

Kayenta II Energization Ceremony
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Good afternoon.

I'm Tim Vigil, Vice President of Power Marketing for the Colorado River Storage Project within the Western Area Power Administration, or WAPA.

I'm sincerely honored to be speaking at this event to celebrate the energization of the Kayenta II solar facility.

From installing the Kayenta solar farms to working with public power to Light Up Navajo, NTUA and the Navajo Nation have demonstrated their committed leadership to their people and to an energy future that possesses diverse generation sources.

NTUA's collaborative approach to building a sustainable future benefits its members, community and economy through affordable and reliable electricity. Powerful partnerships, such as the one we share with Navajo and the other utilities, represent the best of what we can accomplish together.

Kayenta II is another shining testimonial for NTUA as they strive to become leaders in renewable energy development.

WAPA's role in this project is to connect the generation from the solar farm into the bulk power system and schedule NTUA's loads and resources that will now include Kayenta II. It's a role we're privileged to have.



WAPA is a federal power marketing administration within the Department of Energy, and thanks to the unique designation of federal utility, we can bridge the gap between government policy and guidance into the literal nuts and bolts of the power grid.

As the generation resources transition from traditional baseload powerplants to more diverse and intermittent sources such as Kayenta I and II, electric utilities are becoming more interconnected with each other and consumers.

Having several diverse sources of energy generation geographically dispersed across the country will ensure the modern grid continues to be reliable, resilient and redundant.

NTUA has cracked this code like no other utility, recognizing the strength of community and striving toward common goals.

They are embracing an energy frontier undergoing dramatic change and innovation as well as creating a new reality by providing additional economic opportunities for their citizens.

As our largest tribal customer, we share a special relationship with the Navajo Nation and NTUA to assist them with achieving their admirable community goals with at-cost reliable hydropower.

Hydropower is the least expensive generation source today. It is also reliable and renewable, supporting the environment as well as our modern lives.



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Taken together, the hydropower NTUA receives and the Kayenta solar facility are capable of serving all the energy needs of more than 80,000 homes. Thanks to these two important renewable resources, NTUA is facing a more secure, environmentally friendly and positive future.

Congratulations to the Navajo Nation and NTUA again on this achievement and the many more to come.

