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Resources and Development Committee celebrates \$5.5 million dividend from Navajo Transitional Energy Company



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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Resources and Development Committee joined representatives of Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC), members of the Board of Directors, and employees to commemorate the presentation of a \$5.5 million dividend to the Navajo Nation.

The dividend, generated from NTEC's 2025 performance year, is the largest distribution ever provided by a Navajo Nation-owned enterprise and reflects the company's continued operational success.

The full Resources and Development Committee (RDC) attended the event, including Chairwoman Brenda Jesus, Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson, and Delegates Otto Tso, Shawna Ann Claw, Rickie Nez, and Danny Simpson. Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay also attended.

During the presentation, RDC Chair Jesus recognized the contributions of mine employees and emphasized the critical role they play in the company's success.

"You don't know how much you are valued. Your recommendations, hard work, and participation play a major role in NTEC's operations and continued success," Jesus said.

Chair Jesus also noted that a recent report to the RDC highlighted NTEC's leadership development and EDGE programs, which are designed to create advancement opportunities for employees who demonstrate leadership potential and aspire to supervisory and management positions within mine operations.

Both Chair Jesus and Council Delegate Rickie Nez credited the workforce for helping generate the record dividend presented to the Navajo Nation.

"I want you to know that as mine workers, you represent NTEC and the mine every day," Delegate Nez said. "In addition to the dividends provided to the Navajo Nation, NTEC supports scholarships, community programs, veterans, elders, and provides coal assistance to Navajo and Hopi families."

Delegate Nez added that throughout his tenure as an elected official, he has consistently supported the mine and the Four Corners Power Plant because of their contributions to local communities and the Navajo economy. He also recognized the chapter officials in attendance, while Chair Jesus thanked local leaders for remaining engaged and involved in matters affecting their communities.

The dividend payment will support Navajo Nation government operations, community programs, infrastructure improvements, educational initiatives, and other priorities that benefit Navajo citizens.

The \$5.5 million dividend represents a significant increase from the \$3.15 million distribution received in September 2025 and establishes a new benchmark for returns generated by a tribally owned enterprise.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its appreciation to NTEC leadership, staff, and employees for delivering a significant return on the Nation's investment and showing how Navajo-owned enterprises can strengthen economic self-sufficiency, support tribal sovereignty, and create lasting benefits for future generations.

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