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El Paso Natural Gas Co., Navajo Nation announce interim arrangement to extend right of way

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation and the El Paso Natural Gas Co. have reached an interim arrangement to extend EPNG's right-of-way access across the Navajo Nation through Dec. 31, 2006.

A substantial controversy exists between the Navajo Nation and EPNG as to what constitutes fair consideration for a long-term extension of the right of way. The arrangement will provide more time for the parties to negotiate an agreement.

El Paso Corporation provides natural gas and related energy products in a safe, efficient and dependable manner. The company owns North America's largest natural gas pipeline system and one of North America's largest independent natural gas producers.

The Navajo Nation is the largest Native nation in the United States. It bases its government-to-government relationship with the federal government on treaties signed in 1849 and 1868. The Navajo Nation uses its natural resources to provide essential governmental services and to improve the standard of living of its citizens.

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