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Subject: Navajo families say: we want justice at NGS!

It is time to transition to renewable energy.

To: Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Speaker Lorenzo Bates, Navajo Council members, Department of Interior Acting Secretary James Cason, Bureau of Reclamations Deputy Commissioner David Palumbo, SRP General Manager Mark Bonsal and Board President, David Rousseau, and ACC Commissioners.

As the main stakeholders and architects in the development and operation of Navajo Generating Station, you have a responsibility to ensure that transition plans for the plant's closure benefit the Navajo and Hopi, their communities and people. NGS was developed in part to ensure the financial stability of the tribes, and while coal has become economically unsustainable, that does not mean the owners and federal government can walk away from their moral and financial obligations to help secure tribal economic prosperity.

The closure of the Navajo Generating Station represents an opportunity both to make amends for decades of pollution and injustice perpetuated on the Navajo people and to map out a far more sustainable future through clean energy. Navajo grassroots groups are urging the following to ensure a just transition and we call on you to speak out in support of:

- 1) Remediation and cleanup of the plant and return land and water that have been impacted by more than four decades of coal burning to the Navajo and Hopi in healthy condition;
- 2) Developing the vast renewable energy potential of the region as a replacement for power from NGS;
- 3) Ensuring job training and economic development assistance for the workers and communities that will be affected most by the closure.
- 4) Securing Navajo rights to the 50,000 acre-feet of water that are currently tied to the operation of the plant and the associated coal mine, and to transmission capacity that will connect wind and solar projects developed on tribal lands to Western energy markets.

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