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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving a Lease for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to Construct and Operate the Cameron Solar Generation Facility Located in the Cameron Chapter, Navajo Nation (Coconino County, Arizona)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0057-21

DATE: March 25, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE CAMERON SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY LOCATED IN THE CAMERON CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION (COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Cameron Solar Generation Facility Lease between the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021
INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE CAMERON SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY LOCATED IN THE CAMERON CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION (COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §501 (B)(2), The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final approval for all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority seeks approval of the Cameron Solar Project Lease with a sublease for the majority of the land for the construction and operation of a 200MWa solar generation facility and related facilities with an access road that connects to Highway 89, defined as the Cameron Solar Project, which is located in

1 Cameron Chapter vicinity, Navajo Nation (Coconino County, Utah). The lease is
2 attached as **Exhibit A**.

3 B. The lease covers 1,100.18 acres, more or less, as described in **Exhibit B** which
4 includes a sublease covering the majority of those acres for use by NGI-Cameron
5 Solar, LLC for the Cameron Solar Project.

6 C. The Cameron Solar Project will address the energy needs of the Salt River Project
7 (“SRP”). Cameron Solar Project was selected among scores of other projects under a
8 competitive solicitation run by SRP for award of a 25 year power purchase agreement
9 for 200MW. As a component of the Cameron Solar Project, SRP has agreed to utilize
10 100MW of transmission the Navajo Nation currently has the right to use.

11 D. Cameron Chapter Resolution CAMJUL-11-18 #6, attached as **Exhibit C**, supports the
12 Cameron Solar Project.

13 E. The Right-of-Way Agent has obtained the necessary consent from the affected land
14 user (grazing permittee) which is attached as **Exhibit D**.

15 F. The Biological Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit E** and the Cultural
16 Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit F**.

17 G. The proposed Cameron Solar Site Lease has been reviewed through Executive
18 Official Review Document Number 015724 which is attached as **Exhibit G**.

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20 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

21 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
22 approves the lease and sublease, attached as **Exhibit A**, to the Navajo Tribal Utility
23 Authority for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Cameron
24 Solar Project. The location is more particularly described in legal description and
25 map attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

26 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
27 authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents
28 necessary to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.
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