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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving Project Cost Savings of \$268,888.10 from the Black Mesa Powerline Project to be used by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in Accordance with the Sihasin 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. 0154-20**

**DATE:** July 8, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING PROJECT COST SAVINGS OF \$ 268,888.10 FROM THE BLACK MESA POWERLINE PROJECT TO BE USED BY THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SIHASIN FUND POWER LINE AND CHAPTER PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN AS APPROVED IN NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CAP-35-18**

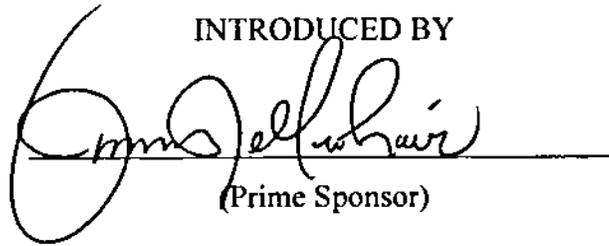
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to approve cost savings from the Black Mesa Power Line Project to be used in Black Mesa by NTUA for additional projects.

**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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2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

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13 PROJECT TO BE USED BY THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH THE SÍHASIN FUND POWER LINE AND CHAPTER PROJECT  
15 EXPENDITURE PLAN AS APPROVED IN NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
16 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 Síhasin 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 Síhasin 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 \$268,888.10 were realized from the Black Mesa 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 Black Mesa Powerline Project in the amount of \$268,888.10 which  
4 NTUA realized project costs savings or reductions.

5 B. NTUA shall expend the cost savings of \$268,888.10 in Black Mesa Chapter on other  
6 construction ready projects in Black Mesa Chapter, or if there are no construction ready  
7 projects in Black Mesa, on projects within the respective Navajo Nation Council  
8 Delegate 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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