## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET <br> Tracking No. <br> 

DATE: March 7, 2019


#### Abstract

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE;SUPPORTING NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION AND KAYENTA MINE; STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING REFUSAL TO FINANCIALLY GUARANTEE OR PROVIDE WAIVERS OR RELEASES OF CLAIMS BY THE NAVAJO NATION PERTAINING TO THAT ACQUISITION


> PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to support the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's independent acquisition of Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine and state the Navajo Nation position that no financial guarantees, waivers or releases of claims by the Navajo Nation releases shall be provided pursuant to this acquisition.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

# PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 

 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019INTRODUCED BY


TRACKING NO. 0044-19

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE;
SUPPORTING NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION AND KAYENTA MINE; STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING REFUSAL TO FINANCIALLY GUARANTEE OR PROVIDE WAIVERS OR RELEASES OF CLAIMS BY THE NAVAJO NATION PERTAINING TO THAT ACQUISITION

WHEREAS:
A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises oversight authority over water, land, grazing, environment, economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. $\S 500$ (C).
B. The Naabik'íyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the standing committee empowered to coordinate and pronounce the official position of the Navajo Nation before non-Navajo government federal, state or other entities. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A).
C. This legislation is a necessary response to current developments involving Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) independent acquisition of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and Kayenta Mine.
D. NTEC is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the Navajo Nation Limited Liability Company Act, 5 N.N.C. § 3600 et seq., created and enabled by Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CAP-20-13. See Exhibit A.
E. NTEC was created "to strictly limit the Navajo Nation's and [NTEC's] liabilities and exposures... and to promote the development of the Navajo Nation's resources..." See Id. Section A (5).
F. Following the Navajo Nation leadership's request that NTEC evaluate acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine, NTEC undertook good faith negotiations with the NGS Owners.
G. NTEC's negotiations with the NGS Owners have stalled due to the demand by the NGS Owners that the Nation itself provide back-up financial guarantees pursuant to the purchase and assume and guaranty all liabilities associated with NGS, including liabilities associated with the NGS Owners' operation of NGS.
H. The Navajo Nation, through separate agreements with the NGS Owners, have already limited the Navajo Nation's risk and liabilities as a government.
I. The negotiations between the NGS Owners and NTEC are between separate business entities and as such the Navajo Nation is not a party to these negotiations.
J. Given the importance of this issue to the Navajo Nation, the $24^{\text {th }}$ Navajo Nation hereby issues this Statement of Policy in support of NTEC's independent acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation fully supports NTEC's independent acquisition of NGS and the Kayenta Mine, subject to the finalization of the necessary agreements.
B. The Navajo Nation shall not provide any financial guarantees pertaining to NTEC's acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine.
C. The Navajo Nation will not grant any waivers or release of claims to the NGS Owners or NTEC pertaining to NTEC's acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine.

RESOLUTION OF THE $22^{\text {ND }}$ NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL $22^{\text {ND }}$ NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2013

## AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE; APPROVING: (I) THE CREATION, FORMATION, ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY, LLC (HEREINAFTER, THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO THE NAVAJO NATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, 5 N.N.C. § 3600 et seq.; (II) THE GRANT AND EXTENSION OF THE NAVAJO NATION'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO THE COMPANY PURSUANT TO THIS ENABLING LEGISLATION, AND NAVAJO LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, 1 N.N.C. § 551 et seq., 2 N.N.C. § 101 et seq., AND 5 N.N.C. § 3600 et seq.; (III) THE DISCRETION TO RELATE, AFFILIATE, AND ASSOCIATE WITH AN EXISTING NAVAJO NATION SECTION 17 CORPORATION, OR A SUBSIDIARY OF AN EXISTING NAVAJO NATION SECTION 17 CORPORATION, OR ALTERNATIVELY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT, TO INCORPORATE AS A SECTION 17 CORPORATION PURSUANT TO 25 U.S.C. § 477, AS AMENDED; (IV) THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE COMPANY TO EXECUTE, ENTER, AND PERFORM COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE AND ECONOMICALIY VIABLE AGREEMENTS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY AND THE NAVAJO NATION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, A STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE THE ENTIRETY-ONE-HUNDRED-PERCENT (100\%)- OF THE STOCK OF A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE NAVAJO MINE; AND (V) THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE COMPANY TO ACT TO EFFECTUATE THE MERGER OR MERGERS OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE NAVAJO MINE, AND CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE COMPANY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NAVAJO NATION AND THE NAVAJO PEOPLE.

BE IT ENACTED:
Section A. Approval of the creation, formation, organization, establishment empowerment, authorization, and operation of the Company

1. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C §102, the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the creation, formation, organization,
establishment, and operation of the Company, which will, subject to the limitations set forth herein, act as an arm and subordinate instrumentality of the Navajo Nation to exercise all of the powers granted herein and otherwise available, including without limitation, the benefits, protections, and defenses associated with sovereign immunity, and authorities of association and affiliation with a sovereign entity, with accountability to the Navajo People, through their elected and appointed representatives, and the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Navajo Nation's approval of the creation, formation, organization, establishment, and operation is for the protection and promotion of the Navajo People's and the Navajo Nation's economic and financial best-interests, which are tied and related to mining operations within the Navajo Nation, as a means to ameliorate the economic, financial, and social conditions of the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation, through the approval and execution of this legislation by the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation, establishes and declares the Company as an instrumentality of the Navajo Nation, which, subject to the conditions of existing Navajo law, and those set forth herein, is entitled to all of the privileges, immunities, protections, and authorities of the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation approves the creation, formation, organization, establishment, empowerment, and operation of the Company pursuant to Navajo law, including without limitation, the Navajo Nation Limited Liability Company Act, 5 N.N.C. $\$ 3600$ et seq., 1 N.N.C. $\$ 551$ et seq., 2 N.N.C. §101 et seq., and all other relevant statutes, resolutions, decisions, rules, orders, regulations, and policies; and the Company's Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement, which are attached hereto collectively as Exhibit "A" (hereinafter, referred to as the "Operating Agreement"); and
5. The Navajo Nation declares that the creation of the Company is necessary and desirable for the Navajo Nation to implement the transactions, functions, and actions contemplated by this legislation; to strictly limit the Navajo Nation's and the Company's liabilities and exposures; and to promote the development of the Navajo

Nation's resources and new sources of energy, power, transmission and attendant resources to develop the cconomic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation; to promote the economic vitality of the Navajo Nation through the production of goods and services, to facilitate management of the Navajo Nation's interests in the development of its energy portfolio and market; and to steer the Navajo Nation into a more efficient, productive, vital, and sustainable energy portfolio and market in the best interests of the future generations of the Navajo Nation; and
6. The Navajo Nation declares that the creation of the Company is also for the purposes of facilitating, assisting, promoting, and protecting the Navajo Nation's authorities, duties, and functions to protect the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation, with regard to the Navajo Nation's land, air, water, natural, and economic rescurces; and
7. The Company is created and enabled to support, improve, and promote the economic, financial, tax, and revenue interests of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and affiliates, through management and development of the Navajo Nation's conventional, alternative, and renewable energy resources, in cooperation with other Navajo Nation entities, in accordance with full exercise of the Navajo Nation's inherent sovereignty, in furtherance of the federal government's policy of Navajo Nation economic development, self-sufficiency, self-determination, and autonomous economic development and growth, and consistent with existing and future Navajo Nation environmental, labor, and resources utilization laws, regulations, orders, rules, and policies; and
3. The Company is created to, and shall, invest and re-invest no-less-than ten-percent ( $10 \%$ ) of Net Income, as defined in the Operating Agreement, into the research and development of renewable and alternative sources of energy, storage, and transmission technologies and facilities, with priority given to solar technologies and facilities and attendant storage and transmission capacity, and in accordance with responsible financial and commercial management of the Company's obligations and bestinterests; and
9. The Company shall have, and is granted and extended, the Navajo Nation's sovereign immunity from suit, with the
authority to waive the Company's immunity from suit on a Iimited, transaction-by-transaction basis, in conformity with this legislation and its constituent documents, as these may be amended and supplemented from-time-to-time, including the clear and express authority to limitedly waive any defense of the Company, its directors, employees, attorneys, or agents may otherwise assert that federal, state, or tribal law requires exhaustion of tribal court and administrative remedies prior to suit against the Company in a judicial, administrative, arbitral, or other body or tribunal having proper jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties; and
10. The Company shall have, and is granted and extended, the Navajo Nation's tax and financial status pursuant to applicable law, subject to such modifications, supplements, or restatements that may be made by the Navajo Nation; and
Section B. Approval of the Company's acquisition of business organizations to acquire the entirety of the stock of a business organization or business organizations for the acquisition and ownership of the Navajo Mine, and related actions
11. The Company is empowered and authorized to conduct and complete all necessary due diligence investigations; enter, execute, and perform all agreements necessary to implement and facilitate the acquisition and ownership of the Navajo Mine; and
12. The Company is empowered and authorized to enter, execute, and perform all commercially reasonable and economically viable agreements attendant to the acquisition and ownership of the Navajo Mine to promote the Navajo People's, the Navajo Nation's, and the Company's bestinterests; and
13. The Company is empowered and authorized to effectuate acquisitions and mergers of business organizations, and if determined appropriate by the Navajo Nation and the Company, to affiliate with a Navajo Nation entity or entities, as the case may be pursuant to future circumstances, and effectuate a merger into a Section 17 Corporation chartered pursuant to 25 U.S.C. $\$ \$ 477$, as amended, by the same name; and
14. The Company is further empowered and authorized to take appropriate actions to ensure the continuing operation of the Navajo Mine and the Company into the future, in the
most efficient, productive, and profitable manners possible, which shall be in the best-interests of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and the Company; and

## Section C. Approving and stating conditions associated with the Company's existence and operation

15. The Navajo Nation retains all rights, powers, authorities, and immunities possessed and enjoyed as a sovereign entity and governmental institution. Nothing herein, within the Operating Agreement, within any future documents or instruments associated with the Company, or any act or omission of the Company, shall be asserted, interpreted, or otherwise understood to constitute any waiver whatsoever of any of the Navajo Nation's rights, powers, or authorities, and immunities as a sovereign entity and governmental institution; and
16. Nothing herein, within the Operating Agreement, within any future documents or instruments associated with the Company, or any act or omission of the Company, shall be asserted, interpreted, or otherwise understood to constitute any waiver of the Navajo Nation's sovereign immunity from suit whatsoever, whether express or implied, beyond that already clearly and unequivocally provided as a matter of Navajo Nation statutory law pursuant to the Navajo Sovereign Immunity Act, 1 N.N.C. \$551 et seq., and the Navajo Nation Arbitration Act, 7 N.N.C. \$1101 et seq; and
17. Nothing herein, within the operating Agreement, within any future documents or instruments associated with the Company, or any act or omission of the Company, shall create any obligation, indebtedness, or recourse to the property or assets, whether held in trust or otherwise, of the Navajo Nation whatsoever; and no action by the Company shall permit or authorize the sale, encumbrance, or transfer of any of the Navajo Nation's, or any of its entities and affiliates' property and assets, whether held in trust or otherwise, or any interest therein whatsoever, other than those of the Company; and
18. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, in the operating Agreement, and in any future organizational or governing documents or instruments associated with the Company, the Company, its Management Committee and Management Committee Members, as these terms are defined in the Operating Agreement, and its other officers, employees,
and agents shall be immune from suit for actions performed in an official capacity; and
19. Except as otherwise clearly and expressly provided for herein or to the extent the Company, exercising express authority in a manner provided for in this legislation or other applicable Navajo law, or the Operating Agreement, and in accordance with properly approved and executed agreements, the Company's property and assets are exempt from any levy or execution; and
20. The Company is authorized to waive the Company's immunity from suit or other compulsory dispute resolution procedure in accordance with the Operating Agreement. Any waiver of the Company's immunity from suit shall be clearly and expressly stated and consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements provided for in Sections $C(20)$ through $C(23)$ hereof and the operating Agreement, and shall expressly state that such waiver does not apply to the Navajo Nation; and
21. Any limited, clearly, and expressly defined waiver of the Company's immunities from suit shall require at least ten (10) calendar days' notice of the transaction, agreement, and specific provision providing for any limited waiver being provided to the Company's Management Committee, the Office of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Office of the President of the Navajo Nation, and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. Any limited, clearly, and expressly defined waiver of the Company's immunities from suit shall satisfy all procedural and substantive requirements provided for herein and within the Operating Agreement; and the failure to satisfy such requirements shall render any purported waiver of the Company's sovereign immunity void $a b$ initio; and
22. Approval of the same specific limited waiver of each the Company's immunities from suit shall require an affirmative vote of at least five (5) of the Company's seven (7) total Management Committee Members; and
23. Only the properties, assets, revenues, and income held by, or in the name of, the Company shall be subject (to the extent otherwise permitted herein and by law) to the debts, obligations, or other liabilities created, incurred, or guaranteed by the Company. The Navajo Nation's properties and assets, whether held in trust or otherwise, or any interest therein whatsoever, shall not be subject to, or impacted by
this legislation, the Operating Agreement, the Company's additional governing documents, its associated and approved instruments, or any transaction or agreement executed for or by the Company, including without limitation, any and all agreements or other documents entered into, issued, or made in connection with the Company's acquisition and ownership of the Navajo Mine, and the Company's continued operations and functions thereafter; and

