
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Board member 1987-91, 1994-98
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Student Representative on the Board 1983-85
- Intertribal Timber Council, Board member 1999 - 2001
- Intertribal Agriculture Council, Board member 1999 – 2008
- New Mexico Water Trust Board, member 2001 – 2010
- Navajo Nation Energy and Natural Resource Negotiation Team, member 2003 - 2010
- Navajo Nation Energy Resource Task Force, Chairman 1999 – 2003
- Southwest Strategy, Regional Executive Committee, member 1999 – 2008
- Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Board member 1999 – 2010
- Kirtland Youth Association, Board member 1996 – 1999
- Powder River Basin Environmental Advisory Committee, member 1988 – 1989

### Awards

- Int'l Economic Development Council, Silver Award, Regionalism & Cross-Border Collaboration, 2018
- NWNM Council of Governments, Annual Regional Champion award, 2017
- AZ American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards, APS Employee of the Year, 2014
- APS Chairman's Award, 2014
- Council of Energy Resources Tribes, Mary G. Ross Award, 2010
- Letter of Commendation and Appreciation, Navajo Nation (President Joe Shirley), 2010
- Letter of Commendation, US Bureau of Reclamation (Commissioner Michael Connor), 2010
- Letter of Commendation, Governor of New Mexico (Gov. Bill Richardson), 2010
- US Department of Agriculture, Cooperator of the Year, 2008
- Letter of Commendation, US Bureau of Reclamation (Commissioner John Keys), 2006
- Pennsylvania State University Minority Fellow 1985 - 1986

### Education

- Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA  
Mineral Processing 1983 – 1986  
Completed course work towards a M.S. degree, but did not complete my dissertation
- Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK  
B.S. Biochemistry 1975 – 1979



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12/12/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

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Amd# to Amd#

Consent Agenda: Legislations

PASSED

MOT Slater, C

0322-19; 0361-19; 0363-19;

SEC Brown

0364-19; 0365-19; 0326-19;

0353-19; 0354-19; 0355-19...

Yea : 13

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 10

Yea : 13

Begay, E

Halona, P

Tso, C

Tso, O

Begay, P

Henio, J

Tso, D

Walker, T

Brown

Slater, C

Tso, E

Yellowhair

Charles-Newton

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 10

Begay, K

Freeland, M

Smith

Wauneka, E

Crotty

James, V

Stewart, W

Yazzie

Daniels

Nez, R

Presiding Chair: Damon