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WHAT'S NEXT FOR NAVAJO GENERATING STATION?

Arizona Forward Spotlights Complex Economic & Environmental Issues

SEDONA, Ariz. (July 1, 2013) – An interactive panel of technical experts will provide a briefing on complex issues surrounding the state's largest coal-fired power plant at a luncheon presented by Arizona Forward on Friday, July 26, at the Hilton Sedona Resort in Northern Arizona.

Luncheon panelists include: David Modeer, general manager, Central Arizona Water Conservation District; Kelly Barr, senior director of Environmental Management, Policy and Compliance, Salt River Project; Roger Clark, Grand Canyon program director, Grand Canyon Trust; and Stephen Etsitty, executive director, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. The panel will be moderated by Brandon Loomis, environmental reporter for *The Arizona Republic*, and Sedona Mayor Rob Adams will provide opening remarks.

The program is open to the public with advanced reservations required. Individual seating is \$60 per person and tables of 10 are available for \$550.

The Navajo Generation Station (NGS) is currently at a crossroads and riddled with complex environmental, economic and ownership issues. The fate of the generating station – complicated by various perspectives from its six owners – presents potentially huge economic impacts for the city of Page, the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe, as well as electrical and water users throughout the Southwest.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed that nitrogen oxide emissions at the Navajo Generating Station in Page be reduced by 84 percent within 10 years, which translates to 28,500 tons a year. The EPA plans to hold a handful of public hearings before the comment period ends on Oct. 4.

“Low natural gas prices, renewable energy prospects and requirements for additional pollution controls all must be balanced at NGS with this historically low cost source of electricity,” said Diane Brossart, president and CEO of Arizona Forward. “Join us for what promises to be an eye-opening and interactive dialogue featuring many sides of the spectrum. Innovative, forward thinking is needed now more than ever.”

Arizona Forward is a 44-year-old, non-profit public interest organization that brings public and private sector leaders together to encourage cooperative efforts to improve the environmental quality and economic vitality of the state and local regions. Its collective influence ensures smart growth and development, efficient transportation, improved air quality, responsible water management, energy alternatives and meaningful education.

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