## Section D. General and Miscellaneous Provisions; Directives

24. The duration of the Company shall be perpetual; and
25. The Company is designed, created, formed, organized, established, empowered, and authorized to act as a subordinate instrumentality of the Navajo Nation, and to promote and enhance the self-determination and self-reliance of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People with all rights, privileges, immunities, powers, protections, authorities, and purposes granted herein. The Company shall endeavor to contribute to the improvement and enhancement of the economic and financial conditions, and the standards of living for the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation; and
26. The company is empowered to acquire, create, control, administer, operate, facilitate operation of, oversee, and develop all facilities, infrastructure, improvements, property, assets, and interests necessary, convenient, efficient, and prudent for accomplishment of the purposes herein and the Operating Agreement. The Company is empowered to control, own, operate, conduct oversight of operation, and develop energy resources, tangible and intangible property, assets, and interests within and outside the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, and on possessory interests in lands selected by the Navajo Nation pursuant to the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, meaning leasehold interests, subject to such actions being provided for, authorized by, or not otherwise prohibited by applicable Navajo Nation law; and
27. The principal place and headquarters of business and the offices of the Company shall be within the Navajo Reservation, with preference to be and operate at or near Window Rock, Navajo Nation. The Company may also establish and maintain offices at such other places as the Company, through its duly authorized officers, may from time-to-time direct, or as the activities of the Company may require; and
28. The Company is further authorized and empowered to do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes herein, including, without limitation, implementation of the Operating ngreement; and to do all things incidental thereto, or connected therewith, which are not forbidden by applicable law or this legislation; and
29. The Company's seven (7) Management Committee members shall be selected in accordance with the Operating Agreement. Thereafter, the seven (7) members' appointments and confirmations shall be effectuated in accordance with the Operating Agreement; and
30. Each of the Company's Management Committee Members after the initial Members' terms have concluded, shall be selected in accordance with the Operating Agreement, and in consultation with the Company's membership representatives, which shall serve in a capacity of shareholder representatives in a corporation, and such rules as the Company may adopt, amend, or supplement in the future; and
31. The Company's Management Committee Members shall hire or ratify the Company's Management Committee Executive, as that term is defined in the Operating Agreement; and
32. Each of the Company's Management Members, officers, employees, and agents shall be subject to Navajo Nation laws and regulations; and
33. Each of the Company's Management Committee Members shall have substantial knowledge, understanding, and competency in the energy industry; and the Management Committee as a whole shall possess substantial knowledge, understanding, and competency in the energy industry, with particular knowledge, understanding, and competency in coal, alternative and renewable resources for power and energy; commercial management and operation experience in the energy industry; substantial knowledge, understanding, and competency in economics, corporate finance, accounting, law, business management, engineering, geophysics, geology, or similar disciplines; substantial knowledge, understanding, and competency in mining, production of coal, and mechanics of coal mining operations; substantial knowledge, understanding, and competency of commercial and mining operations within Navajo Indian Country; and
34. Each of the Management Committee Members shall not be a public official of the Navajo Nation as defined in 2 N.N.C.
§3743, as amended, including without limitation Navajo Nation Council delegates, Chapter officials, grazing committee members, commissioners, land board members, farm board members, or school board members; be an employee of the federal, any state, county, municipal, or any other government; be a director (or comnissioner) of any other Navajo Nation owned enterprise, industry, authority, corporation, or instrumentality; provided that the requirements shall not apply to any consecutive renominations or confirmations; be any person who has been convicted or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony or gross misdemeanor in any court, including without limitation those involving dishonesty or moral turpitude, extortion, embezzlement, theft, violation of fiduciary duty, bribery, perjury, or fraud; provided, that any misdemeanor shall be limited to the last ten (10) years of such person's history; be any person who violates or has violated the requirements of the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law, 2 N.N.C. $\$ 3741$ et seq., as amended, provided that any such violation shall be limited to the last ten (10) years of such person's history; or be any person who has declared bankruptcy or been adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent; and
35. The Company may conduct activities in the Navajo Nation and any other jurisdictions; and
36. The Company may participate with other persons in joint ventures, or other associations, transactions, or arrangements; and
37. The Company may appoint officers, agents, engineers, auditors, accountants, appraisers, counsel, and other professional consultants as may be needed from time-totime; and also define their duties and compensation; and
38. The Company shall require the bonding of all officers, agents, or employees responsible for the handling or safeguarding of funds, property, and other assets of the Company; and
39. The Company is authorized to acquire (by purchase, exchange, lease, hire, or otherwise) use, improve, manage, operate, and sell, lease, or mortgage, either alone or in conjunction with others having an interest therein, real estate of every kind, character, and description, and any interest therein, necessary or incidental to the purposes of the Company; and
40. The Company is authorized to deal in personal property, including intangibles; and to acquire (by purchase, application, transfer, exchange, lease, hire, or otherwise), hold, own, manage, operate, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, exchange, sell, deal in, and dispose of, either alone or in conjunction with others, personal property, including without limitation, equity securities and inventions, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, patents, and other intangibles, and interests therein, of every kind, character, and description; and
41. The Company is authorized and empowered to enter into, make, perform, carry out, cancel, and rescind contracts for any lawful purpose pertaining to its purposes and activities; and
42. The Company is authorized and empowered to generate revenues, raise capital, borrow money, make, guarantee and issue debt, and to secure payment thereof by pledge of, or lien on, all or any fixtures, personalty, revenues, incomes, contracts, or other property and income; and to accept grants or loans; and to expend the proceeds thereof; and
43. The Company is empowered and authorized to create subdivisions, sub-entities, and subsidiaries for purposes of separating and furthering the Company's purposes; and
44. The Company shall have, as applicable, one member, shareholder, and owner, which shall be the Navajo Nation; and any grant, sale, encumbrance, or hypothecation of shares shall be void $a b$ initio; and
45. The Company shall have a Management Committee comprised of seven (7) persons, who shall be governed by 5 N.N.C. §\$3640-42; and the Company's and the Navajo Nation's relationship shall be governed by 5 N.N.C. $\$ \$ 3650-60$, the Operating Agreement, and this legislation; and
46. The Navajo Nation may capitalize the Company with an initial capital contribution to be determined by agreement between the Navajo Nation and the Company, corresponding financing agreements, and a schedule of contributions and distributions; and
47. The Navajo Nation shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Company of any capital contribution; and

Section E. Directive to the Navajo Nation Office of the Attorney General for the Creation of the Company
48. The Navajo Nation Office of the Attorney General shall immediately make application and take all actions necessary for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development's Business Regulatory Department to furnish a Certificate of Existence for the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC, in accordance with this legislation, the Articles of Organization, and the Operating Agreement; and
49. The Navajo Nation Office of the Attorney General and the Navajo Nation Washington office shall also immediately mミke application and take all actions necessary for approval by the United States of any actions necessary and convenient for the Company's acquisition and ownership of the Navajo Mine, and continued operation of the Company; and

## Section F. Savings, Severability, and Survivability Clause

50. Should any provision herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, all other provisions not determined to be invalid shall remain in force and effect; and
51. Any employee or official of the Navajo Nation with a conflict of interest shall be removed as the organizer or signor of the Articles of Incorporation, Operating Agreement or other documents before final approval and filing; and
52. NTEC shall ensure at the time of cessation of the mining activities at both Navajo and San Juan mines and closure cf Four Corners Power Plant and San Juan Generating Station that water Permit \#2838 shall revert to the Navajo Nation.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting ir Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in favor and 4 opposed, this 29th day of April 2013.


Motion: Honorable Jonathan Nez
Second: Honorable LoRenzo Bates

## ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to ${ }^{2}$ N.N.C.

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. $\$ 1005$ (C) (11), this day of 2013 for the reason (s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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\text { Ben Shelly, President } \\
\text { Navajo Nation }
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## MEMORANDUM

TO:
Honorable Rickie Nez
Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

DATE:
March 7, 2019
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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. $\S \$ 500,501$. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

LEGISLATION NO: _0044-19
SPONSOR: Rickie Nez

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## THE NAVAJO NATION <br> LEGISLATIVE BRANCH <br> INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

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Legislative Secretary Office of Legislative Services


Date/Time

## Legislation 44-19

## Nicole Horseherder [nhorseherder@gmail.com](mailto:nhorseherder@gmail.com)

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!: comments <comments@navajo-nsn gov>:

The Council should vote No on this legislation. It should instead allow decommissioning to go forward, including complete clean up and reclamation, The NN should develop a plan for rechamation and ensure that wherever possible Mine and plant workers have 1st priority in jobs and at competitive wages. The NN should develop a plan for the upper basic CR.
The NN should protect the Navajo Aquifer from further industry use and allow it to recover
The NN should pur out an invitation for proposals for the 500 mw
The NN shembd put out an mitation for projects for the rark road and rail cars
The NN should allow iminediate remediation of the plant site and mine stte full investigation of all mine wells and latest reading of USGS monitoring The NN should allow immediate remedtat:on of the water and have Peabody replace the water in quality and quantity.
The NN sthould focus its efforts on securing transtion funds

Nicole Horseherder, Black Mesa

Re: Legislation 0044-19, NTEC Acquisition of NGS \& Kayenta Mine
Please accept my comments on the above subject matter. I'm opposed to the legislation wherein the Navajo Nation Council will support the acquisition of both NGS and Kayenta Mine by NTEC. The current power plant and the mine been in operation for 50 years and both been dedicated and using tremendous amount of water $35,000 \mathrm{AFY}$ and up to $6,400 \mathrm{AFY}$ respectively. This is over 41,400 AFY from the Upper Colorado River Basin and the N -aquifer ground water of Black Mesa. In both cases it's the sole source water, while at the same time at least 30,000 community members in both areas been without water for as long or longer.

Members of the Council these are your people, constitute and voters that put you in office. NTEC, NGS and the mine are not. Yes, they provide some jobs and revenue. The number of jobs was around 700 which is now probably down to around 500 and will continue to drop even if NTEC takes over. But your constitutes will continue to grow by the thousands.

The plant and the mine has had a big impact to the health of your people causing increase in asthma, heart and lung and other diseases. On the health of the water, much been wasted and contaminated. Damaging environmental impact on their ancestral land, plants, herbs that was once used for food and medication, ceremonies, for their livestock and wildlife. Beyond all this the industries has contributed tremendously to climate change which has detrimental impact on the weather causing the drought to worsen each season.

Much of what NTEC stated in the "Navajo Solution" report was intentionally unclear. But what become clear to me is that of NTEC's business plan is simply not true. NTEC will not acquire NGS for no cost. There is, according to the current owners up to $\$ 200$ million in deferred maintenance that NTEC would have to catch up on in order to operate NGS.

Perhaps the most misleading lie that NTEC is telling is about the water rights. It says that keeping NGS running can help the Navajo Nation strengthen its claim to water from the Upper Colorado River Basin, but that is simply not true. The Navajo Nation already has a right to the water used by NGS no matter what NTEC does. And in fact, the only way to provide the Nation with the opportunity to put
that water to other use is to retire the plant. Keeping the water connected to NGS does only one thing; it prevents the Navajo Nation from developing it for the people. NTEC has also said nothing about the N -aquifer of Black Mesa. There already has been major damage to the N -aquifer and continuing operations at Kayenta Mine will only further the depletion. In the future, if NTEC buys Kayenta Mine, it also is going to be responsible for the massive costs of restoring the aquifer.

As result of the breakdown in negotiation, there now appears to be several insurmountable issues that NTEC did not tell the Council. The major disagreement, is that SRP and the other owners of NGS want a complete waiver of all future liability from both NTEC and the Navajo Nation. Do not let NTEC trick you into granting that waiver, which is what it is angling for, even though it says otherwise. Doing so will expose the Nation to massive financial risk for decommissioning and clean up. NETC is relying on the Nation to be a "backstop" for its cost, and when those costs turn out to be far higher than anyone estimated. NTEC will demand that the Nation cover the difference.

I want to compliment the work the $23^{\text {rd }}$ Council did in June, 2017 in their negotiation with SRP when they extended the operation of the mine and the plant to December, 2019. I was very much opposed to the extension and preferred closure in 2017 as agreed to in the 1969 compact, but the previous Council did a commendable job of securing important concessions and payments to the Nation. Those rely on the retirement of NGS at the end of this year. I urge you to continue carrying out the agreement.

All of the current solutions to the current issues raised by NTEC are clearly spelled out in the extension agreement. The current owners have clean-up and decommissioning responsibilities stretching out another 35 years. The current owners put up the escrow and the bond to cover anticipated costs and they have for any added costs. They will assume all costs to maintain the 500 MW of transmission capacity for 10 years and give the Nation access for another 25 years. The Navajo Nation gets water rights without litigation to Upper Colorado River Basin. The Nation does not put up even a dollar for decommissioning and remediation and instead gets over $\$ 169$ million in new revenue and it gets assets valued at more than $\$ 200$ million.

SRP also has promised to provide technical assistance to the Nation to provide solar energy production using the transmission lines, which the Navajo Nation can use to sell energy to outside companies. This will provide resources to diversify the economy and provide more jobs and opportunities.

My question to you is what's wrong with the 2017 agreement? It is an arrangement with certainty and benefits for all involved. Buying NGS is exactly the opposite. It will cost the Nation millions. It will make decommissioning and cleanup uncertain. It will keep water rights tied to a power plant with no future. And it will fail. There is no way NTEC can make a deal better than what's already on the table. Coal is gone. There is no market for the expensive power provided by NGS and NTEC does not have a viable business plan to make it work. I urge you to full embrace the current lease agreement and implement what's already in your hands; preparing for the retirement of NGS at the end of the year and making plans for better, more sustainable future for the Nation. Don't throw it away. Don't waste any more time. I urge you to vote down Legislation 0044-19. Let's all heal.

Sincerely,
Percy Deal, Big Mountain

## Fwd: Legislation No._0044-19

## Fannie L. Atcitty < flatcitty@gmail.com>

Tue 3/12/2019 11:59 AM

10:comments [comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov);

[^0]March 12., 2019

Honorable Rick Nez
Nowadays have an a ;ob is very important, if you wish to live a comfortable life. Not only are you proud of yourself being employed there are family members who are equally very pleased and happy.
For many years employment and your home is a luxury for the workers and fambly stability. The short distant drive to the worksites of NGS, San Juan, Black Mesa. Kisyenta coal mines and power plants, and to return home at the end of the workday for quality famly time
Suddenly, the rightmare of beconning unemployed may be soon betcome realty due to varous unavordable circumstances beyond the workers control After 50 years of family supporting jobs the unexpected for the present and furure employment is the pending closure of the power plants and coal mines within the Navajo Nation
I respectfully request of the Navajo nation 24 th council delegates to support and stand with NTEC's Plan to acquire NGS Power Plant and Kayenta Coal Mine to save jobs arat revenues for the Nation. Furthermore. the council contmues to meet and work with the state and lederal governmernt for the development of new ernergy technologies.
The Navijo Nation executive and legislative branches must understand unemployment affects people's mental and physical healtin which includes the spouse and choldrer.

I supnort the continued operation of the power plant and coal mine for the present and future employment for our Navajo people. Thank you very much

Sincerely,

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## Comments for Leg 004419

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Comments 00440-19.pdf:

## Good afternoon,

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I also, support the passage of legislation 0044-19. Let's get SRP back to the table to negotiate. We have a lot of miners that want to continue working here at the Kayenta Mine.

Thanks,

## Jarvis Williams

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Thank You.





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## Good afternoon,

Here is another group of comments for legislation 0044-19. Please attach to the legislation.
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## Jarvis Williams

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CASINO RESORT M
I whole heartedly support the NGS and the Kayent a Mine continuous operation for the Navajo Nation's Benefits; future. As a navajo born, raised and went to school on the navajo reservation, I had no desire to move or live any where else. My father served his beloved Naliajo people for over $50 y r s$. and shared the's strong lore and respect for our reservation land anent's resources to help its people. For the few that say coal is not good, they orly think of the past and what they lost. Coal helps our future, our miners put their children through college, their children are the future. Inear comments from non navajos about the Navajo Nations rich environment and we should be proud of what we have. So lets stay proud and keep what we accomplished doit throw away billions of dollars.
Additional comments: To demolish the Kayenta mine facilities will be a big mistake, financial loss and waste. Restoring the land back: For what reason?

