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IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN PAGE ONCE AGAIN, AND I AM HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEDICATION OF THIS MAGNIFICENT POWERPLANT.

The last time I was here, we were literally blown in and out of form. That was the day we celebrated the incorporation of Page — signed over Government utilities and facilities to the newly
Our involvement in the Navajo Generating Station represents a rather unusual milestone for Reclamation. We have been in the power business for about 70 years -- ever since construction of our first hydroelectric powerplant at Roosevelt Dam, a feature of the Salt River Project.

But this is the first time we have been directly involved in generating power from a source other than hydro. It seems especially fitting that our old friends from the Salt River Project are among the five respected partners with whom we joined in this undertaking.

Incidentally, I noticed Jack reduced our interest from 24.3% to 24.1.
This facility represents the culmination of 8 years of cooperative effort among Reclamation and the publicly-owned and investor-owned utilities of the Southwest.

It was in June 1968 that negotiations/looking toward this arrangement/were initiated by Reclamation at the direction of Congress. Now, after about 8 years of diligent effort—including the 6 years it took to build this plant—we are all realizing the payoff.

For our partners, the Navajo Generating Station will provide a new and badly needed/source of electrical energy to meet the growing loads of this dynamic region.
For the Bureau of Reclamation, it eventually will supply the energy needs of the Central Arizona Project, which will bring a new source of water to the critically water-short areas of Central Arizona including Phoenix and Tucson.

We look forward to the day we can pump the first acre-foot of water into the Granite Reef Aqueduct, using energy generated at this plant.

Although the Central Arizona Project will not be operational until 1985, it is already benefiting from the interim sale of Reclamation's share of the power from this plant.
Revenues from the sale of Reclamation's share of energy, between now and the time that power is needed by Reclamation, will contribute significantly toward the repayment of CAP reimbursable costs.

Finally, for the residents of the Southwest, this facility represents another step in the responsible development of their natural resources to meet the needs of people and improve their quality of life.

This is the essence of the American spirit which we are celebrating in this Bicentennial year.
I am proud of the part Reclamation played in this effort, and I commend all those whose inspiration and hard work helped to make this plant a reality.

In that same spirit, we look forward to many more years of continued cooperation in building a better life and contributing to the prosperity of this great region.

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Now, may I take one more minute to recognize a long-term friend of yours and mine who in a sense is taking a powder.

He is a man of many talents and achievements. Somebody named "Anonymous" put some words about him into verse.
I AM JACK PFISTER, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SALD RIVER PROJECT, THE UTILITY THAT IS THE PROJECT MANAGER AND OPERATING AGENT OF THE NAVAJO PROJECT FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. TODAY IS THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION DAY FOR NAVAJO PROJECT AND IT IS MY HONOR TO BE MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

WE WILL BEGIN WITH AN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. HERE TO GIVE THE INVOCATION IS REVEREND RALPH M. WORDEN, OF THE PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WOULD YOU ALL RISE.

(INVOCATION)

THANK YOU, REVEREND WORDEN. NOW PLEASE JOIN ME IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SALT RIVER PROJECT, WHO WILL OFFICIALLY WELCOME YOU — KARL ABEL.

(KARL ABEL SPEAKS FOR 2-3 MINUTES; INTRODUCES PARTICIPANTS.)
THANK YOU, KARL.
In 1948, a man came to Phoenix from California to start a new job with the Salt River Project. His first assignment was in the water side of the Salt River Project, where he became Manager of Irrigation. Nine years later, he became the top operating officer of the Salt River Project.

He may not have realized back in 1957 how much the Salt River Project would change, grow, and the challenges that would come, but you'd never know that. Through the next 20 years or so he was a leader of change . . . a master of management in the worst of times, as well as the best of times.

He is the former President of Western Energy Supply and Transmission Associates; member of the Electric Power Research Industry Board; and a past director and president of the American Public Power Association. He is a member of an incredible number of civic, charitable and community organizations. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the General Manager of the Salt River Project, Rod J. McMullin. Rod.

(Rod speaks)

Thank you very much, Rod.

The utility industry is indeed at another turning point in its history. Rod's leadership is an excellent example for us all to follow.

The Navajo Project represents a unique partnership between Government and the utility industry. As you know
24.1% of the plant’s entitlement will be used to provide the pumping requirements for the Central Arizona Project. The Bureau of Reclamation’s participation in the Navajo Project is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by government and industry when we have a common purpose.

We are very pleased to have with us today a man who has been in federal service since 1936. In 1946, he started his career with the Bureau of Reclamation, and in 1973 he became the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior. Please welcome Commissioner Gilbert Stamm.

(Stamm speaks)

Thank you, Gil.

Northern Arizona has a man in Washington who loves any opportunity to return home. We were pleased to offer him such an opportunity to return to the District he serves. He served two terms in the Arizona State Senate before going on to Congress in 1966, and he is now the United States Congressional Representative from Arizona’s Third District. Please welcome Congressman Sam Steiger.

(Steiger Speaks)

Thanks, Sam.

Thanks to all of our speakers.

The completion of the Navajo Project has been made possible by the combined efforts of many people and it would,
THEREFORE, BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ATTEMPT TO SINGLE OUT ANY ONE PERSON. MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. I KNOW THAT ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORKED ON THE NAVAJO PROJECT SHARE THE SENSE OF PRIDE AND SATISFACTION WHICH I FEEL TODAY.

IN A FEW MINUTES WE WILL FORMALLY DEDICATE THESE GREAT STRUCTURES, BUT FIRST A FEW INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE ABOUT WHAT WILL FOLLOW.

AS YOU CAN SEE OVER IN THAT AREA (POINT), WE ARE SET UP TO SERVE AN INFORMAL LUNCH. JUST AS SOON AS WE FINISH WITH THE DEDICATION CEREMONY, YOU MAY START LUNCH, IF YOU WISH.

WALKING TOURS, AS WELL AS BUS TOURS, ARE PLANNED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE THE STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES. THE SHUTTLE BUSES PARKED OVER THERE (POINT) ARE READY TO TAKE GROUPS ON TOURS.

OR, YOU MAY CHOOSE TO WALK. IF SO, NOTICE OVER THERE (POINT) A WALKING PATH IS OUTLINED FOR YOU. PLEASE PLAN TO CONCLUDE ALL TOURS BY 2:00 P.M.

YOU MAY HAVE LUNCH EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR TOUR. LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO RIDE THE BUS BACK TO TOWN OR THE AIRPORT, A BUS WILL LEAVE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 2:30 P.M.

NOW, I WOULD LIKE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE NAVAJO PROJECT’S PARTICIPANTS TO COME OVER TO THE AREA WHERE
the drape is. There we will dedicate the Navajo Project.

After the participants have had their pictures taken, then we would like to have representatives from the Navajo and Hopi Tribes, as well as the Mayor and City Council of Page, to come up for other photographs.

As of a few seconds from now, we — the participants in the Navajo Project — declare this power generating facility officially dedicated to serving the people and the states represented by the people here today.

Thank you all for coming. Enjoy your lunch and tour.

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