



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission to Hold Workshop on Coal Industry

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission will hold a workshop Thursday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. to explore the future of the coal industry in Arizona and around the country.

Peabody Energy representatives will be participating in the workshop. Peabody is the world's largest private-sector coal company. The future of the coal industry is facing many challenges in the face of environmental regulations and competition with more cost-effective energy sources like natural gas.

In Arizona, the Navajo Generating Station, a 2250 mega-watt coal-fired plant on the Navajo Indian Reservation near Page is slated to close in 2019. The Station is owned by Salt River Project (SRP), Arizona Public Service Co. (APS), Tucson Electric Power (TEP), and NV Energy and supplies power to customers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. Between the station and the Kayenta mine, more than 3,000 jobs are at stake if the plant closes.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in 2015 the United States generated about 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity which amounts to 33% of the total electricity generation. The workshop will explore the future of the coal industry and the technologies to make coal production in sync with the environmental standards of today and the future.

The workshop will be held in Hearing Room One of the Arizona Corporation Commission at 1200 W. Washington St in Phoenix. It can be viewed live at www.azcc.gov.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>