The facilities on Black mesa should remain for use for the NN's tribal offices, community offices, public safety offices, training facilities.

22181 Resort Boulevard, Exit 219 1-40 Flagstaff, Arizona 86004 TwinArrows.com • 855.946.8946

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## Re: No on 0044-19

## Vincent Yazzie [vinceyazzie@yahoo.com](mailto:vinceyazzie@yahoo.com)

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## Executive Director

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Window Rock, AZ 86515
Subject: No on 0044-19
Dear Honorable Delegates,
Peabody promised in 1970 that if local water was damaged they would replace the water. Land must be reclaimed to a similar natural State. Many burials sites were plowed under and dead relatives stored in jars in far off lands as part of archeological research.

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Black Mesa Mine Report 1993.
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Howard Carson says the deep wells of the $N$-Aquifer will not effect surface drinking water as both are seperated by an impervious layer of shale. Presently, the N-Aquifer is
damaged, and the impervious shale layers were breached. Surface drinking water is being effected by the deep wells of the N -Aquifer.

Black MesaMine is dead. No to 0044-19
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Electricity and jobs were promised to the people of Black Mesa. No to 0044-19

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## MARCH 4, 2019

CHANDLER, Ariz. - Navajo Transitional Energy Company officials outlined points to the Navajo Nation Council, on Saturday, March 2, that led to last week's stalled negotiations with Salt River Project for the acquisition of Navajo Generation Station.

Negotiations for Navajo Generating Station stalled last week due to SRP's insistence on a direct and unlimited guarantee from the Navajo Nation itself for any and all of the obligations and liabilities NTEC would assume under the acquisition. NTEC has made repeated attempts to offer alternate, and commercially reasonable assurances to SRP, including a significant bond amount. NTEC voiced opposition to SRP's demands and has publicly stated the Nation should not accept the demand for the unlimited guarantee and that the tribe created NTEC to protect the tribe's sovereignty.

The meeting lasted five hours as the NTEC board answered questions from the 18 Council delegates that attended the meeting. The purpose of the work session was to continue discussions regarding the status of NTEC's efforts to acquire Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and Kayenta Mine. NTEC's Management Committee presented to the Navajo Nation

Council. The seven-member Management Committee is comprised of Navajo professionals in various fields, including engineering, science, legal and business.
"NTEC believes all the points leading to stalled negotiations with SRP and NGS owners were explained and outlined diligently and tactfully by the board to the delegates that attended the meeting," said NTEC CEO Clark Moseley.

On Saturday, NTEC's Board informed the Council that talks with NGS majority owner Salt River project (SRP) had stalied because of SRP unreasonable demands such as having the Navajo Nation provide unlimited guarantees on the purchase of the power plant.

Some Council members stated that SRP has a monopoly in the desert southwest power grid and expressed the idea that the Navajo Nation soon could become its main competitor.

Others voiced concern that SRP was protecting the 50,000 -acre feet water currently assigned to SRP and that the utility would prefer to return the water rights over to the State of Arizona rather than the Navajo Nation.

Tim McLaughlin, NTEC board chair, began by stating that the Navajo leadership had requested that NTEC assess the feasibility and advisability of purchasing NGS and Kayenta. McLaughlin reported to the Council that NTEC had concluded that such an acquisition would be in the best interest of both the Navajo Nation and NTEC. He further explained that the Management Committee had directed the company to proceed with negotiations.

McLaughlin also took the opportunity to explain NTEC's corporate status and purpose as a wholly-owned tribal entity. NTEC was created under Navajo Law as a separate legal entity and was formed to manage and develop the Navajo Nations energy assets. The 22nd Navajo Nation council gave NTEC full authorization and authority to pursue energy acquisitions. Most importantly the Navajo Nation wanted an entity that could assist the tribe in taking back control of its natural resources. As Mr. McLaughlin stated, the proposed acquisition of NGS/Kayenta is precisely the type of opportunity NTEC was created to pursue.

During the session, a number of participants voiced their concern that SRP, as a regulated monopoly in the desert south west power grid, was intentionally trying to block any deal to prevent the entry of a significant competitor in the market. Others voiced concern that SRP was protecting the 50,000 -acre feet water currently assigned to the NGS plant and that the utility would prefer to return the water rights over to the State of Arizona rather than the Navajo Nation
"We consistently reminded the Council the acquisition is too important to the Navajo people.

Aside from breaking up Navajo families because the main bread winners would have to leave the

Navajo Nation to look for jobs, closure of NGS would have a major economic impact to the Nation. Estimates over another 10-year period of operation for NGS will yield an estimated economic impact of $\$ 2.6$ billion to Northern Arizona, the Navajo Nation, and the Hopi Tribe," Moseley said.

The meeting with the Navajo Nation Council ended with the Council proposing to have emergency legislation regarding to address several important issues: to support NTEC's proposition to acquire the assets and to inform SRP that the Navajo Nation would not agree to the demand for an unlimited guarantee from the Nation, and, to inform the Department of Interior that the Navajo Nation wishes to continue with acquiring both assets.
"We feel this vote is extremely important to the outcome of further negotiations. We are still open and optimistic that an agreement can be met between NTEC and the NGS owners and having the Navajo Council's support would help our prospects to continuing creating a strong tribal business entity that responsibly manages energy assets of the Navajo Nation. We still believe the acquisition would make the Nation stronger for the long term," Moseley
said.
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Dear Honorable Delegates,
The Gila River Indian Community consider Navajo Generating Station (NGS) electricity and coal as uneconomical see attached file file0.114123761692223.pdf page 2 in the first paragraph ". . . Plaintiffs' coal operation by purchasing uneconomical electricity generated by Plaintiffs' coal."

New power plants are natural gass, combined-cyle and solar PV see attached New U.S. power plants expected to be mostly natural gas combined-cycle and Solar PV, March 8, 2019, Energy Information Agency

Use of the Permanent Trust Fund (PTF) requires that the question be referred to the Navajo People by Referendum. Waivers of Navajo Sovereignty requires $2 / 3$ vote.

Line $H$ in 44-19 says there is an agreement that limits the liability of the Navajo Nation with Salt River Project (SRP) which I believe does not exist.

The Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) has lined pits for their ash pile, but there is no ash pit lining for NGS.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for NGS and Kayenta Mine uses fish for mercury threshold levels, but the 1974 NGS EIS uses fish plankton or fish food for the mercury threshold level as fish need to eat.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUR'T FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The Hopi Tribe, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.

Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Defendant.

No. 2:18-cv-01337-SPL

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS

The Gila River Indian Community ("Community") hereby files this reply in support of its motion to dismiss the complaint. As shown below, the Colorado River Basin Project Act, Pub. I. 90-537, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1556 ("Basin Project Act" or "Act"), authorized the Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary") to purchase capacity at a thermal generating power plant. That grant of authority, exercised by the Secretary 50 years ago to purchase capacity at the Navajo Generating Station ("NGS"), does not now require that the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD") and Central Arizona Project ("CAP") water users continue to buy power from NGS at above-market rates as an indirect subsidy for Plaintiffs' coal mine. Further, Plaintiffs have no right to equitable relief against CAWCD under the Basin Project Act and have no Article III standing to raise their baseless claim.

## ARGUMENT

I. THE COMPIAINT FAILS TO STATE ANY COGNIZABLE CLAIM AGAINST CAWCD FOR VIOLATION OF THE BASIN PROJECT ACT

The complaint must be dismissed because CAWCD and CAP water users are not required by federal law to subsidize Plaintiffs' coal operations by purchasing uneconomical electricity generated by Plaintiffs' coal. Neither Section 303 of the Basin Project Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1523, nor the 1969 Plan submitted by the Secretary that outlined his plans to invest in NGS, requires CAWCD to purchase power from NGS. And Plaintiffs have no right under the Act to seek equitable relief against a water district such as CAWCD for an alleged violation.
A. CAWCD has no statutory duty to contract for or buy NGS power.

1. Plaintiffs attempt to conflate Congress's authorization for the Secretary to purchase the right to capacity with an indefinite mandate requiring CAP to buy that power.

In responding to the motions to dismiss, Plaintiffs rely on statutory provisions in the Basin Project Act that authorize the Secretary to obtain the right to capacity at a power plant so it is available to CAP for purchase. Ignoring the plain meaning of the statutory text, they attempt to graft onto the statute an imagined obligation on the part of CAWCD to contract for and buy that power indefinitely. Congress authorized the Secrelary to provide the Central Arizona Project with a source of affordable power by purchasing the right to capacity at a power plant. That does not equate to a mandate providing coal miners, an Indian tribe, and a coal company a federal statutory guarantee that the Central Arizona Project must continuc to buy power from NGS 50 years later, instead of from more affordable sources. Making NGS power available to CAP has historically served the statutory purpose of affordable water distribution, a purpose Plaintiffs implicitly acknowledge. See Pls." Resp. Br., Doc. 41 , at 31 n .7 ("Br.") ("NGS has provided over the
long term the lowest cost power for CAP."). Requiring continued purchase of such power despite its becoming uneconomical would contravene that statutory purpose.

Plaintiffs' arguments are contrary to the plain language of the Basin Project Act. Subsection 1523(b) is an atuhorization for the Secretary to acquire "the right to" whatever portion of the capacity of power plants that "he determines is required in connection with" operating CAP. In this provision, Congress authorized the Secretary to enter into agreements to acquire the right to power-plant capacity for purposes of supplying CAP with as much power as it might need: "the Secretary may enter into agreements with nonFederal interests proposing to construct thermal generating powerplants whereby the United States shall acquire the right to such portions of their capacity. . . as he determines is required in connection with the operation of the Central Arizona Project." 43 U.S.C. § 1523(b). Congress authorized the Secretary to use appropriated funds for the purchase of an entitiement to capacity at NGS for the specific purpose of securing an affordable source of power for CAP. This gave CAWCD the right to contract for and buy power out of the United States' entitlement to $24.3 \%$ of NGS capacity.

That does not mean that Congress mandated the use of that "right" in any particular quantity or for any particular time period. There is no statutory mandate that CAP must continue to excrcise the right to that portion of capacity beyond the useful life of NGS, or seek to artificially prolong the life of NGS rather than obtain power from some other source. If Congress had intended such a mandate as a guarantee to coal producers, it would have said so. That it did not is not surprising, because acquiring a right to power-plant capacity was a means to an end: powering CAP in the most economical manner. Congress required the Secretary to provide for a source of power for CAP in the 1969 Plan. But Congress did not prejudge, predetermine, or mandate the useful life of that power supply.

Indeed, the 1969 Plan itself is focused solely on obtaining the most affordable available power. As the plan makes clear, purchasing the right to capacity at NGS made available a lower-cost source of power than would otherwise have been available to CAP.

The 1969 Plan summarizes the efforts the Secretary made to arrive at " $[t]$ he most feasible plan to supply the power requirements of the Central Arizona Project." Doc. 41-1 at 7 . The Secretary evaluated what the lowest-cost source of available power would be, and considered the possibility of "direct purchase" from existing suppliers. Id. at 6. Several potential suppliers could not supply the needed power. See id. at 7. Three potential suppliers offered to sell the power at prices of $\$ 55.65$ per kilowattyear, $\$ 46-\$ 57$ per kilowattyear, and $\$ 54$ per kilowattyear respectively. See id. "By comparison the cost to the United States by the purchase of entitlement to power is approximately $\$ 27$ per kilowattyear." Id. It was only after making that cost comparison that the Secretary exercised his authority to use appropriations under the Act to purchase the entitlement to power at NGS, effectively creating a captive supplier of power that could undercut openmarket options. It would be inconsistent with the logic of the 1969 Plan, nearly 50 years later and in drastically different market conditions, to require purchase of NGS power at above-market prices.

Although Plaintiffs purport to rely on the 1969 Plan, they ignore its focus on finding the lowest cost power. And they point to no congressional ratification of the 1969 Plan that would transform it into the mandate to buy NGS power that they seek. Indced, in submitting the 1969 Plan, the Secretary did not seek, and did not need to seck, further congressional approval. Rather, the Secretary stated, "I am proceeding pursuant to Section 303(b) to exceute the necessary agreements and contracts to implement the recommended plan." Id. at 8. Contrary to Plaintiffs' arguments, that does not detract from the statutory requirement that the Secretary submit the plan to Congress for it to become operative. The plan was subject to further approval only if it recommended something outside the authority already granted in subsection 1523(b), which it did not. See 42 U.S.C. § 1523(c) ("Except as authorized by subsection (b) of this section, such plan shall not become effective until approved by the Congress."). Thus, the language requiring congressional approval of any plan outside $\S 1523$ (b) is contingent, not surplus,

Nor is there support for a mandated subsidy of NGS or coal production in any of the other authorities relied on by Plaintiffs. The Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984, Pub. L. 98381, merely provides for the marketing of any NGS power not sold to CAP. Id. § 107(a). That Congress required the Secretary to sell power not used by CAP is unremarkable and irrelevant. Congress did not thereby mandate that CAWCD buy NGS power for any period at any price. The Navajo Power Marketing Plan likewise merely recognizes that the Secretary must make the United States' NGS power available to CAP for purchase. That the Secretary must do so, and that he may sell to others only what CAP does not use, is consistent with Congress's evident purpose to ensure that CAP can buy from NGS what it needs for its operations. It does not mean that CAP is required to contract for and buy such power no matter the cost. The Basin Project Act and other reclamation acts are not acts to keep coal-fired power plants in operation indefinitely at any cost. They are acts that provide for delivery of water in arid climates through the most practicable, economical means.

The letters Plaintiffs cite to attempt to support their arguments instead reinforce the point that CAWCD`s purchase of NGS power is a matter of choice, based on feasibility considerations. In a letter dated November 6, 2017, the Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science asked CAWCD to "seriously and fully consider NGS as being its primary source of baseload power for the CAP." Doc. 41-3 at 3 (emphasis added). Thus, "[t]he Department... stands ready to continue our efforts to find manners in which to continue NGS operations post-20:9 and encourages CAWCD to be a part of this effort." Id. (emphasis added). If CAWCD had no choice but to purchase its power from NGS, there would be nothing to consider. Indeed, in a letter dated June 1, 2018, the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science provided an analysis of the Basin Project Act and characterized it as "the applicable governing authority," but pointed to nothing in the Act requiring the purchase of NGS power if it is uncconomical. Rather, the Act "must be addressed in any decision relating to future sources of Project power. With the 1968 Act in mind, the

Department expects to consider several options going forward, including the feasibility of continued use of NGS-provided power." Doc. 23-4 at 3 (emphasis added). "Feasibility" is the touchstone; there is no mandate. Far from asserting or acceding to any statutory mandate for the purchase of NGS power, the Assistant Secretary only "look[ed] forward to a constructive dialogue regarding the most appropriate path forward." Id. (emphasis added).

