



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission to Participate in Department of Interior Public Session regarding NGS

(Phoenix) Arizona Corporation Commissioners will be attending Department of the Interior public comment sessions next week regarding the future of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS).

NGS is a 2250 mega-watt coal-fired plant on the Navajo Indian Reservation near Page and 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. The fate of the plant is hanging the balance since SRP's lease is coming to an end and the company intends to pursue other energy sources like natural gas.

Commissioners Andy Tobin and Boyd Dunn met with the Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in April in Washington D.C. regarding the future of NGS and felt they were making progress.

Commissioner Tobin followed up that meeting with a letter which included a new lease proposal for the owners of the NGS which included to committing to a longer term. That proposal can be seen on Tobin's page on the Arizona Corporation Commission website <http://www.azcc.gov/commissioners/ATobin/Letters/4-27-2017.pdf>.

Representatives from the Department of the Interior will host four "listening sessions" next week. They will not be responding to questions but rather gathering information from the public, local, state, and tribal officials, and stakeholders. Below is the schedule for the meetings. Comments may also be submitted before or after the sessions at ngs@usbr.gov.

The meeting schedule is below and you can find more information by going to the Department of the Interior website at <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/update-interior-hold-public-listening-sessions-future-navajo-generating-station>.

Department of the Interior Listening Sessions:

Monday May 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The Heard Museum – Monte Vista Room
2301 North Central Avenue - Phoenix, AZ 85004

Wednesday, May 17 from 4:00 pm. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Page Community Center (Navajo translators present)
699 South Navajo Drive
Page, AZ 86040

Thursday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Kykotsmovi Community Center (Hopi and Navajo translators present)
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Friday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: Nakai Hall – Navajo Nation Fairgrounds (Navajo translators present)

Window Rock, AZ 86515

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>