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### Delegate Otto Tso partners with Big Navajo Energy to provide renewable solar energy for Navajo family

**TÓ NANEES DIZI, Ariz.** – Council Delegate Otto Tso (Tó Nanees Dizi), staff with the Office of the Speaker, and Big Navajo Energy president Dory Peters recently visited the home of Lloyd Billy, who has lived near the community of Tuba City without electricity for over 40 years, and installed a solar generator and heating system.

Big Navajo Energy is a 100-percent Navajo-owned renewable energy company that offers solar/wind battery based power systems that provide electricity for families that live in remote areas. The company has partnered with the Office of the Speaker to provide the power systems for families that reside in the Former Bennett Freeze Area. The Billy family is the second family to receive a power system as a result of the partnership.

Delegate Tso, who represents thousands of constituents who were affected by the Former Bennett Freeze policy, said he is thankful to Big Navajo Energy for seeking solutions that have the potential to help thousands of Navajo families.

“I’m happy to see the Billy family receive electricity. Many families continue to suffer due to the effects of the development freeze that was placed on this area, but we are working to change that and this represents another step in the right direction,” stated Delegate Tso.

Delegate Tso and Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland) arranged for the company to donate solar/wind-battery based



**PHOTO: Council Delegate Otto Tso (right) and Big Navajo Energy president Dory Peters (left) install solar panels on the home of Lloyd Billy near the community of Tuba City, Ariz.**

power systems and Solar Heaters systems provided by SolarThermiX, which will provide basic amenities such as lighting and heating for the winter season.

Big Navajo Energy president Dory Peters, said that access to renewable technology will be one of the solutions to bring electricity to more than 18,000 families on the Navajo Nation that do not have electricity.

“This would not have been possible without the support from Speaker Bates and the efforts of Delegate Otto Tso, to assist with the installation for the Billy family. This is only the beginning for many other families that do not have any access to basic electricity. We are planning for more installations for other families. The process of accessing clean and reliable electricity is our commitment for the Navajo Nation tribal members,” added Peters.

Three families who reside the Former Bennett Freeze Area were selected by Council members to receive renewable energy generators and heaters as a way of addressing one of the Council’s top priorities – to bring clean and renewable energy to the Navajo Nation.

Delegate Tso said he was honored to join the family as their home became the second to receive a new energy system, adding that he hopes to see many more homes receive electricity.



**PHOTO: Council Delegate Otto Tso, Big Navajo Energy president Dory Peters, and the Lloyd Billy family at their residence near the community of Tuba City, Ariz.**

Big Navajo Energy has access to portable renewable energy generators that are military grade and commercial industrial 1 to 200 megawatt size solutions that only require wind, solar, biomass or geothermal to power them. For more information on the energy generators or the direct, emissions free solar thermal heating units, please visit the company’s website at [bignavajoenergy.com](http://bignavajoenergy.com).

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