## 2. Plaintiffs misread the Arizona Water Settlements Act, a statute that reinforces the Basin Project Act's purpose to provide affordable water delivery.

The Community showed in its motion to dismiss that the Basin Project Plan and the Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-451, 118 Stat. 3478, 43 U.S.C. § 1501 note (2004) ("AWSA"), must be read in harmony, and that in particular both provide for affordable delivery of CAP water to the Community. Doc. 27 at 8-10. The Basin Project Act authorized the Secretary to obtain capacity as a means of lowering delivery costs. The AWSA provides structural subsidies and other mechanisms to lower the cost of delivering CAP water to the Commanity so as to make such water an adequate substitute for the onreservation water the rights to which the United States as trustee agreed to relinquish in the Community's water settlement. Rather than acknowledge these points and address the Community's argument about AWSA head-on, Plaintiffs mischaracterize it as an argument "that Congress amended the 1969 Plan's requirement respecting NGS when Congress enacted the AWSA." Br. at 26 (emphasis added). There was no such requirement in the 1969 Plan, and so the Community has never argued that AWS $\wedge$ amended it.

Plaintiffs argue that because Congress specified that certain non-CAP works be powered with "the least expensive source of power available," this means Congress did not care about the cost of power for CAP. Br. at 31. But the provision they cite, AWSA § $203(\mathrm{~d})(1)(\mathrm{B})$, contradicts their argument. It requires the Sccretary to "provide electric power for San Carlos Irrigation Project wells and irrigation pumps at the Secretary's direct
cost of transmission, distribution, and administration, using the lcast expensive source of power available." /d. Plaintiffs miss that the San Carlos Irrigation Project ("SCIP") is responsible for delivering to the Community's Reservation a large proportion of the water to which it is entitled under the AWSA, water from the Gila River and the San Carlos Reservoir. See In re Genteral Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source, 224 P.3d 178, 187 (Ariz. 2010) (cn banc). Congress had previously taken steps in the Basin Project Act to facilitate lowest-cost delivery of CAP water to the Community, as the Plaintiffs acknowledge. See Br. at 31 n .7 ("NGS has provided over the long term the lowest cost power for CAP."). It is nonsensical to view Congress's explicit guarantee of low-cost delivery for another component of the Community's entitlement, SCIP water, as any indication that Congress disclaimed such concern for the cost of delivery for CAP water. Rather, this provision of the AWSA for non-CAP water complements and reinforces Congress's concern for keeping the costs of delivery for CAP water affordable, which is evident in the Basin Project Act and structurally reinforced in AWSA by the subsidies given to the Community for fixed operation and maintenance charges for delivery of Community CAP Water. See AWSA §§ 205(a)(6), 205(a)(7), 205(a)(8), 205(e), 208. Plaintiffs' arguments to the contrary defy logic.

## B. Under Long v. Salt River Valley Water Users' Ass'n, Plaintiffs cannot bring a private equitable claim to enforce the Basin Power Act against CAWCD.

In response to the motion to dismiss their complaint to enforce the Basin Project Act, Plaintiffs concede that "Congress did not create a remedy to enforce the Basin Project Act against the States or their subdivisions" such as CAWCD. Br. at 26. Indeed, as Long v. Salt River Vallev, Water Users 'Ass 'n, 820 F.2d 284, 288 (9th Cir. 1987), squarely held, there is no private right of action under the Basin Project Act, so Plaintiffs' suit here against CAWCD cannot proceed. In an attempt to rescue the complaint, Plaintiffs disclaim any attempt to sue directly under the Basin Project Act: "Plaintiffs do not purport to assert a
claim under the Basin Project Act." Br. at 24. Instead they characterize it as an equitable action raising a judge-made claim to enjoin future violations of federal law-the Basin Project Act - by a "state actor" (CAWCD).

As shown above, the Basin Project Act does not impose any duties on CAWCD, and therefore Plaintiffs have not pleaded any violation of the Act that can be enjoined. But even if federal law imposed a duty on the Secretary to require CAWCD to buy power from NGS as long as it remains open, Long still precludes the Plaintiffs from enforcing the Basin Project Act by any means other than an APA claim against the Secretary.

In Long, acknowledging the possibility of injunctive relief against the Secretary under the APA, the Ninth Circuit specifically noted that "to say that [plaintiff] may have a right of action under the APA to compel the Secretary's compliance with reclamation law does not mean that reclamation law provides a right of action against parties other than the Secretary." Long, 820 F.2d at 287 n. 5 (citing Legal Aid Soc'y v: Brennan, 608 F.2d 1319, 1332 (9th Cir. 1979)) (emphasis added). Plaintiffs have not invoked the APA here; the complaint makes no mention of it and the Plaintiffs have chosen not to sue the Secretary.

Contrary to Plaintiffs' arguments, Armstrong v: Exceptional Child Ctr., Inc., 135 S. Ct. 1378 (2015), docs not support their position; it refutes it. Armstrong held that " $[\mathrm{t}]$ he power of federal courts of equity to enjoin unlawful executive action is subject to express and implied statutory limitations," and that a plaintiff "cannot, by invoking [a federal court's] equitable powers, circumvent Congress's exclusion of private enforecment" of a federal statute. Id. at 1385. Armstrong's analysis echoes and reinforces the Ninth Circuit's conclusion in Long. The Supreme Court cited two reasons the statute at issue precluded claims for equitable relief by private partics. First, the statute already provided a specific remedy for its violation, and the "express provision of one method of enforcing a substantive rule suggests that Congress intended to preclude others." Id. Second, the statute conferred discretion on the federal official in question to administer the statute. Id. Years carlicr, Long applied this same analysis and likewise held that Congress excluded
private enforcement of the reclamation acts. On the first point, Long held that Congress's creation of a right for states to sue the Secretary directly in the Supreme Court under the reclamation statutes "suggests its intent not to provide [another] remedy." Long, 820 F.2d at 288 . On the second point, the Ninth Circuit cautioned that "private suits against parties other than the Secretary" to enforce the Act "could very well undermine the discretion the Scerctary enjoys in distributing water under the reclamation statute." Id. It would violate Armstrong and Long to allow a private party to suc CAWCD in equity to impose dutics under the Basin Project Act.

The complaint alleges that any purported duty of CAWCD to buy power from NGS is derivative of the Secretary's duties under the Basin Project Act. See Complaint \|/ 2. Plaintiffs allege that CAWCD has agreed contractually "to operate and maintain" CAP and that "[c]onsistent with its principal's obligation under federal law to obtain CAP's power requirements from NGS," CAWCD is required to do so as well. Id. Plaintiffs cannot enforee the Secretary's alleged duties, and end run seeking whatever relief might be available under the APA, by suing a water district instead. There is no private cause of action here, equitable or otherwise, against CAWCD to enforce the Basin Project Act.

## II. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO SHOW TIIEY HAVE STANDING

The Plaintiffs have failed to mect their burden, as the parties invoking federal jurisdiction, to "clearly ... allege facts demonstrating" that they "have (1) suffered an injury in fact, (2) that is fairly traceable to the challenged conduct of the defendant, and (3) that is likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision." Spokeo, Inc. v: Robins, 136 S.Ct. 1540, 1547 (2016) (alteration original) (citations omitted). "It is the responsibility of the complainant clearly to allege facts demonstrating that he is a proper party to invoke judicial resolution of the dispute and the exercise of the court's remedial powers." Warth v. Seldin, 422 U.S. 490, 518 (1975) (emphasis added). The Plaintiffs are not the proper parties to bring the claim they assert.

Plaintiffs ignore that "[s]tanding, unlike other jurisdictional doctrines, 'focuses on the party sceking to get his complaint before a federal court and not on the issues he wishes to have adjudicated." Pritkin v. Department of Energy, 254 F.3d 791, 796 (9th Cir. 2001) (quoting Simon v. Eastern Ky. Welfare Rights Org., 426 U.S. 26, 38 (1976)). "To establish injury in fact, a plaintiff must show that he or she suffered 'an invasion of a legally protected interest' that is 'concrete and particularized' and 'actual or imminent, not conjectural or hypothetical." Spokeo, $136 \mathrm{~S} . \mathrm{Ct}$. at 1548 (quoting Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560 (1992)). Here the Plaintiffs assert an injury to an "on-going sale process" (Br. at 17) in which they are neither buying nor selling. Even assuming that some absent party could sue for such an injury, the Plaintiffs cannot.

Plaintiffs' reliance on Bryant v. Yellen, 447 U.S. 352 (1980), ignores the distinction between participants in a sale process who have standing and third parties who do not, evident in the lower court decisions in Bryant. In Bryant the district court held that certain lands were not subject to irrigation restrictions asserted by the United States under the Boulder Canyon Project Act, 43 U.S.C. $\$ \$ 617-617 \mathrm{v}$-a victory for landowners which improved the value of their lands. The United States did not appeal, but the Ninth Circuit held that parties who sought to purchase the lands at a discount if the restriction were applied could intervene and appeal. U.S. v. Imperial Irrigation Dist., 559 F.2d 509, 52122 (91h Cir. 1977) (affirmed in part, vacated in part). The Ninth Circuit compared the case to Bowker v. Morton, 541 F.2d 1347 (9th Cir. 1976), where "a group of small family farmers in one area of California" lacked standing "to compel the government to apply" the same statutory limitation "to an irrigation project in another area of California." Id. at 517 (citing Bowker, 541 F.2d at 1349). The Ninth Circuit distinguished Bowker because there "the plaintiffs sought only to force landowners in another area to sell their land at prices determined by the application of [reclamation laws]. They did not desire to purchase this land, even if the price were to be reduced, and those plaintiffs were therefore not injured by higher land prices." $I d$. at 522 . The Supreme Court briefly considered the standing
issue on appeal and affirmed the Ninth Circuit's standing analysis because the price of the lands respondents wished to purchase would be affected by the outcome of the casc. Bryant, 447 U.S. at 368.

Under the Ninth Circuit's analysis in Bryant, Plaintiffs lack standing. Plaintiffs allege that CAWCD's power-purchasing decisions "have harmed the on-going sale process" of NGS. Br. at 17. But Plaintiffs allege no ownership interest in NGS, nor any interest or ability to purchase NGS. Thus, their claims fall outside the scope of Bryant, where the Court affirmed the Ninth Circuit's analysis that the intervenors had standing precisely because they sought to purchase the land at issue in the case.

Similarly, in Clinton v. City of New York, 524 U.S. 417 (1998), the Supreme Court held that an effect on a sale process could constitute injury-in-fact to participants. There, a farm cooperative "was formed ... to assist Idaho potato farmers in marketing ... and stabilizing prices, in part through a strategy of acquiring potato processing facilities," to take advantage of an anticipated amendment to the capital gains tax that would favor such acquisitions. Id. at 426. The farm cooperative "was engaged in negotiations with the owner of an Idaho potato processor that would have qualified for the tax benefit" but these negotiations ended when President Clinton used the Linc-Item Veto Act to cancel that portion of the legislation. Id. The Supreme Court held that the farm cooperative had standing and noted "three critical facts": (1) the legislation had the "specific purpose" of bencfiting "a defined category of potential purchasers of a defincd category of assets"; (2) the canceled benefit was one of only two tax benefits singled out for cancellation; and (3) "the [farm cooperative] was organized for the very purpose of acquiring processing facilities, it had concrete plans to utilize the benefits of $\S 968$, and it was engaged in ongoing negotiations ...." Id. at 432.

Plaintiffs here share none of these characteristics. Congress enacted the Basin Project Act "to provide federal financing, construction, and operation of water storage and distribution projects throughout the United States," not to confer any benefit on the

Plaintiffs or the Kayenta Mine. Smith v. Central Ariz. Water Cons. Dist., 418 F.3d 1028, 1030 (9th Cir. 2005). Moreover, the Plaintiffs were not organized to participate in the attempts to sell NGS, nor do they allege any direct interest in participating in the NGS sale process. Rather, they ask this Court decide issues that could be presented, if at all, only by a potential buyer or seller of NGS.

Nor does CAWCD v. EPA, 990 F.2d 1531 (1993), support Plaintiffs. In CAWCD. standing rested on CAWCD's direct contractual obligations to pay the costs that the litigation would impose. CAWCD had standing to challenge environmental regulations at NGS as though it were an owner, "given their obligation to repay BOR's share of the costs imposed by the Final Rule." Id. at 1538 . In contrast, here, the Plaintiffs do not and cannot allege that they would be contractually obligated to bear the cost of an NGS closure on behalf of an owner. Rather, they would be only indirectly and incidentally affected as suppliers of coal to NGS. If Plaintiffs were to have standing on the ground of indirect economic effects, so too would all of "those entities that currently benefit directly and indirectly from NGS, including Tribal Nations and millions of people and thousands of businesses in the State of Arizona." Doc. 41-3 at 2.

Moreover, the distinctions between Plaintiffs' relationship to the potential sale of NGS and CAWCD's contractual obligations in CAWCD v.EPA illustrate how Plaintiffs fail to show causation and redressability here. In CAWCD v.EPA, the Ninth Circuit found that the Final Rule was the direct cause of C $\triangle W$ WD's liability. "While C $\triangle W C D$ 's contractual obligations may provide the basis for its economic liability for the increased costs imposed by the Final Rule, that hardly means that the Final Rule itself is not the direct cause of that liability." $C A W C D$ v. EPA, 990 F.2d at 1538 . There, CAWCD had a legal relationship with an owner of NGS which obligated it to bear the cost of compliance with the Final Rule at issue in the case. Further, the Ninth Circuit found that CAWCD's "economic injury [was] likely to be redressed by a favorable decision since elimination of the Final Rule would necessarily eliminate the increased financial burden the rule causes." Id. Plaintiffs do not
and cannot allege such a causal link here between their interests and the relief sought; where Plaintiffs are not involved in the sale process, a harm to the "process" that is not an actual and proximate cause of NGS closure does not harm them. "[W]here the causal chain involves numerous third parties whose independent decisions collectively have a significant effect on plaintiffs' injuries, ... the causal chain is too weak to support standing." Washington Environmental Coumcil v: Bellon, 732 F.3d 1131 (2013) (quoting Native Vill. Of Kivalina v: ExxonMobil Corp., 696 F.3d 849, 867 (2012) (alterations original)). Indeed, Middle River, the potential buyer that Plaintiffs reference 20 times in their response, has backed out of negotiations to purchase NGS.'

