

RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MR. JIM PRICE 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 Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(9), is empowered to "grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards; Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission; and entities under the authority of the Committee requiring appointments."

**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 Resources and Development 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. Jim Price to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning September 7, 2015 and ending September 7, 2019. 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. Jim Price to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning September 7, 2015 and ending September 7, 2019.

**Section Three. Approval**

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Jim Price to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning September 7, 2015 and ending September 7, 2019.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at the NDOT Administrative Complex, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Pete  
Second: Honorable Jonathan Perry



# THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRES  
JONATHAN NEZ VICE P



October 23, 2017.

Jim Price  
PO Box

Dear Mr. Price:

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission pursuant to my authority under 2 N.N.C. § 1204(B).

Your appointment to the Board of Trustees is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 3453 (A). The term shall be from **September 7, 2015 to September 7, 2019.**

Thank you for your desire to serve on the NNTRC and for the Navajo Nation. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 871-7812.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*



Jim Price  
PO Box .

October 17, 2017

President Russell Begaye & Vice President Jonathan Nez  
100 Parkway  
PO Box 7440  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear President Begaye & Vice President Nez,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a Commissioner of the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, led by Director M. Teresa Hopkins. I believe that my background in the telecommunications industry, 30 years of public sector experience in various executive-level capacities, and problem-solving skills would make me a valued and productive member of the Commission. For your review, please see resume. (enclosed)

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Price



## Jim Price

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### **EXPERIENCED TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE**

Long history of proven results from conceptualizing to directing the implementation of strategic initiatives involving complex technology solutions and experts from multiple disciplines. Significant experience developing, negotiating, and directing: strategic, tactical, and operational plans and budgets; organizational and technical policies and standards; vendor contracts; business and systems requirements analysis; systems integration; project management; and real-time and virtual stakeholder collaboration.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

**ARIZONA SUPREME COURT, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

8/2006 – PRESENT

***E-COURT SERVICES PRODUCT MANAGER (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION)***

- Manage the full application lifecycle of a self-funding statewide, multi-vendor/multi-court electronic filing service that processes 20K+ attorney and self-represented litigant case submissions per month.
- Deploy services that streamline work processes, improve customer service, and reduce operating costs.
- Evaluate, draft, and revise Court policies and administrative orders through stakeholder collaboration.
- Develop requests for proposals, evaluate vendor responses, and negotiate and manage vendor contracts.
- Present technology overviews, strategies, updates to executive committees.
- Contribute subject matter expertise to national standards committees.
- Ensure staff keeps current with evolving industry application development methods and techniques.

**MARICOPA COUNTY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

11/2003 – 2/2006

***CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR***

- Led the completion and improved performance of an enterprise-wide PeopleSoft system.
- Executed plan to achieve \$7.6M+ in cost savings through renegotiated vendor contracts, new technology acquisitions, and retired technology holding costs.
- Generated 500% growth in enterprise contact center system services.

**STATE OF ARIZONA, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

7/1996 – 11/2003

***DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER (INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION)***

- Achieved \$17M in agency savings through statewide term contracts for traditional and converged enterprise voice and data services.
- Co-authored Project EAGLE, a statewide multi-jurisdictional telecommunication services initiative that enhanced general State business and higher-education distance-learning initiatives.

**STATE OF ARIZONA, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

7/1993 – 6/1996

***TECHNOLOGY ARCHITECT (INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION)***

- Defined the system infrastructure for and participated in the development of a statewide procurement system using upper/lower Computer Aided Software Engineering tool within 6 months of project go-live.

**THE NAVAJO NATION, GENERAL SERVICES, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA**

2/1987 – 6/1990

***END-USER SERVICES MANAGER, INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS ANALYST***

- Guided installation of Nortel DMS-100 telephone switch that served 5,000 subscribers.
- Oversaw the delivery and support of office automation systems and productivity services.

## Jim Price

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### EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT*

KELLER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

*MASTERS DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT*

Nominated for Sprint Excellence (top capstone project) and George P. Doherty (top graduate) awards.