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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving project cost savings of 189,777.12 from the Teesto Scattered Powerline Project to be used by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in accordance with the Síhasin Fund Power line and Chapter Project Expenditure Plan as approved in Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-35-18

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0110-20

DATE: April 24, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING PROJECT COST SAVINGS OF 189,777.12 FROM THE TEESTO SCATTERED POWERLINE PROJECT TO BE USED BY THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SÍHASIN FUND POWER LINE AND CHAPTER PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN AS APPROVED IN NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CAP-35-18

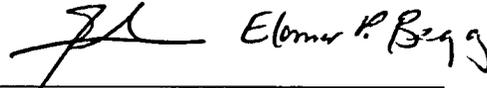
PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to approve cost savings repurposing from the Teesto Scatted Powerline Project.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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15 CHAPTER PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN AS APPROVED IN NAVAJO NATION
16 COUNCIL RESOLUTION CAP-35-18

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 **Section One. Authority**

- 21 A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
22 Nation Council empowered to exercise oversight authority over on matters involving
23 communication and utilities, chapter activities, economic and community development,
24 public utilities, telecommunication and housing. 2 N.N.C. §§500 (A) and (C).
25 B. The Resources and Development Committee is authorized to approve expenditures of
26 costs saved or reduced under the Síhasin Fund Power Line and Chapter Expenditure
27 Plan. CAP-35-18, Section 4.B.3.
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1 **Section Two. Findings**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Council approved the Sihasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects
3 Expenditure Plan (the "Expenditure Plan") in Council Resolution CAP-35-18. The
4 Expenditure Plan approves the total capital from the Sihasin Fund in amount of one
5 hundred million six hundred thousand dollars \$100,600,000.00 (less amounts that were
6 line item vetoed by the Navajo Nation President) with \$18,696,787.92 allocated to
7 Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for power line projects.
- 8 B. Resolution CAP-35-18 authorized the Resources & Development Committee to
9 approve the expenditure of funding on "any project cost saved or reduced through
10 leveraging or otherwise shall be available for expenditure on any other project within
11 the respective Chapter deemed construction-ready by CPMD; if there are no
12 construction-ready projects within the respective Chapter, then, with the approval of the
13 Resource & Development Committee, the saved or reduced costs shall be available for
14 expenditure on any other project within the respective district." CAP-35-18, Section
15 4.B.3.
- 16 C. During Year One of the Expenditure Plan, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority initiated
17 fifteen (15) different projects in eight (8) communities and realized savings within such
18 projects through initiatives such as the Light Up Navajo Project. Cost savings of
19 \$189,777.12 were realized from the Teesto Scattered Powerline Project alone.
- 20 D. Under the Light up Navajo Project, NTUA partnered with the American Public Power
21 Association with a shared goal of connecting Navajo families on the Navajo Nation to
22 the electric grid for the first time. Between April and May 2019 over 28 utilities and
23 their communities across 13 states and over 138 external non-NTUA volunteers and
24 349 NTUA volunteers came to the Navajo Nation and fulfilled their goal by connecting
25 233 Navajo families to the electric grid for the first time. The Navajo families that
26 benefited from the Light Up Navajo Project are located throughout the Navajo Nation
27 within the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
- 28 E. As a result of cost saving measures achieved by NTUA, additional dollars are available
29 to connect more Navajo families to the electric grid.
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1 **Section Four. Approval**

- 2 A. The Resource Development Committee hereby approves the expenditure of funds for
3 projects from the Teesto Scattered Powerline Project in the amount of \$189,177.12,
4 which NTUA realized project costs savings or reductions.
- 5 B. NTUA shall expend the cost savings of \$189,177.12 in Teesto Chapter on other
6 construction ready projects in Teesto Chapter, or if there are no construction ready
7 projects in Teesto, on projects within the respective Navajo Nation Council Delegate
8 District in accordance with the Sihasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects
9 Expenditure Plan (CAP-35-18, Section 4.B.3.).

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