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Resources and Development Committee approves conditional right-of-way for proposed pipeline project



Legislation co-sponsor Council Delegate Danny Simpson was joined by Tallgrass Energy Vice President of Business Development Adam Schiche during the presentation.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) voted to approve legislation for a conditional right-of-way for a proposed pipeline capable of transporting natural gas and natural gas/hydrogen blends through a portion of the Navajo Nation.

“The Resources and Development Committee exercised its responsibility carefully and deliberately, and I respect the process that led to this vote,” said RDC Chair Brenda Jesus. “The RDC remains committed to ensuring that any project of this scale is held to the highest standards of transparency, environmental stewardship, and genuine benefit to our people.”

The proposed 234-mile pipeline would run through 13 communities on the Navajo Nation. The resolution allows GreenView Logistics, LLC, a subsidiary of Tallgrass, to continue completing remaining technical requirements and proceed through the federal government’s multi-year, multi-agency review — a process that includes additional studies, consultation, further opportunities for community input, and the establishment of a community benefits program for each of the 13 chapters.

“Today’s vote reflects years of sustained engagement, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to doing this the right way,” said Adam Schiche, Vice President of Business Development at Tallgrass. “We are grateful to the Resources and Development Committee

and to the many chapter members, leaders, and community advocates who engaged with us throughout this process. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we advance through the remaining steps.”

Tallgrass agreed to provide approximately \$400,000 in annual grants to the 13 chapters along the right-of-way. During the discussion, Schiche committed to providing the community benefits to the chapters as quickly as possible.

Chair Jesus emphasized that the Committee’s approval is structured to ensure accountability and compliance at every stage of development. She noted that the right-of-way authorization is “contingent on the completion of all required environmental studies, archaeological clearances, and other requirements under Navajo Nation ROW regulations.”

She also underscored that the authorization is tied to completion of a Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with affected Chapters, and that the project is expected to generate new revenue for the Navajo Nation at a time when other revenues sources pending.

During the hearing, Council Delegate Rickie Nez emphasized the importance of follow-through and compliance with the Navajo Energy Act. Committee members also stressed that the project must align with prior commitments and that community benefits should be clearly defined and delivered.

“There is a strong expectation to ‘honor your words’ and ensure the project reflects both the spirit and substance of commitments made to Navajo communities,” Delegate Nez said.

During the public comment period that preceded the vote, the RDC received numerous letters and statements in support of the resolution, including from the Governor of New Mexico, state legislators, former Council Delegates, community members, and local businesses.

The RDC approved Legislation No. 0053-26 by a vote of three in favor and one opposed. The RDC serves as the final authority for the legislation.

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