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MEDIA ADVISORY

Yes to NGS Coalition to Present at Central Arizona Project Board Meeting, Calling on CAP to Cooperate with NGS Ownership Transition

Representatives of the Yes to NGS Coalition will deliver remarks at the CAP Board Meeting tomorrow, May 3, to emphasize the importance of CAP's continued commitment to purchase power from the Navajo Generating Station (NGS).

"At its last meeting, the CAP board rightly asked to see progress in the plant's ownership transition before tomorrow's meeting. Now, just four weeks later there has been tremendous positive momentum in the direction of an ownership transition. Despite the initial naysaying, this is all very exciting," said Craig Stevens, Yes to NGS spokesman.

"By continuing to buy its power from NGS long-term, the CAP board will save more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs held by Native Americans; as well as millions of dollars in additional support for those communities. However, if the Board prematurely decides to go in a different direction, it will be signing the pink slips for hundreds of Native American workers, destroying their tribal economies, and jeopardizing the survival of the Native culture in the region."

Tomorrow's meeting comes on the heels of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's action signing a law that repeals the excise tax on Arizona-mined coal. This will help ensure that the cost of power from NGS remains affordable for Arizona customers.

This follows last month's announcement that a highly reputable and experienced new owner has performed a significant amount of work in finding a solution for NGS that would allow the plant to supply power at market competitive prices.

Along with prepared testimonies, the Yes to NGS Coalition will make a compelling case why the board must enter into good faith power negotiations with a potential new investor based on broad support from Arizona citizens.

NGS provides immense economic benefits to the people whose land it was built on: Native Americans. NGS, combined with its supplier Kayenta Mine, account for 85 percent of the Hopi annual general fund budget. The plant and the mine together provide 845 jobs, most of which are held by Native Americans.

NGS owners and the CAP Board have an obligation to the tribes, as well as Arizona rate-payers, to keep the plant in operation beyond its current premature decommissioning date in 2019.

WHEN: Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM PT

WHERE: Central Arizona Project, 23636 North Seventh Street, Phoenix, AZ

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