

Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe stand united on continuation of Navajo Generating Station

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Leaders of the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe reaffirmed their support for the continuation of the Navajo Generating Station for the benefit of the Navajo and Hopi people July 12. The current two-year agreement allows for NGS to continue operating until the end of 2019.

The Navajo Nation has selected a potential new owner and new operator that would allow for the continuation of the Navajo Generating Station beyond 2019. Negotiations with Avenue Capital as the new potential owner and Middle River Power as the new potential operator have begun.

Navajo and Hopi leaders agree that there is much at stake in the negotiations including hundreds of high skilled jobs and a significant source of revenues that provide direct services to Navajo and Hopi people.

Continuing NGS operations will ensure continued payment of royalties to both the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and secure many jobs for workers at Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta Mine.

In regards to the ongoing discussions, Speaker LoRenzo Bates said he looks forward to the successful negotiation of new ownership and continued operations of the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta Mine.