

TEP is currently asking for a ROW renewal from the Navajo Nation.

BACKGROUND: In 1973, the Navajo Nation granted Tucson Electric Power (TEP) 102 miles of right-of-way easements for TEP's transmission line across Navajo lands from Farmington to Gallup, NM. This original right-of-way (ROW) agreement gave the Navajo Nation one-time payments of \$269,090.50 for the 50-year ROW lease, \$38,244 for reseeding, and 242 allottees shared \$110,000 in ROW payments. Now, TEP is back requesting a ROW renewal from the Navajo Nation by obtaining supporting chapter resolutions from all 14 chapters in the transmission line right-of-way. Only half the chapters have asked for direct community benefits from TEP, while others did not, why? The amount of community benefits the chapters are requesting varies and is inconsistent. It is crucial the Navajo Nation seek adequate community benefits on behalf of communities and work towards a renewal that is mutually beneficial.

KEY POINTS:

- ⚡ TEP paid the Nation \$269,090.50, \$38,244 for reseeding, and 242 allottees shared \$110,000 in ROW payments. This equates to about \$1.32 per acre per year over the course of 50 years.
- ⚡ The closest comparison we could find is from 1980's data where the Bureau of Land Management required transmission line developers to pay \$4.49 dollars per acre per year for transmission line ROW in Navajo and Coconino counties.
- ⚡ TEP made \$1.6 billion in revenue in 2024 alone and a net profit of \$250 million.

- ⚡ The Navajo Nation must negotiate an agreement in this ROW renewal that reflects current market rates and ensures that the Chapters get reasonable, equitable community benefits. So far, only half of the chapters asked for direct community benefits ranging from \$0 to \$100 million.

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Urge Navajo leaders to protect Navajo interests!

Tucson Electric Power is asking Navajo Nation for a right-of-way renewal on 102 miles of transmission lines going through 14 Chapter boundaries on the Navajo Nation. At least half of the 14 Navajo Chapters impacted by the TEP Right-of-Way (ROW) did NOT request for any community benefits and Tó Nizhóní Ání (TNA) finds that this is indicative that adequate community engagement for community benefits did not occur. It is imperative that these impacted chapters re-engage TEP to discuss just and equitable and direct community benefits for their chapter communities, before TEP and Navajo Nation reach a final agreement in TEP's ROW Renewal. TNA has drafted a template letter that impacted chapters can use to edit as needed and send to TEP to request this follow-up engagement. We also encourage impacted chapters to amend their TEP Resolutions to reflect direct community benefits requested.

Council Delegates that represent chapters impacted by the TEP right-of-way (ROW) renewal

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| 1. San Juan | 8. Tohatchi |
| 2. Hogback | 9. Coyote Canyon |
| 3. Nenahnezaad | 10. Mexican Springs |
| 4. Sanostee | 11. Twin Lakes |
| 5. Newcomb | 12. Rock Springs |
| 6. Sheep Springs | 13. Red Rock |
| 7. Naschitti | 14. Chichiltah |



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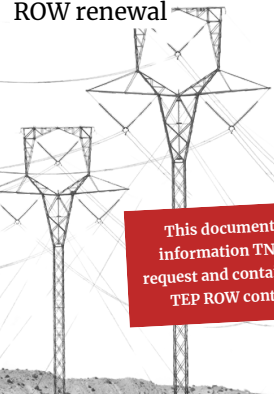
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