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PRESIDENT BEGAYE STATEMENT ON MEETING WITH NAVAJO GENERATING STATION STAKEHOLDERS

Window Rock – Today, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye issued the following statement on a meeting this week at the United States Department of the Interior between Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta mine owners and stakeholders:

“The Navajo Nation is working to find a way to keep the Navajo Generating Station open until 2030 to ensure that we have time to responsibly address the economic impact caused by its closure. I was pleased to join Navajo Generating Station stakeholders at a meeting in Washington to engage in a helpful discussion and get a better understanding of the decision to shut down the plant.

“The meeting was instructive and served as the first steps in our efforts to do what is possible to delay the decommissioning of the facility. I look forward to maintaining an ongoing dialog with the plant owners and all stakeholders.

“Closing the Navajo Generating Station in 2019 would have a devastating impact on our nation by impacting thousands of jobs and dramatically reducing our revenue. We need more time to develop a comprehensive economic plan that allows the Navajo people who work at both the plant and Kayenta to continue to live on their homeland and practice their Navajo way of life.

“The Navajo Nation is working hard on all fronts to ensure the brightest future for the Navajo people.”

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