# **Listening Sessions**

The Future of the Navajo Generating Station

Week of May 14, 2017



#### **Dates and Locations**

Monday, May 15, 2017

**Heard Museum** 

Phoenix, Arizona

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

**Page Community Center** 

Page, Arizona

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Thursday, May 18, 2017** 

**Kykotsmovi Community Center** 

Kykotsmovi, Arizona

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, May 19, 2017

Nakai Hall

Window Rock, Arizona

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Purpose

The intent of the listening sessions is to provide attendees with an opportunity to share their comments regarding the future of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) with Department of the Interior officials.

#### **Process**

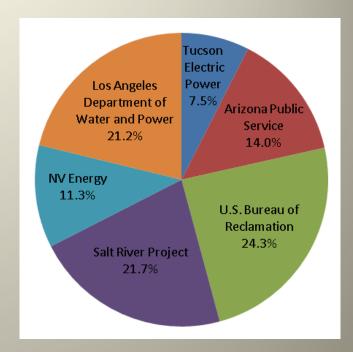
- Please fill out a Speaker Card at the sign-in table if you wish to speak.
- Statements will be limited to a maximum of three to five minutes for each speaker (based on the number of persons wishing to speak today).
- Comments may also be submitted in writing today or submitted electronically after the listening session to <a href="mailto:ngs@usbr.gov">ngs@usbr.gov</a>. We will be accepting comments through June 18, 2017.
- The Department will not be responding to comments or answering questions.
- A third-party moderator will facilitate the listening session.
- A court reporter will create a transcript of each listening session.

## Background

- NGS is a 2,250 MW coal fired power plant
  - Located on Navajo tribal trust lands near Page, Arizona
  - Three 750 MW units (installed 1974, 1975, and 1976)
  - Current lease between the NGS Participants and the Navajo Nation expires December 22, 2019
- Coal supplied by Kayenta Mine is operated by Peabody Energy
  - Located on Navajo and Hopi tribal trust lands, ~80 miles SE of NGS
- NGS-KMC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
  - 2014 initiated EIS in response to proposed action to operate NGS from 2019 to 2044
  - 2016 Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation, and Bureau of Indian Affairs published a Draft EIS

## **NGS Participants**

- Salt River Project (SRP) for the Use and Benefit of the United States\* (24.3%)
- SRP\*\* (21.7%)
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power\*\*\* (21.2%)
- Arizona Public Service (14.0%)
- Nevada Energy\*\*\*\* (11.3%)
- Tucson Electric (7.5%)



<sup>\*</sup> The United States is referred to as a "Participant."

<sup>\*\*</sup> SRP is the NGS Operating Agent.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In 2015, SRP purchased Los Angeles Department of Water & Power's 21.2% entitlement share to NGS operation until the end of 2019
\*\*\*\* Nevada Energy is actively seeking to divest its entitlement share

## **Current Status**

February 2017 Statement of Position by NGS' non-US owners:

The Non-US Owners do not currently intend to operate the Navajo Generating Station past the current term of the Lease with the Navajo Nation, which ends December 22, 2019. For the Non-US Owners to continue operating the Navajo Generating Station through the current Lease term, the Non-US Owners will have agreed to all necessary agreements with the Navajo Nation no later than July 1, 2017 and received subsequent approvals.

## **Interior-Facilitated Process**

**Initiated March 1, 2017** 

#### Parallel Activities (not mutually exclusive)

- NGS Operations through 2019
  - Replacement lease negotiations between the Navajo Nation and SRP
  - Operations through the end of 2019 followed by plant decommissioning and monitoring
  - Current owners cease power generation involvement
- NGS Operations post-2019
  - Seeking economic viability
  - Seeking new plant owners
  - Requires environmental compliance
- Minimizing economic impacts of plant/mine closure independent of time

## **Thank You**

Please submit comments to:

NGS@USBR.GOV
by June 18, 2017