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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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November 30, 2017

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) Extension Lease Environmental Assessment-November 2017 (EA) and Signed Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Dear Interested Party:

This memorandum is to notify the interested public that the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation – Lower Colorado Region (Reclamation) and Bureau of Indian Affairs – Navajo Region (BIA) have each signed a FONSI based upon the above-referenced EA. Both the revised EA and FONSI are available on the following web site: <https://www.usbr.gov/ngs/>

Reclamation and BIA solicited public comments on the NGS Extension Lease and draft FONSI from October 5 through November 3, 2017. Comments were received from 10 entities representing: an individual (1); tribal governments (5); a non-governmental organization (NGO) (1); a group of NGOs (1); the NGS Operator (1); and a company in a related field (1). All comments were carefully considered.

Responses to relevant substantive comments are found in Appendix 6 to the EA, which includes copies of all comments received. Corrections and revisions to the EA, which were minor in nature, have been made where appropriate. None of the impact determinations included in the draft FONSI required revision and the FONSI's conclusion — that an environmental impact statement is not warranted — has not changed.

We appreciate your interest. If you have questions regarding the information in this memorandum, please contact Mr. Sean M. Heath, Environmental Resources Manager, Reclamation Phoenix Area Office, at 623-773-6250, or Ms. Harrilene Yazzie, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Navajo Region at 505-863-8287.

Sincerely,

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