The Plaintiffs have not met their burden in pleading the "irreducible constitutional minimum" requirements for Article III standing. See Luian, 504 U.S. at 560. Rather, they have alleged that CAWCD's purchasing decisions cause injury to a sale process in which they claim no legal interest. Accordingly, Plaintiffs fail to establish this Court's Article III jurisdiction to hear this case.

## III. THE COMPLAINT SHOULD BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO JOIN A REQUIRED PARTY UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 19

The Community showed in its motion to dismiss that the United States is required to be joined and cannot be joined here. Doc. 27 at 16-17. Plaintiffs do not squarely dispute that the United States is a required party. Plaintiffs argue instead that the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Energy, the Navajo Nation, and "CAP Water Buying Tribes" are not required parties, Br. at 34-35. And even as to the Secretary of the Interior, the Plaintiffs' arguments are incorrect.

First, Defendants argue that the Secretary cannot be "required" under Rule 19(a)(1)(B) unless he affirmatively claims an interest in the litigation. Br. at 33. But Rule 19 requires only that the absent party "claim[] an interest relating to the subject of the

[^1]action," not that it claim an interest in the litigation directly. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(a)(1)(B). Thus, in EEOC v. Peabody Western Coal Co., 610 F.3d 1070, 1081-82 (9th Cir. 2010), the Ninth Circuit held that the Secretary of the Interior was a "required" party under Rule 19(a)(1)(B) despite not claiming an interest in the litigation itself and not being a party to the leases at issuc. Accord, e.g., Shermoen v: United States, 982 F.2d 1312, 1317 (9th Cir. 1992) ("[T]he finding that a party is necessary to the action is predicated only on that party having a claim to an interest."). In Northrop Corp. v: McDonnell Douglas Corp., 705 F.2d 1030 ( 9 h Cir. 1983), cited by Plaintiffs, the Court itself analyzed the Government's unasserted interest: "The Government ... has never asserted a formal interest in either the subject matter of this action or the action itself" so the Court "will take a closer look at the nature of the Government's interest in this dispute." $/ d$. at 1044 (emphasis added). And "the United States has a concrete interest in the judicial interpretation of the statutes and agreements" that govern CAWCD acting as operating agent of the CAP. Ak-Chin Indian Community v. CAWCD, No. CV-17-00918-PHX-DGC, 2017 WL 3190783 at *4 (D. Ariz. July 27, 2017) (slip op.).

Plaintiffs also suggest that the Secretary is necessary only "in cases seeking to enforce contracts" to which the Secretary is a party. Br , at 35 . In making this argument. Plaintifts ignore the language of the only case they cite: "There is no precise formula for determining whether a particular nonparty should be joined under Rule 19(a) ... The determination is heavily influenced by the facts and circumstances of each case." Cachil Dehe Band of Wintan Indians of the Colusu Indian Cmty. v. California, 547 F.3d 962 (9th Cir. 2008) ${ }^{2}$ (quoting Bakia v: County of Los Angeles, $687 \mathrm{~F} .2 \mathrm{~d} 299,301$ (9th Cir. 1982) (per curiam)). They also ignore the explicit contractual foundation for their own complaint

[^2]against CAWCD, which is based solely on CAWCD having contractually assumed the Secretary's duties. See Doc. 1ๆ2.

Plaintiffs argue further that the Secretary is not necessary because CAWCD asserts authority to make power purchasing decisions without the Secretary's consent. But the scope of the purchasing authority claimed by CAWCD does not change the United States' interests, or the fact that the allegations here are based on the Secretary's duties under the Basin Project Act. See id.

Finally, Plaintiffs argue that the United States could be joined pursuant to the waiver of sovereign immunity in the Administrative Procedure Act. Br. at 36 . But the complaint does not plead a claim under that Act and therefore the waiver of sovereign immunity there does not apply. It is nol feasible to join the United States here, and equity and good conscience weigh in favor of dismissal to protect the United States' sovercign immunity. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(b).

## CONCLUSION

The complaint should be dismissed.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of October 2018.
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By $\frac{s / \text { Thomas } L . \text { Murphy }}{\text { Linus Everling }}$ Thomas L. Murphy

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On October 24, 2018, I transmitted this document for filing at the United States District Court for the District of Arizona through its ECF system and for transmission to counsel of record registered for electronic filing.
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The Navajo formation is recharged by rainwater from the north. This water migrates very slowly through the sandstone, and as it travels downward toward the center of the saucer-like formation, it builds up pressure which forces the water before it out to the south. Thus, the water travels south and southwest through the entire formation, rather than gathering at the low point in the middle.

Peabody has drilled five wells into the deep aquifers, to depths of $3,535,3,559,3,596,3,636$ and 3,737 fect. They were put down about two miles apart. The Indian leases prohibit Peabody from drawing water at levels less than 1,000 feet from the surface, but to make sure that surface water will not be affected, Peabody has sealed the well shafts with concrete down to the 2,000 -foot level.
With the pipeline operating at full capacity, 3,200 acre feet per year would be required. With the loads now anticipated over the 35 -year contract period, an average of 2,400 acre feet is expected to be drawn annually from the wells.
It is estimated that there are some $10,000,000$ acre feet of water in the Navajo-Kayenta-Wingate formations. Even if the slurry operation requires 100,000 acre feet over a 35-year period, that would be only $1 \%$ of the estimated water in storage. Assuming that nature will recharge these water sources in some degree, it is likely that the net withdrawal will be even less.

Peabody has taken every precaution to safeguard the local water supply of the Navajos and Hopis. Nevertheless, the company must either provide the Indians with water in quantity and quality equal to that formerly available to thern or obtain water for slurry operations from another source if the Secretary of the Interior finds at any time that the local supply is endangered. A monitoring program
 condplinte with this provision in the fodian leases. Pabody also will monitor its operations to garantee this performance.

Peabrady's wells thus far have proved beneficial to Indians living on Black Mes:a. They lake water free for personal use and for their stock from the company's deep wells instead of traveling to the more distant tribal wells on the mesa or to Kayenta, 35 miles away. When mining operations are completed, the five deep wells will be turned over to the tribes.

## Preserving Black Mesa's History

Black Mesa was largely archaeological mystery until Peabody's mining plans stimulated exploration of the area, beginning in 1968 . Until then, the only scientific exploration had been conducted as a minor element of the 1936-37 Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley expedition. The mesa has been considered a possible source of answers to many questions which have developed in the course of exploring the surrounding area. These questions concerned the Southwest's prehistoric period, which extends to the arrival of Spanish explorers and the beginning of recorded history in the area
Under the terms of the Federal Antiquities Act of 1906. public lands must be evaluated for their archaeological value before the surface can be disturbed. So Peabody secured the expert services of the Archatcological Survey at Arizona's Prescott College, directed by Dr. George J. Gumerman. The Survey is an integral part of the college's Center for Man and Environment and is charged with exploring the areas which are to be used and with preserving whatever datat and artificts might be discovered. The first Prescott College field survey was comfucted in the summer of 1968, and there have been further surveys each year since then. Peabody has paid for the field work and for the reporis which hatve been published as a resutt. Prescon's archaeologists have reconnoitered the area by helicopter and by foot. They have located 138 sites, and 29 of them have been considered valuable enough to excavate. The ruins indicate an ancient Pucblo people lived on Black Mesa between 600 A.D. and 1200 A.D., probably a group known at the Kayenta A nasazi Indians. They apparently were farmers, living simple lives even for those times. They were found in small, scattered communities which consisted at the mosit of atew extended families.
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On a contemporary level, the National Science Foundation is sponsoring a continuing study of present Navajo life on Black Mesa which will monitor changes stimulated by the new industrial activity there.

Parallel to its basic scientific function, the program has developed considerable educational value as an archaeological field school. Undergraduates have received on-the-job training in field work which they normally would not get until they entered graduate school.

## New Environmental Advisory Counct

Black Mesa is a part of the Colorado Plateau, an area rich in resources which lies in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado.

Orderly development of the resources of the Colorado Plateau calls for the cooperation and good will of many people and organizations. It is essential to have one central place in which all of the scientific, engineering and environmental material can be brought together and coordinated. A forum for expressing ideas concerning the entire area is equally important. Some guidance must aiso be provided for additional studies and research projects relevant to the proper development of the region.
The Museum of Northern Arizona, under the direction of its Board of Trustees and director, Dr. Edward B. Danson, has taken the initiative in creating such an organization. It is called the Colorado Plateau Environmental Advisory Council (CPEAC). Its membership is open to any person interested in the Colorado Plateau, and more specifically includes representatives of institutions of higher education. federal, state and local government, conservation groups, business organizations, and those public and private entities engaged in industrial development of the plateau.
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## Mining on Black Mesa

Black Mesa is a massive highland in nottheast Arizona which rises gently northeast from the Little Colnrado River to a peak altitude of 8.110 fect at its northern rim. There, it drops abruplly to the sumonding plain along an uneven wall as high as 2.000 fect. Most of the 2-million-acre mesa is roiling country conered with sagebrush and grass, with pionin and juniper growing along the slopes and ridges. Wildlife is largely limited to rabbits, lizards and snahes. Near the nerth rim, the highland is broken by cimens which form the begiminges of washes draining w the suthwest. The piñon and juniper are denser in the sanyons. and they are joined by stands of pine and fir, giving the mesa the dark appearance which leads to its name.
Black Mesa lies on both the Navajo and the Hopi Indian reservations, as well as on land reserved for the joint use of the two tribes. Navajo families graze shcep, goats and cattle on the northern part of the mesa, while Hopis farm the land some 60 miles to the south of the mine. Just south of the northern rim, Peabody Coal Company has opened a surface mine which began supplying coal in 1970 to the new Mohave electric power plant in southern Nevada. The mine later will be expanded to produce coal for a second power plant, now undet construction on the Navajo Reservation at Page, Arizona. Although Indians have mined coal commercially on the mesa, the new Peabody installation represents the first major industrial activity there.
The company is operating under leases with the Navajo and Hopi tribes which award mineral rights on 64,858 acres. There is coal under approximately 14,000 acres, about seven tenths of one percent of Black Mesa, and the tribes have granted Peabody rights to sufficient use of the surface to remove it. The company expects to be mining an average of 400 acres of land in the course of each year of operation. Contracts to supply the power plants run for 35 years.

The leases, in addition to specifying royalties for each tribe, require Peabody to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner and avoid waste on the land. The mined areas must be returned to a condition compatible with the surrounding mesa. All users of Black Mesa water supplies ase completely protected. The company will hire as many Navajo and Hopi Indians as it can. pay them prevailing miaing wages and work them into higher-level jobs.
The Black Mesa mine has been launched by a firm with

Corporation in 1968 . In addition to Black-Menwim company operates coal mines in Alabama, Arkensamind Colorado, Illinois. Indiana, Kcntucky, Missourt, Mothan Olio and Oklahoma, as well as in Australia.

Pcabody has become the nation's largest coal producer by following a course of innovation in mining, transportatic and marketing. The company has pioneered the long-term contracting of coal supplics for electric utilities, a market that today dominates industry sales. Advanced concepts in transportation are reflected in the undergrount pipeline which will ship coal 275 miles from Black Mesa to the Mohave plant. Peabody also has pioneered in lan reclamation, and its Operation Green Earth provides for restoration of all 6,000 acres the company surface mines annually.
The Mohave plant is a 1,500 -megawatt installation locate in Nevada, near the state's southern tip. It is jointly owned by the Southern California Edison Company, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Nevada Power Company and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District. Each of the owners wi transmit a share of the Mohave power to customers in its service area.

The Navajo Generating Station near Page, Arizona, is being built under a similar arrangement. In this case, the joint owners are the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Salt River Project, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Arizona Public Service Company. Nevada Powe Company and Tucson Gas \& Electric Company. Three 770 -megawatt units will be installed, to begin operating in 1974. 1975 and 1976.

The two plants produce enough power to meet the normal needs of a city of $3,750.000$ people

## Why Coal for Western Power

Large-scale coal mining and the construction of power plants in isolated areas of the West are encouraged by the constanily rising demand for electricity, which has been doubling every 10 years. When participants studied their power needs in the Southwest before launching the Navajc Generating Station project, they discovered they would be short of electricity even with the 2,310 megawatts projectec for the Navajo project. Total load with $15 \%$ reserves anticipated for 1973 was 10,569 megawatts, while resources were estimated at 10.133 megawatts. For 1976 , the requirements were projected as 13,089 megawatts

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## Comment on legislation 0044-19

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## Adella Begaye [alleda.kay@gmail.com](mailto:alleda.kay@gmail.com)

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I am respectiflly requesting legislation 0044-19 be voted down following are just a few reasons for voting this down:
NTEC purchasing NGS and Kayenta Mine will put the Navajo Nation in a bind and bankruptcy, Even though NTEC is claiming they are profitable, they have yet to disclose full financial records to the Navajo Nation Council and the Public.
The Public and Navajo Nation Council have not seen NTEC's full due diligence report for the proposal to buy NGS. NTEC has yet to show full compliance with the NEPA standards. such as providing scoping meeting for the communities. The resolution that NTEC is presenting at the chapters as a process to satisfy a NEPA process as mforming the communities is lacking all the required mformation.
Power Plants ind coat as a source of energy to self to the outside states or countries is no longer an option, The corporations buy energy that is cheaper. Everyone is moving towards ciean/renewable energy. because is is less hazardous and cheaper.
We encourage Navajo Nation council to begin making plans for transition to renewable energy. It is time to move forward for the betterment of all our Dine' citizens.
Thank you
Adella Begaye
Wheatfields Chapter.

## Legislation 0044-19

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Honorable Members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates

## Concerning Legislation 0044-19:

I urge you to vote against this legislation. I believe it is a very simple decision to make if you ask yourself "What do I value most - Life or Money?"

We have heard heartfelt cries and pleas from the grassroots people whom are living daily with breathing in this dirty air that has been forced upon them for 50 years. It is time to help them with much cleaner air (renewables) they have never experienced. We are losing precious tives that are now only painful memories because of the coal plant and mines. I strongly believe the NTEC/NGS/SRP and any Company associated with coal plants and mines should be made liable and compensate families for the loss of all their loved ones.

SRP and those Companies who have contemplated their take-over and backed down are smart to let NGS decommission because they are the experts. They know it is no longer profitable to them. Yes. it is said the plant has about 10 viable years maybe less. You will once again be faced with these same town halls that is causing division among families even for those living under the same roof. If you are wise, hopefully you would have allowed the current employees be retrained or relocated as is their option offered to them by SRP. I hope all of you, our leaders have honesty and integrity and not have accepted any under-the-table monies.

We as Dine' are taught that "Life is Precious" and it can never be replaced, it can never be seen again once it is gone.

