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Light Up Navajo helps bring electricity to Navajo families

(Albuquerque, NM) – PNM participated in the 2026 Light Up Navajo initiative, deploying volunteer line crews to support the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) in connecting Navajo families to electricity for the first time. Two PNM crews, nine total linemen, volunteered their time for a week each.

This year’s Light Up Navajo initiative includes PNM and 52 other participating utilities, the largest number since the program began in 2019. Throughout the initiative, 300 volunteer linemen work side-by-side with NTUA to build and enhance electric infrastructure across the Navajo Nation.

PNM’s crews were assigned to the NTUA Shiprock District, where they helped complete projects such as:

- Short line extensions to connect individual homes.
- Community powerline improvements to strengthen NTUA’s distribution system.
- System upgrades that support long-term reliability and future home connections.

About Light Up Navajo

Light Up Navajo is a mutual aid partnership led by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority and the American Public Power Association (APPA). The initiative brings together public power utilities from across the country to help close the electricity access gap on the Navajo Nation, where many families have gone years without electricity.

To learn more about PNM’s participation in Light Up Navajo, visit [PNM.com/lightupnavajo](https://www.pnm.com/lightupnavajo).

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[Pictures of, and interviews with, volunteer linemen can be found here.](#)

About PNM

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