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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving and Addendum to RDCJY-28-25, the Painted Desert Power Solar Site Lease for Painted Desert Power, LLC

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0269-25

DATE: December 16, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO RDCJY-28-25, THE PAINTED DESERT POWER SOLAR SITE LEASE FOR PAINTED DESERT POWER, LLC

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve an Addendum to RDCJY-28-25 which approved a lease between the Navajo Nation and Painted Desert Power, LLC to construct, install, and develop a 750-megawatt (750MW) photovoltaic solar generating and battery storage project in the Coalmine Canyon Chapter of the Navajo Nation Reservation. The Addendum concerns rental payments.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 11/29/25
Website Posting Time/Date:
Posting End Date: 12/28/25
Eligible for Action: 12/29/25

Resources & Development Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2025

3 Introduced By:

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5 (Prime Sponsor)

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7 Tracking No. 0269-25

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
12 APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO RDCJY-28-25, THE PAINTED DESERT
13 POWER SOLAR SITE LEASE FOR PAINTED DESERT POWER, LLC

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

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

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25 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

26 A. Resolution RDCJY-28-25 approved a lease between the Navajo Nation and Painted
27 Desert Power, LLC to construct, install, and develop a 750-megawatt (750MW)
28 photovoltaic solar generating and battery storage project in the Coalmine Canyon
29 Chapter of the Navajo Nation Reservation.

1 B. An Addendum to the Lease has been negotiated between the Lessor, the Navajo Nation
2 and the Lessee, Painted Desert Power, LLC. The Addendum provides:

3 *“(C) Commencing on the Commercial Commencement Date, rent shall begin to accrue
4 at the rate of five hundred forty-five dollars (\$545.00) per-acre-per-year, with an
5 annual escalator of two percent (2.00%) starting on the first anniversary of the
6 Commercial Commencement Date and continuing each year thereafter until the earlier
7 of the expiration or termination of this Lease Agreement, paid by the Lessee to the
8 Lessor in a single lump sum payment each year commanding on the Commercial
9 Commencement Date and, thereafter, on or before the first day of each anniversary of
10 the Commercial Commencement Date.”*

11 C. The Addendum is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

12 D. Resolution RDCJY-28-25 is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

13 E. The Addendum been reviewed by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (NNDOJ)
14 and found to be legally sufficient. The NNDOJ Request for Services Cover Sheet is
15 attached as **Exhibit 3**.

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17 SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

18 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
19 approves the Addendum, attached as **Exhibit 1**, to the RDCJY-28-25 lease.

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

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