I respectfully request that you stand with the grassroots people and say NO to NGS!!!

Sincerely,
Linda Curley
Tselani Springs
email: dazhone@hotmail.com

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I stand in opposition to proposed legislation 0044-19 due to the following reasons;

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The owners of NGS have determined the NGS shutdown is only viable option for them since coal is a dying industry and is no longer economically feasible and as such the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) is scheduled to shut down operations in December of 2019 along with its feeder mine, the Kayenta Mine, and

All previous buyers of power from the NGS have cancelled all purchase of power and are opting for a more economical source of power. NGS has no more customers, and
3.

The Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) has been exploring the possibility of purchasing the NGS and the Kayenta Mine and NTEC has not found any new customers for NGS if the power plant were to continue, and

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NTEC has not found any new partners for the proposed purchase of NGS and the Kayenta Mine is relying on the Navajo Nation to provide the funds necessary to make the proposed purchase, and

NTEC will be forced to accept the burden and responsibility of paying for all remediation and land restoration costs, Peabody Coal Company does not want to be liable for these costs, when they need to be held responsible, and
6.

The tremendous amounts of pristine water depleted from the Navajo Aquifer can never be replaced and what water remains must be kept for our future generations, and

This massive cost to assume these responsibilities will require money which NTEC does not have and is relying on the Navajo Nation to guarantee. The Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee Chairman has stated that "this could involve ALL Navajo Nation assets as well as the Permanent Trust Fund", and
8
The guarantee by the Navajo Nation of this proposed venture by NTEC will force the "pawning" of these Navajo financial assets and jeopardize the financial future of our grandchildren, and
9
The trends of energy development in the United States and the world is moving away from coal burning energy and transitioning to renewable energy and the Navajo Nation must do the same.

## Legislation 0044-19

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$\therefore$ Jefferson Begay [rezbldr@gmail.com](mailto:rezbldr@gmail.com); ft Wille[jt.willie@yahoocom](mailto:jt.willie@yahoocom);

Good morning Honorable Council Delegates, I respectfully request you to vote "No" on this Legislation 0044-19 Supporting NTEC acquiring NGS \& Kayenta Mine.

There has been enough monies that have been spent so far that points in the direction of "No" to coal-fired power plants because it is not profitable. Money saved can be used to support the young generation educational scholarship needs where the demand is very high semester after semester.

It is my belief that one of the greatest decision the 24 th NNC can make is to establish a more highly respected national tribal leaders by joining the worldwide movement where countries are or will decommission coal-fired power plants. The worldwide movement in this direction is in response to the climate change.

In the U.S. it is also the case where major energy companies have scheduled decommissioning of coal-fired power plants. See the list below to guide your thinking and decision. In this case, it is competition from natural gas that is the reason why energy companies and their owners have made such a decision. In its place they are moving their money toward investment in renewable energy.

Table 1. 10 largest companies by coal capacity (MW) with announced retirements 2016 to 2020.

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Source: https://www,powermag.com/coal-power-plant-post-retirement-options/

March 11, 2018

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
PO Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515


Dear Sir,
Attached are Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) support documentation for Legislation No: _0044-19, Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine.

NTEC feels these supporting documents, such as the resolutions, petitions, and support letters are needed to show how much support the Navajo communities and people have provided towards the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta by NTEC.

If you have any questions, please contact our office
Sincerely,

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# Navajo Generating Station \& Kayenta Mine Acquisition 

Letters of Support Chapter Resolutions Community Petitions

Submitted to:
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PO Box 3390
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As the Presiden of the Vavajo Nation and Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. we wite this importan letter to inform you that we remain commited to keeping the Navajo Generating Station ( ${ }^{\prime V G N}$ ) operating beyond 2019. We take this position because of the great impact to the Xavajo Nation includine the Navajo lamilies currently employed at the NGS and Kayenta Mine

With that. we have directed the Navajo Transitional Energy Company ("VTE(") to immediately start megetiations to acquire all assets associated with NGS. In addition. N FEC is directed to start immediate negotiations with Peabody Energy. NTEC is also auhorized to begin discussions with owners of the transmission and switchyard assets. this will allow for NTEC to sell power into the open markes. NTEC will also take the lead role in analyzing the local energy market potential PPA's and merchant sales.

Therefore we ask for your attention to this important tash. Silf: Chas our full support in bringing these negotiations on the Navajo Nation Conacil and the President's office for linal action.

Sincerely.

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## RE：Support for the Navajo Nation and NGS

Dear President Nez．

I believe you are aware of my long－standing commiment the Navajo Nation and your right of self－ determination．I suspect that you have also been made aware of the work I have done to protect a prime economic development driver in your portolio，namely the Navajo（jenerating Station and the Kayenta Mine for the last 4 － sears．

As Chairman of the lederal Relation Committee l chose to sponsor and hear a Fouse Concurrent Memorial （11CM－2001）on Wednesday february 20th．2019．The IICM adopted much of the content of Nabik＇lyati＇ Committe of the Navajo Nation Council．This action was laken to demonstrate the on－going commitment to support you and your nation from the Arizona legislature，and your desire to maintain the income revenue necessary to provide essential services to［Jine＇．It is not lost on me that this helps to demonstrate to the Federal government，and more specifically to President Trump＇s energy advisors，that the Legislature is indeed supporting the Navajo Nation in their bid to acquire NGS．

What is astonishing to me is that every Democrat member of the Federal Relations Committe voted against the bill．while every Republican voted to support the bill．I an including a representation of the Committee vere count for your inspection．If you would like to watch what happened in the hearing，the link is included below． It can also be found at the A／IIBG．GOV web site by clicking the Federal Relations Agenda for 20 february 2019.

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Mr．President，I am doing what I can to support you．but it appears that Democrats are doing everyhing they can to undercut your position．I would like to ask that you call on them to demand support for the Navajo Nation and this important project．I would be pleased to meet with you at your carliest convenience to extend my personal support for the success of N －It：regarding the acquisition venture that the are engaged in．I am willing to fight for you，I need your help as well．


Rep．Mark Finchem

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2001 <br> (Reference to printed resolution)

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Whereas, all men have a right to self-determination and a right to work to their collective good with the blessings bestowed on them by the grace of God: and

Whereas, the Legislature has a longstanding history of collaboration and cooperation on matters that promote the enhanced quality of life of the citizens of the State of Arizona and the United States; and

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Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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CHAIRMAN

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# RESOLUTION OF THE <br> NAABIK' ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE <br> $23^{\text {rd }}$ NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018 <br> AN ACTION 

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE NAVAJO GENERATING STATION AND KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and, as such, empowered Naabik'iyati' Committee to coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, and departments of the united States government. See 2 N.N.C. $\$ \$ 164$ (A) (9), 700 (A), 701 (A) (8).
B. The Navajo Generating Station (NGS), located in Lechee Chapter, provides electricity to customers in Arizona and Nevada by operating a 2,250 megawatt power station burning low sulfur bituminous coal from the Peabody Western Coal Company's Kayenta Mine, both of which employ hundreds of Navajo workers and contribute millions of dollars to the Navajo Nation government on an annual basis.
C. In February 2017, the current owners of NGS abruptly announced that they would not operate NGS past December 2019.
D. In June 2017, the $23^{\text {rd }}$ Navajo Nation Council approved a lease between the Navajo Nation and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Arizona Public Service Company, Tucson Electric Power Company, Nevada Power Company $d / b / a$ NV Energy, and Department of Water and Power of City of Los Angeles (the "NGS owners"), which would allow NGS operations through December 2019 and decommissioning of NGS and remediation of the NGS site post-2019 ("Extension Lease"). The Extension Lease was executed by the Nation and the NGS owners, and was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 29, 2017.
E. Given the large negative economic impacts the Navajo Nation would experience if NGS and the Kayenta Mine were to shut
down next year, the Nation immediately began a search for a potential new owner for NGS. After negotiations with a potential new owner fell through this past fall, the Navajo Nation leadership requested that the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") step in and try to negotiate a deal for the acquisition of NGS and the Kayenta Mine. This would allow operations beyond December 2019 and preserve crucial Navajo jobs and revenue to the Navajo Nation government.
F. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee realizes understands that NTEC's discussions with key NGS stakeholders are ongoing, including discussions with the Navajo Nation government, the NGS owners and the United States. The Committee also realizes that a great deal of work must be done, including NTEC's due diligence efforts related to NGS and the Kayenta Mine and the necessary environmental reviews. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee also understands and respects that it will be the decision of the $24^{\text {th }}$ Navajo Nation Council to approve or not approve any agreements resulting from NTEC's acquisition of NGS and the Kayenta Mine and will make a thoughtful decision on the matter.
G. Given the importance of this issue to the Navajo Nation, and given the fact that it was this $23^{\text {rd }}$ Navajo Nation Council that approved the Extension Lease, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee feels compelled to issue this Statement of Policy in support of NTEC's efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the 23 rd Navajo Nation Council fully supports NTEC's ongoing efforts in exploring the possibility of NTEC acquiring NGS and the Kayenta Mine and negotiating such a deal, subject to the finalizing of the necessary agreements, including those agreements that need to be approved by the Navajo Nation and the $24^{\text {th }}$ Navajo Nation Council.

## CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the $23^{\text {rd }}$ 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 09 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this $27^{\text {th }}$ day of December 2018.


Motioned: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second : Honorable Olin Kieyoomia
Chairman Pro Sem Jonathan Perry not voting
Pursuant to $\$ 700$ (D), A quorum of the committee shall be satisfied by the presence of two (2) members of each Standing Committee or a majority of delegates of the Navajo Nation Council.

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February 11, 2019
Assistant Secretary Dr. Timothy R. Petty
US Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Assistant Secretary Petty:
The Hopi Tribe is concerned over the fate of the Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine. The closure of the mine and power plant would have a devastating impact on the Hopi Tribe and our Hopi-Tewa people. Decades ago, the federal government, the State of Arizona and the non-government owners of the Navajo Generating Station made a commitment to the HopiTribe to provide financial support through use of mining Hopi coal.

The closure will significantly impact the Hopi Tribe. Economic studies show a negative effect of over \$2 Billion in Northern Arizona from the closure of the power plant and mine. The financial revenue provides living wage jobs to hundreds of Hopi-Tewa people. Royalties received provide $85 \%$ of the Tribe's general revenue. Closure will cause significant reductions to the Hopi tribal budget and ability to provide critical services to our people.

Navajo Transitional Energy Company ("NTEC"), a proven coal mine operator and energy marketer in Southwest energy markets, has come forward to acquire the mine and power plant.

The Hopi Tribe supports the acquisition of the Navajo Generating Station by NTEC, to sustain the Hopi Tribe's economic stability and the preservation of jobs.

Sincerely,

cc: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez Navajo Nation Speaker Seth Damon

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27 Red Valley
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29 Burnham
30 Northern Veterans Organization
31 NOST Regional Council
32 Kayenta Township Commission
33 Eastern Navajo Agency Council

RESOLUTION NO. KY19-403-02

## THE KAYENTA CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUIISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

WHEREAS,

1. Kayenta is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution N. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matter; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22,2019 . Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, L.L.C. ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural we-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation Requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution (supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine). On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Kayenta Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTE in order to preserve their operations.
2. 
3. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members I the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
4. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Kayenta Chapter.

## CERTIFICATION

WE hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Kayenta Chapter, Kayenta, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 50 in favor, 00 opposed, and 07 abstaining, this $20^{\text {st }}$ day of February, 2019.

Motioned By: Sara Blackwater
Seconded By: Analita Osif


## RESOLUTION

OF THE
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL the navaio nation
No. ENAC-12-2018-003

## URGING THE $24^{\text {TH }}$ NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, THE NAVAIO NATION GOVERNMENT, AND NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY, LLC (NTEC) TO EMPLOY PRUDENT DECISION-MAKING INCLUDING EXTENSIVE FACT BASED DUEDILIGENCE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENTS WHEN CONSIDERING THE ACQUISITION OF THE NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council is established under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation and certified by Resolution IGRS-251-01; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D) (4), the Eastern Navajo Agency Council, a consortium of elected Chapter Officials representing thirty-one (31) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters; and
3. Pursuant 2 N.N.C SECTION: 4028; the Eastern Navajo Agency Council is vested with government authority to review all matters affecting the community to make most appropriate recommendations when necessary to the Navajo Nation, County, State, Federal and other local agencies; and
4. NTEC is promoting and actlvely seeking supporting resolutions for acquisition from Navajo Chapters and the Navajo People without providing the essential information required for such a significant purchase/investment/decision.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council hereby urges the $24^{\text {th }}$ Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Government, and Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC) to employ prudent decision-making including extensive fact based duediligence, and long-term effective assessments when considering the acquisition of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine - more specifically, study:
a. Accuracy of asking/purchase price
b. Firm commitments of from where the funds will come
c. Assoclated Costs (clean-up, upgrade, etc.)
d. Realistic long-term financial value of purchase
e. Sources of valuation presented by selier(s)?
f. Guarantees return on investment?
g. Stability and long-term forecast of the Coal Industry with particular view of the U.S. movement to alternative energy sources (solat, electric, wind, etc.)
h. What are othe: businesses and growth opportunitles that the Nation should be exploring and undertaking?
i. Methods to assure any decision (large or small) are not political, with the potential use of outside assessment by uninterested parties

## CERTIFICATION

Thereby tertify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Eastern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Prewitt, Navajo Nation, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 39 in favor, 00 opposed, 28 abstained, this $2^{\text {nd }}$ day of March 2019.

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## EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL Quarterly Meeting

9am, March 2, 2019 • Baca Chapter House, Prewitt, NM
CHAPTER ROLL CALL SHEET


Vice-President

## RESOLUTION OF THE BACA/PREWITT CHAPTER BPC/19/02/30

## THE BACA/PREWITT CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. Baca/Prewitt Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP 34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participation of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine has announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners has decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, L.L.C. ("NTEC") 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generation through the development of its energy portfolio. In October 2018, in furtherance of this responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabikiyati issued a resolution supporting continued effort by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine. On December 28, 2018 NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and the diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NTEC and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Baca/Prewitt Chapter and its community and members hereby supports the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial needs.

