

## **ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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## Commissioners Tobin and Dunn Encouraged by Continued Dialogue and Focus to Address Issues Concerning the Navajo Generating Station

(Washington, D.C.) Arizona Corporation Commissioners Andy Tobin and Boyd Dunn released the following statement regarding today's meeting at the U.S. Department of Interior regarding the long-term future of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS):

"We are very encouraged by the progress made at today's stakeholder meeting to save the NGS, its transmission capabilities and the northeastern Arizona economy. Not only were two Corporation Commissioners in attendance, but Governor Doug Ducey's Chief of Staff, Kirk Adams, was also present, reaffirming the Governor's concern about the human and economic impact of shuttering NGS.

We appreciated a greater focus on NGS and how its future fits into our state's energy policy. The Salt River Project, nor any other utility, can deny the vital role this plant holds in Arizona's past, present and future. NGS provides value in terms of energy security (both in terms of fuel pricing and storage) and the stakeholders must acknowledge that reality.

This is an ongoing process with several more critical milestones quickly approaching. We urge the Navajo Nation and the Salt River Project to continue good faith negotiations to extend the life of NGS.

Having also met yesterday with leaders of the Navajo Nation and today with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, we feel confident that NGS and the Kayenta coal facility are top priorities of the Trump Administration and look forward to our stakeholder meeting in Arizona next month."



Commissioner Boyd Dunn, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and Commissioner Andy Tobin. Washington D.C.

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