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NTUA Participation in Big Boquillas Wind Project Approved By Navajo Nation Council

FORT DEFIANCE, Ariz. – On Tuesday, December 22, 2009, the Navajo Nation Council, by a vote of sixty-three in favor, one opposed, approved the lease and financing agreements for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to lead in the development of a Wind Project, at the Big Boquillas Ranch, located 80 miles west of Flagstaff, Arizona, paving a new beginning for the Navajo Nation in the world of energy development. Phase 1A of the Wind Project is anticipated to produce approximately 85MW.

Big Boquillas Wind Project is the first for the Navajo Nation. It is also the first large scale wind energy development to be led by a Native American tribe, with a majority interest of the project owned by an enterprise of the Navajo Nation, the NTUA.

“This is historic,” said NTUA General Manager Walter W. Haase. “For the first time, the Navajo Nation is a majority owner of an energy project that will introduce a new economy to the Navajo Nation for the benefit of the Navajo people.”

“We are thankful for the support of the Navajo Nation Council, giving this project a vote of confidence,” Mr. Haase said. “The Big Boquillas Wind Project is a new beginning for the Navajo people.”

NTUA is working with Project Partners Foresight Wind Energy and Edison Mission Group to develop, finance, construct, and operate the Big Boquillas Wind Project.

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The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority is a non-profit enterprise established by the Navajo Nation Council to provide multi-utility services to the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People. Since 1959, NTUA has supplied electricity, water, natural gas, wastewater treatment, and photovoltaic (solar power) services to residents throughout the 26,000 square-mile Navajo Nation, which spreads across northeastern Arizona, northwestern New Mexico, and southeastern Utah.

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