## Baca/Prewitt Chapter

Cecil Lewis, Jr., President Norma James, Vice President
Cindy V. Howe, Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Tao, Council Delegate Tina Becenti, Chapter Manager Vacant, Administrative Assistant Bobby Delgarito, Land Board


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## CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY certify that this foregoing resolution was duly discussed and considered at a duly called Baca/Prewitt Chapter meeting and adopted by James Martin seconded by Mary Jane Garcia and that same passed by a vote of $\underline{13}$ in favor, $\underline{0}$ opposed and $\underline{6}$


Cecil Lewis Jr, President


Tina Becenti, Chapter Manager

# Chinle Chapter Government 

## The navajo Nation

Myron McLaughlin<br>PRESIDENT

Eugene Ts<br>COUNCIL DELEGATE

David Yazzie, Jr.<br>vice president

Cynthia Hunter<br>secretary treasure

## Vacant

GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

## RESOLUTION OF THE CHINLE CHAPTER NAVAJO NATION <br> CHIN-FEB-19-005

## SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. Chine Chapter, a recognized certified local government of the Navajo Nation, vested with the power and authority to advocate on behalf of its constituents for the improvement of health, education, safety and general welfare; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. The Navajo Nation distributes benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students as well as other financial assistance; and
6. On December 27, 2018 the Sabik' iyati' Committee issued a resolution (supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine). On December 29, 2018. NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Chine Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by NTEC in order to preserve their operations.

## CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly, considered and moved for Adoption by Andy Ayze, Second by Fraikis Draper, thoroughly discussed and approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 5 opposed and 10 abstained at a duly called meeting at Chinle Chapter, the NAVAJO NATION, Chine, Arizona on this $17^{\text {t }}$ day of February 2019.

Cynthia Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer

## RESOLUTION OF CHURCH ROCK CHAPTER <br> CRC-19-02-03

## THE CHURCH ROCK CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. Church Rock Chapter is a local governance of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
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## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Church Rock Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
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# Tr e NAV EMO NATION CHURCH ROCK CHAPTER 

Edmund E. Yazzie, Council Delegate Johnnie Henry Jr., President Sherman Woody, Vice-President Louise Jim, Secretary/Treasurer Donald Arviso, Land Board Member

Community Service Coordinator
Vera Marianito, Accounts Maintenance Specialist
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-ofway, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Church Rock Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the Church Rock Chapter of the Navajo Nation, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same way passed by a vote of 41 in favor, 00 opposed, and 13 abstained on this $13^{\text {th }}$ day of February,
2019 .

Motioned by: Geneva Peter Seconded by: Janice Yazzie
President, Jolmmie Henry Jr.

Vice-President, Sherman Woody


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## RESOLUTION OF THE COVE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

## THE COVE CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE.

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 N.N.C. Chapter 1, Section 3 (s), the Cove Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution Number CAP-34-98; and
2. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Sub Chapter 1, Section 131 (1) (2), of the Same "Act" the Cove Chapter has the responsibility and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of its community people, programs, property, and
3. Pursuant to, the same resolution, No. CAP-34-98, the Cove Chapter is a duly certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government and is vested with the authority and responsibility to plane and implement projects in the best interest of the community and
4. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22,2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
5. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
6. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
7. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik' iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER GOVERNMENT *COVE CHAPTER *

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COV-19-019

## NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Cove Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Cove Chapter.
4. NGS and Kayenta Mine have complied with all entironmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Cove Chapter at a duly called meeting in Cove, Navajo Nation, Arizona, and which a quorum of Chapter members was present and that the same was passed by a vote 20 in favor, $\mathbf{0 2}$ oppose, $\underline{04}$ abstentions, this 10th day of February 2019.

Motioned: Louella Shorty
Seconded: Harry Brownhat


## RESOLUTION OF THE DENNEHOTSO CHAPTER <br> DCHFEB-033-2019

## THE DENNENHOTSO CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. Dennehotso Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'íyatí issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Dennehotso Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-ofway, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Dennehotso Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Dennehotso Chapter, at a duly called meeting, in Dennehotso (Navajo Nation), Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of; 14 in favor 07 opposed, 08 abstained, this $10^{\text {th }}$ day of February, 2019


Motion by: Anderson Redhouse
Seconded by: Kenneth Johnson


Resolution No: KTCF-12-19

## RESOLUTION OF THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION

## THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACOUISTION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. The Kayenta Township Commission ("Commission") is a home-rule municipality of the Navajo Nation with the general authority and responsibility to govern for the welfare of the Kayenta Township ("Township"), the Township's employees, and its residents, including the enactment of such ordinances, rules and regulations as it deems in the best interest of the Township. See 2 N.N.C. $\S \S 4081-4086$, as amended; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural wellbeing of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'fyatí issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Kayenta Township and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also received benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Kayenta Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Kayenta Township Commission at a duly called meeting at Kayenta, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of $\underline{3}$ in favor, $\mathbf{0}$ opposed, and $\underline{2}$ abstained, this ${11^{\text {th }}}^{\text {day }}$ of February, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner J. Williams
Second: Commissioner J. Hall-Ward


# LeChee Chapter 

Jerry L. Williams, President

Sara Dale, Grazing Officer
Revaline Tate, Chapter Manager

## P.O. Box 4720 <br> Page, Arizona 86040 lechee@navajochapters.org <br> RESOLUTION OF LECHEE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO.:\#LC-021119A.

JoAnn Xuzzie-Pioche, Vice-President Paul Begay, NN Council Delegate Vacant, Secretary/Treasure

## THE LECHEE CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. Lechee Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and 2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and 3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and 4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
2. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'íyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

# LeChee Chapter 

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## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lechee Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Lechee Chapter. 4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the Lechee Chapter of the Navajo Nation, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same way passed by a vote of 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstained on this 11 day of February, 2019.


## RESOLUTION OF THE TSE' SI ANI CHAPTER LUPTON, ARIZONA

## THE TSE SI ANI CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE.

## WHERE AS:

1. Pursuant to N.N.C. Title 26, the Tse' Si Ani Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation government and is delegated the authority and responsibility to consider and act upon any requests on behalf of the local constituents; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo
3. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine \}. On Pecember 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Commit had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purposeraco a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE I RESOLVED THAT:

1. The The' Si Ani Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations; and
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships, and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation; and
3. NGS and Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly chapter meeting at The Si And Chapter in Lupton, Arizona, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of $\qquad$ 9 in favor, $\qquad$ opposed, and $\qquad$ abstained, this 19 th day of February, 2018.


Hon. Raymond Smith, Jr., NNCD

# NAZLINI CHAPTER RESOLUTION 

NAZL-2019-FEB-019

## SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S ACOUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. Nazlini Chapter, pursuant to Resources \& Development Committee Legislation \#RDCF0215 dated February 17, 2015, is an L.G.A. certified chapter with prime duties to address and advocate on matters beneficial to its constituents; AND
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; AND
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; AND
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; AND
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyatí issued a resolution supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Nazlini Chapter and its community members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-ofway, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Nazlini Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the Nazlini Chapter of the Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present and that same way passed by a vote of $l$ in favor,20 opposed, and 5 abstained on this (3th day of February, 2019.
Motioned: Reed Bia Seconded: Isabel Nev


## NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER

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NZC-31-2019

## SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISTION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. §3 (A), the Nenahnezad Chapter was certified on November 10, 1955 as a chapter of the Navajo Nation and is listed under 11 N.N.C., Part 1, $\S(B)$, the Nenahnezad Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The Nenahnezad has been informed that the current owners and participants of both the NGS Power Plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Navajo Nation and $\$ 40$ million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs, and prosperity of the Navajo Nation and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018, the Naabik'iyati' issued a resolution (supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine). On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Navajo Nation Council that its Management

Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine; and
6. That this support is in the best interest of Nenahnezad Chapter and the Navajo Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Nenahnezad Chapter supports the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) acquisition of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation received benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if operations cease.
3. The Navajo Nation also received benefits from NGS and Kayenta Mine to the Navajo Nation General Funds from royalties, taxes, ease and rights-of-way, scholarship payments, and AML funds that are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Nenahnezad Chapter.
4. The Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Nenahnezad Chapter at a duly called meeting at Nenahnezad, (New Mexico) Navajo Nation. A motion was made by Larry Lowe and seconded by Mae Atcitty and the same was passed by a vote of $\underline{\mathbf{3 2}}$ in favor, $\underline{00}$ opposed, and $\underline{00}$ abstained, this $\underline{11 \text { th }}$ day of February 2018.

CONCURRED:

Rickie Nez, Council Delegate


LoJan Watson, Secretary/Treasurer

## SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACOUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. Newcomb Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural wellbeing of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyatí issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Newcomb Chapter and its membership hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Newcomb Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing Chapter Resolution was considered by the Newcomb Chapter membership at a duly called Chapter meeting at Newcomb, Navajo Nation (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and hat same was passed by a vote of $\underline{16}$ in favor, $\underline{0}$ opposed, $\underline{01}$ abstained this $10^{\text {th }}$ day of February, 2019.

## Motioned: <br> Edward evans

David Randolph Sr., Chapter President
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Willamena Smith, Chapter Vice President

Seconded: Bertha Lee



NAVO-20-19


#### Abstract

THE NORTHERN AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAIO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE


## WHEREAS,

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E, I, M, N, O, R, T); §1032 (B-5, 9, 10), The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMCVO A-25-71; The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is established and established the Department of Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs Department under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government; and
3. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
5. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
6. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
7. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyatí issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization supports the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.


Commander: Vern R. Lee Representative: Candice Pioche-Zunie Vice Commander: Jerry J. Todacheene Secretary: Harlin Benally
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, Navajo Veterans and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Veterans Trust Fund.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

> C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The Northern Agency Veterans Organization Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Special Called Meeting at Shiprock NECA Conference Room, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) and that the same was approved and passed with a vote of $\mathbf{3 0}$ in Favor; 00 Opposed and 11 Abstain on the $18^{\text {th }}$ day January 18, 2019.

Motioned: Jerry Todacheenie
Seconded: Bert Sandoval
Candice Pioche-Zunie, Representative
Northern Agency Veterans Organization


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## RESOLUTION \# 2019-033-001:

## THE NOST REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACOUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS,

1. The NOST Regional Council is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and \$40 Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'íyatí issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.
6. The NOST Regional Council and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
7. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
8. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the NOST Regional Council.
9. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the NOST Regional Council of the Navajo Nation, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same way passed by a vote of 5 in favor, $\not \mathscr{Q}$ opposed, and $\not \_$abstained on this $2^{\text {nd }}$ day of February, 2019 at the Naa T'sis Aan Chapter, Navajo Mountain, Utah.

Motion:


Second: Winifred Bronston.
Concur:
Elizabeth Whtethorne-benally Vive- Chari
NOST Regional Council President

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# RESOLUTION OF TSE CH' IZHI (ROUGH ROCK) CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO. 2052019-05 

## WHEREAS:

1. The Tse Ch ${ }^{\text {izhi }}$ (Rough Rock) Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law, including custom, tradition. and fiscal matters; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation: and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ( ${ }^{(N T E C}{ }^{*}$ ) in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic. financial. social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare. jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern: and
5. On December 27. 2018 the Naabik 'iyati issued a resolution (supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta Mine). On December 29. 2018. NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Tse Ch'izhi (Rough Rock) Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC' in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial
assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes. lease and right-ofway. scholarship payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Tee Chizhi (Rough Rock) Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the The Ch'izhi (Rough Rock) Chapter at a duly called Chapter meeting in Rough Rock, Navajo Nation. Arizona at which a quorum of Chapter members was present and that the foregoing was passed by a vote of 20 in favor. D opposed and 7 abstained. The foregoing was passed this lutday of Fe bray. 2019.

Was the resolution approved as is? Y is
Motion: Katorky Darnley
Second: Ramona Tsinigua
Was the resolution amended? No
Motion:


Jay R. Nev. Chapter Vice-President



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## THE ROUND ROCK CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (26 N.N.C.), Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 3 (A) the Round Rock Chapter Government, is a certified Chapter Organization, which elects a Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council. The Chapter is also listed as being certified at Part 1, Section 10, of 11 N.N.C., the "Navajo Nation Election Code; AND
2. Pursuant to the same "Act", Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 1 (B-1), the Navajo Nation Council; delegates to our Chapter, governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition; AND
3. Section 1 (B-2), authorizes our Chapter, to improve Community decision making; allow us to excel and flourish; enable our Navajo Leaders to lead towards a prosperous future, and improve the strength and sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Our Chapter is compelled to govern with responsibility and accountability to us, the Local Citizens; AND
4. Pursuant to the Federal "Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L; 93-638), as amended, our Chapter Government, is entitled and supported to initiate plans and make recommendations, requests, and thus; determine the promotion, protection, and preservation of the general welfare of our Community People, as well as the Navajo Nation; AND
5. The Round Rock is a certified Chapter of the Navajo nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; AND

Paul jim
VICE-PRESIDENT
 SECRETARY/TREASURER

VACANT GRAZING OFFICIAL

VACANT COMMUNITY SERVICES

COORDINATOR

Mary L. John
ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST
6. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plan and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plan and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation ; AND
7. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC) in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; AND
8. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; AND
9. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta mine.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Round Rock Chapter Government, with all due respect, hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units form the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo nation including the Round Rock Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION



We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was considered by the Round Rock Chapter at a duly called Chapter Meeting at Round Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of $\qquad$ in favor, $\qquad$ opposed, and $\qquad$ abstained, on this $12^{\text {th }}$ day of February, 2019 with a motion by Engene farver , and second by $\qquad$ yazzie


Kellywood Harvey Sr., President GRAZING OFFICIAL

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## RESOLUTION OF SAN JUAN CHAPTER

THE SAN JUAN CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE

## WHEREAS:

1. San Juan Chapter is a duly Certified Chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to Resolution No. CD-86-82 and pursuant to N.N.C. $\S 103$ and they are delegated and authorized to review all matters affecting its community people; and
2. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and \$40 Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. San Juan Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the San juan Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at San Juan Chapter (New Mexico) Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was prese it that the same was passed by a vote of 27 in favor... opposed, and 1 abitained on t!is $12^{4}$ day of February 2019

Motion by: - §ylvia McKinley
Second by: Amanda Talino $\qquad$

VACANT, Chapter President


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## RESOLUTION OF TEEC NOS POS CHAPTER TNPCH-02-11-2019-FY19-R-27

THE TEEC NOS POS CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACQUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE.

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A) the Teec Nos Pos Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C.. Section 1 (B) Teec Nos Pos Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions; and
3. The current owners and participants of the both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22,2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
5. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation, and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
6. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Teec Nos Pos Chapter hereby approves and supports the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes, lease and rights-of-way, scholarships payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Teec Nos Pos Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and well-being of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

CHAPTER OFEICERS
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Daron Yellowhorse } & \text { Dalc Redhouse } \\ \text { Secretary/Treasurer } & \text { Grazing Officer }\end{array}$

Charlaine Tso Council Delegate

Steven Benally
Chapter Coordinator

## ADMINISTRATION:

Matilda Begay
Accountant Maintenance Specialist

## TEEC NOS POS CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

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RESOLUTION OF TEEC NOS POS CHAPTER
TNPCH-02-11-2019-FY19-R-27

## CERTIFICATION

Teec Nos Pos Chapter hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Teec Nos Pos Chapter (Navajo Nation) at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and was Motioned by: Arlene Ayze Seconded by: Elise Dee and that same was passed by a vote of $\underline{\mathbf{0} 0}$ in favor, $\underline{\mathbf{0 4}}$ opposed and 13 abstained, this 11 th day of February, 2019.


Charlaine Tso, Council Delegate

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## CERTIFICATION

Teed Nos Pos Chapter hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Teed Nos Pos Chapter (Navajo Nation) at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and was Motioned by: Arlene Ayze Seconded by: Elise Dee and that same was passed by a vote of $\underline{\mathbf{5 0}}$ in favor, $\underline{\mathbf{0 4}}$ opposed and 13 abstained, this 11th day of February, 2019.


[^9]Steven Benally Chapter Coordinator Accountant Maintenance Specialist

# RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER THE UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC) ACOUISITION OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE 

## WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N. C. $\S 3(\mathrm{~A})$, the Upper Fruitland Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation as listed under 11 N.N.C.. Part 1, P10; and,
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. $\S 1$ (B), the Upper Fruitland Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matters consistent with Navajo L.aw. Custom. and Tradition and under 11 N. N. C. Part, P10 and also delegated authority to make local decisions in the best interest and welfare of the community members: and.
3. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. $\$ 102$ (A): Upper Fruitland Chapter met the requirements under the Five Management System Policies \& Procedures and.
4. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. $\S 103$ (d) (1), the Resources and Development Committee certified Upper Fruitland Chapter as Governance Certified who shall exercise authorities pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 103. with exceptions of Land Administration Authority beginning February 28. 2012: and.
5. Upper Fruitland Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegated authority with respect to local matters consistence with Navajo Nation Law. including custom, tradition. and fiscal matters: and
6. The current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations as of December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this. the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Nation and $\$ 40$ Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo Nation; and
7. The Navajo Nation created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company. LLC ("NTEC"') in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic. financial. social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People. the Navajo Nation, and its future generations through the development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018. in furtherance of
that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTEC to evaluate the possible acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations: and
8. The continued operation of both NGS and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare. jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation. and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
9. On December 27, 2018 the Sabik 'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine). On December 29, 2018. NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved continued negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Upper Fruitland Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people. scholarships and summer jobs for college students. and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operations of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operation.
3. The Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo Nation in the form of royalties, taxes. lease and rights-ofway, scholarships payments and AML funds. which in turn. are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Upper Fruitland Chapter.
4. NGS and the Kayenta Mine have complied with all environmental regulations and permits issued for the operation of the facilities and have contributed to the economy and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation and the southwestern United States.

## CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Upper Fruitland Chapter at a duly called meeting held at Upper Fruitland Chapter (Navajo Nation). N.M. A motion to approve was made by Lenora Williams and seconded by Ted Decker and the same was passed by a vote of _18 in favor. 12 opposed. 6 abstained, this $26^{\text {th }}$ day of February. 2019.


Lynlaria Dickson. President



Faye BlueEyes, Vice-Presidedt

THE NAVAJO NATION
JONATHAN NEZ, President
MYRON LIZER, Vice President
DANIEL E. TSO, Council Delegate
Artlee Chavez-President
Debra L. Tolino-Vice President
Rita A. King-Secretary/Treasurer

# THE WHITEHORSE LAKE CHAPTER SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO TRANSOTIONAL ENERGY COMPANY'S (NTEC0 ACQUISITON OF NAVAJO GENERATING STATION (NGS) AND THE KAYENTA MINE 

RESO: WHLC-02-19- 029

## WHEREAS:

1. Whitehorse Lake Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to Navajo Tribal -Council Resolution No. CAP-34-98 and is delegate authority with respect to local mattes consistence with Navajo nation Law, including custom, tradition, and fiscal matters; and
2. The Current owners and participants of both the NGS power plant and Kayenta Mine have announced plans to cease all operations of as December 22, 2019. Both the plant and the mine were originally by permitted to operate through 2044. Despite this, the owners have decided to abandon their original plans of operation and close both facilities. The closure of the plant and mine will result in the loss of 700 jobs on the Navajo nation and 440 Million dollars of annual revenue to the Navajo nation; and
3. The Navajo nation created the Navajo created the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") in 2013 and charged it with responsibility to develop the economic, financial, social, and cultural well-being of the Navajo People, the Navajo Nation, and its future generations responsibility through development of its energy portfolio. In October of 2018, in furtherance of that responsibility, the Navajo Nation requested NTED to evaluate the possible acquisition of NCS and Kayenta Mine in order to preserve their operations; and
4. The continued operations of broth NG and Kayenta Mine are crucial to the public welfare, jobs and prosperity of the Navajo Nation and therefore a matter of critical local concern; and
5. On December 27, 2018 the Naabik'iyati issued a resolution [supporting continued efforts by NTEC to acquire NGS and Kayenta mine]. On December 29, 2018, NTEC reported to the Council that its Management Committee had approved contained negotiations and due diligence for the purpose of concluding a deal to acquire both NGS and Kayenta Mine.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Whitehorse Lake Chapter and its community and members hereby support the acquisition of NGS and Kayenta Mine by the Navajo Nation and NTEC in order to preserve their operations.
2. The Navajo Nation receives benefits to various community members in the form of jobs for our people, scholarships and summer jobs for college students, and other financial assistance to the local government units from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine and these benefits would be lost if they cease operations.
3. Navajo Nation also receives benefits from the operation of NGS and Kayenta Mine to the General Funds of the Navajo in the form of royalties, taxes lese and rights-of-ways, scholarship payments and AML funds, which in turn, are used to supplement governmental programs of the Navajo Nation including the Whitehorse Lake Chapter.

RESO: WHLC: 02-19-029

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Whitehorse Lake Chapter of the Navajo Nation, at a duly called meeting at Whitehorse Lake Chapter a quorum was present that same way passed by a vote 25 in favor, opposed, and $\qquad$ abstained on this $27^{\text {th }}$ day of February 2019.

Motioned: Helena Wood va ff


Second: Mary Jove Sandoval


Debra L. Tolino, Vice President

Daniel To, Council Delegate

## TAB



## Petition signatures

## CENTRAL (14)

Black Mesa ..... 2
Blue Gap/Tachee
Chinle ..... 19
Forest Lake ..... 10
Hardrock
Lukachukai ..... 6
Many Farms ..... 8
Nazlini ..... 4
Pinon ..... 1
Rough Rock ..... 2
Round Rock ..... 5
Tsaile/Wheatfields ..... 8
Tselani/Cottonwood ..... 1
Whippoorwill Springs
CENTRAL AGENCY TOTAL ..... 66
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED ..... 11
EASTERN (31)
Alamo
Baahaali (Breadsprings) ..... 2
Baca/Prewitt ..... 2
Becenti ..... 6
Casamero Lake
Chichiltah ..... 2
Church Rock ..... 11
Counselor ..... 6
Crownpoint ..... 1
Huerfano ..... 37
lyanbito ..... 1
Lake Valley ..... 12
Little Water ..... 9
Manuelito ..... 3
Mariano Lake ..... 3
Nageezi ..... 11
Nahodishgish
Ojo Encino ..... 1
Pinedale ..... 3
Pueblo Pintado
Ramah ..... 2
Red Rock
Rock Springs
Smith Lake ..... 2
Standing Rock ..... 1
Thoreau ..... 3
To'hajiilee (Canoncito)
Torreon/Star Lake ..... 2
Tsayatoh ..... 7
Whitehorse Lake ..... 7
White Rock ..... 15
EASTERN AGENCY TOTAL ..... 149
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED ..... 24
FORT DEFIANCE (27)
Bahast'lah (Twin Lakes) ..... 8
Cornfields ..... 1
Coyote Canyon
Crystal ..... 11
Dilkon
Fort Defiance ..... 41
Ganado ..... 3
Greasewood Springs
Houck ..... 17
Indian Wells ..... 4
Jeddito ..... 3
Kinlichee ..... 4
Klagetoh ..... 1
Low Mountain ..... 8
Lupton (Tse Si Ani) ..... 8
Mexican Springs ..... 3
Nahata Dziil (New Lands) ..... 2
Naschitti ..... 18
Oak Springs/Pine Springs ..... 6
Red Lake ..... 14
Saint Michael's ..... 31
Sawmill ..... 5
Steamboat ..... 3
Teesto
Tohatchi ..... 1
White Cone ..... 2
Wide Ruins ..... 3
FT. DEFIANCE AGENCY TOTAL ..... 197
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED ..... 23
NORTHERN (20)
Aneth ..... 18
Beclabito ..... 22
Cove ..... 5
Gadii'ahi/To'Koi (Cudeii) ..... 5
Mexican Water ..... 3
Nenahnezad ..... 19
Newcomb ..... 41
Red Mesa ..... 7
Red Valley ..... 20
Rock Point ..... 15
San Juan ..... 29
Sheepsprings ..... 21
Shiprock ..... 84
Teec Nos Pos ..... 36
Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) ..... 22
Toadlena/Two Grey Hills ..... 18
Tolikan (Sweetwater) ..... 8
Tse anaozt'ii (Sanostee) ..... 24
Tse Daa K'aan (Hogback) ..... 38
Upper Fruitland ..... 47
NORTHERN AGENCY TOTAL ..... 482
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED ..... 20
WESTERN (18)
Birdsprings ..... 1
Bodaway/Gap ..... 8
Cameron
Chilchinbeto ..... 15
Coal Mine Canyon ..... 2
Coppermine ..... 4
Dennehotso ..... 115

| K'ai'Bii'To | 4 |
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| Kayenta | 160 |
| LeChee | 7 |
| Leupp | 1 |
| Navajo Mountain | 4 |
| Oljato | 32 |
| Shonto | 8 |
| Tolani Lake | 1 |
| Tonalea | 14 |
| To'Nanees'Dizi (Tuba City) | 13 |
| Ts'ah Bii Kin (Inscription House) | 3 |
| WESTERN AGENCY TOTAL | $\mathbf{3 9 2}$ |
| CHAPTERS REPRESENTED | $\mathbf{1 7}$ |
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| CHEROKEE | $\mathbf{6 1}$ |
| HOPI | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| CHAPTERS REPRESENTED | $\mathbf{1 , 3 5 0}$ |

Yes to diné energy petition

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YES TO DINÉ ENERGY PETITION

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LEGISLATION NO.: 0044-19
SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez
TITLE: An Action Relating To The Resources and Development Committee and The Naabik'íyátí Committee; Supporting Navajo Transitional Energy Company's Independent Acquisition of Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine; Statement of Policy Regarding Refusal to Financially Guarantee or Provide Waivers or Releases of Claims By The Navajo Nation Pertaining to That Acquisition

Posted: March 7, 2019 at 8:02pm
5 DAY Comment Period Ended: March 12, 2019
Digital Comments received:

| Comments Supporting | 1)NTEC (Supporting documents, file is too large to email, only 10 pages are attached. To view the rest please contact OLS.) <br> 1)Jarvis Williams Peabody <br> 2) Fannie Atcitty |
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| Comments Opposing | 1) Nicole Horseherder, Black Mesa <br> 2) Percy Deal, Big Mountain <br> 3) Vincent Yazzie <br> 4) Robyn Jackson, Wheatfields, $A Z$ <br> 5) Adella Begay3, Wheatfields Chapter <br> 6) Linda Curley, Tselani Springs <br> 7) Duane Chili Yazzie, Shiprock Chapter <br> 8) Elouise Brown, TseAlnaozti'I Grazing Officer <br> 9) Al Henderson <br> 10) Kris Benally <br> 11) JL Begay, Dineh Chamber of Commerce <br> 12) Lori Goodman, Dilkon Voter <br> 13) Carol Davis, Dilkon, $A Z$ |
| Inconclusive Comments | 1) Leon Spencer | Office of Legislative Services

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## Voices from Dzilijiin (Black Mesa)

kris benally [cyb8@hotmail.com](mailto:cyb8@hotmail.com)<br>Wed 3/13/2019 11:54 AM<br>To Aneth Chapter [aneth@navajochapters.org](mailto:aneth@navajochapters.org); Beclabito Chapter [beclabito@navajochapters.org](mailto:beclabito@navajochapters.org); Counselor Chapter<br>[counselor@navajochapters.org](mailto:counselor@navajochapters.org); Cove Chapter [cove@navajochapters.org](mailto:cove@navajochapters.org); Huerfano Chapter [huerfano@navajochapters.org](mailto:huerfano@navajochapters.org);<br>Mexican Water Chapter [mexicanwater@navajochapters.org](mailto:mexicanwater@navajochapters.org); Nageezi Chapter [nageezi@navajochapters.org](mailto:nageezi@navajochapters.org);

We feel similar blasting effects from Navajo Mine, and the broader community with respiratory conditions from it. Lives are being compromised; that is what evil people do.
https://youtu.be/tyVYNKYOIng

## Legislation 0044-19

JL Begay [rezbldr@gmail.com](mailto:rezbldr@gmail.com)<br>Wed 3/13/2019 12:18 PM

To comments [comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov);

Please do not jeopardize our assets by allowing NTEC to purchase NGS. There is way too much risk involved and lack of expertise. Be wise. VOTE NO TO NGS.

Jeff Begay, Chairman
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Lori Goodman [Igoodman89@gmail.com](mailto:Igoodman89@gmail.com)
Wed 3/13/2019 1.10 PM
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Dear Honorable Council Delegates:
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I respectfully urge you to vote against this legislation. We have no information on just how this would make an income for the Navajo Nation. Most important to have secured a buyer of the electricity with a contract signed for one to two years and there is none because NGS electricity is too expensive.

The Navajo Nation needs to secure what is already on the table from Navajo Generating Station owners and walk away and let NGS close. We would then take possession of the $\$ 168$ million cash plus the $\$ 244$ million in additional assets, together totally more than 412 MILLION DOLLARS in revenues and assets.

There are more millions to be made from three of the assets listed:
1.) Access to the 500 megawatts of existing transmission lines;
2.) The 1,500 acre-feet per year of NGS water;
3.) And the 950 acre-feet per year water for the LeChee Chapter.

With these assets we can build a better future for the Navajo people. The Navajo Nation needs to take what is already on the table and walk away from NGS, rather than foolishly gamble that coal powered energy generation has any future in the $21^{\text {st }}$ century.

Sincerely,
Lori Goodman
Dilkon voter

## 0044-19

## Leon Spencer [l.spencer@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:l.spencer@navajo-nsn.gov)

Wed 3/13/2019 5:40 PM

To comments [comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov);

I'm thinking about the 700 families is there going to be out in the cold December.
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