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NEVADA GEOTHERMAL UPDATE

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NOTE - UPDATES AND NEW ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

CURRENT POWER OPERATIONS

<u>Plant/Operator (year on-line)</u>	<u>Nameplate Capacity *</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beowawe Power Plant (1985) Beowawe Power LLC/Caithness Operating	16.6 MW	S13, T31N R47E
Bradys Power Plant (1992) Brady Power Partners/ORMAT	21.1 MW	S12, T22N R26E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 9, LLC); Permit #533; API #27-001-90300 for Observation Well "82-14" issued Nov 3, 2003, NE/4 NE/4, Section 14, T22N R26E; Brady Hot Springs KGRA, Churchill County; PTD 5000'; Will be used to monitor resources currently being used for electrical power generation. Any fluids will be re-injected. New Location. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 9, LLC); Permit #534; API #27-001-90301 for Observation Well "55-14" issued Nov 3, 2003, SW/4 NE/4, Section 14, T22N R26E; Brady Hot Springs KGRA, Churchill County; PTD 5000'; Will be used to monitor resources currently being used for electrical power generation. Any fluids will be re-injected. New Location. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 9, LLC); Permit #535; API #27-001-90302 for Observation Well "88-11" issued Nov 3, 2003, SE/4 SE/4, Section 11, T22N R26E; Brady Hot Springs KGRA, Churchill County; PTD 5000'; Will be used to monitor resources currently being used for electrical power generation. Any fluids will be re-injected. New Location. 		
Desert Peak Power Plant (1985) Brady Power Partners/ORMAT	12.5 MW	S21, T22N R27E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 3, LLC); Permit #519PA for a geothermal project area issued March 7, 2003; Includes 8 production wells, 3 injection wells, and 2 observation wells; Project area includes sections 13-16 and 21-29, T22N R27E, Churchill County. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 3, LLC); Permit #521; API #27-001-90267 for Industrial Well "43-21" issued May 12, 2003, SE/4 NW/4, Section 21, T22N R27E; Desert Peak, Churchill County; PTD 5500'; Will be used to generate power for sale to Nevada Power; Spud June 20, 2003; C and L Drilling Rig #6; Reached TD 5218' Aug 3, 2003; Preparing to drill ahead. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 3, LLC); Permit #529; API #27-001-90298 for Industrial Well "27-15" issued Aug 11, 2003, SW/4 SW/4, Section 15, T22N R27E; Desert Peak, Churchill County; Second production well location in the Desert Peak Project Area; Spud Aug 8, 2003; C and L Drilling Rig #6; Reached TD 5809'; Injection test performed; Moved rig. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 3, LLC); Permit #531; API #27-001-90299 for Industrial Well "37-21" issued Oct 6, 2003, SE/4 SW/4, Section 21, T22N R27E; Desert Peak, Churchill County; Third production well location in the Desert Peak Project Area; Spud Oct 14, 2003; C and L Drilling Rig #6; Set conductor at 100'; Suspended well. ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. (ORNI 3, LLC); Permit #536; API #27-001-90303 for Industrial Well "74-21" issued Nov 3, 2003, SE/4 NE/4, Section 21, T22N R27E; Desert Peak, Churchill County; Production 		

well location in the Desert Peak Project Area; Spud Nov 16, 2003; C and L Drilling Rig #6; New Location, **Drilled to depth of 4250'; Currently Testing.**

Dixie Valley Power Plant (1988) 62.0 MW S7, T24N R37E
Caithness Dixie Valley/Caithness Operating S33, T25N R37E

Empire Power Plant (1987) 4.8 MW S21, T29N R23E
Empire Energy LLC

Soda Lake No. 1 (1987) 26.1 MW S33, T20N R28E
Soda Lake No. 2 (1991)
Constellation Operating Services

Steamboat I, IA (1986) 10.8 MW S29, T18N R20E
Steamboat II, III (1992) 47.8 MW
S B Geo, Inc./Far West Capital

Steamboat Geothermal Power 14.41 MW S5, 6, T17N R20E
Plant/Caithness Power Plant (1988)
Yankee-Caithness JVLP

- ◆ Yankee Caithness Joint Venture, LLC: Permit #525, API 27-031-90219 for Industrial Production Well # 21B-5 issued Jul 14, 2003; NW/4 NW/4; Section 5, T17N R20E; Steamboat Springs, Washoe County, Nevada; PTD 5000'; Spud Jul 19, 2003, Nabors Rig #58, Rigged down Oct 10, 2003; Completed and tested; New directional completion 21B-5R drilled and currently being evaluated.
- ◆ Yankee Caithness Joint Venture, LLC: Permit #530, API 27-031-90220 for Industrial Injection Well # 64-32 issued Sep 17, 2003; SW/4 NE/4; Section 32, T18N R20E; Steamboat Springs, Washoe County, Nevada; PTD 1850'; Replacement well for the Coxi-1 well; Spud Sep 14, 2003; Lang Drilling Co.; Currently shut-in with plans to run additional cemented liner for completion as a new injection well.

Stillwater (1989) 21.0 MW S1, T19N R30E
Stillwater Holdings, LLC

Wabuska (1984) 2.2 MW S15, 16, T15N R25E
Homestretch Geothermal LLC

* Nameplate Capacity as reported to the Division of Minerals for 2002.

DIRECT USE OPERATIONS

Empire Group LLC; Empire, Washoe County, Nevada
<http://www.empirellc.com>

Gilroy Foods, A ConAgra Food Ingredients Company; Onion Dehydration Plant; Fernley, Nevada
<http://www.gilroyfoods.com/aboutus.html>
 Seasonal onion dehydration processing operations currently idle. Plan to commence operations mid-May, 2004.

OTHER ACTIVE AREAS

Gerlach KGRA (T32N R23E), Washoe County

Salt Wells KGRA (T16-17N R30-31E), Churchill County

- ◆ A recent article from the Lahontan Valley News, by Cory McConnell, Fallon, Nevada Jan 29, 2004, states that "If all permits and approvals are granted as scheduled, Nevada Geothermal Specialists co-founder Bill Price said a 10-megawatt power plant could be online and harnessing the power of Salt Wells' two steamy aquifers by late 2005". - <http://www.nevadaappeal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040129/News/101290005>

Nevada Geothermal Specialists acquired 2 parcels containing approximately 3800 acres in T17N R30E, at the Nevada BLM KGRA Lease Sale on June 26, 2003. They paid \$17.25/acre for one parcel and \$5.15/acre for the other; see Nevada Geothermal Update, June 2003. Anadarko Petroleum Corp. originally drilled several wells in the area during the early 1980s.

Hot Sulphur Springs (Tuscarora), Elko County

- ◆ Earth Power Resources announced recent address change: 2407 S. Troost Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114; Contact Ron Barr (918) 743-5593.
- ◆ Earth Power Resources, Inc.; State Permit #526PA issued Aug 5, 2003 for a geothermal project area to include 8 production wells (PTD 4000'), 6 injection wells (PTD 4000'), and 10 observation wells (PTD 4000'); The project area will encompass sections 4,5,8,9,16,& 17, T41N R52E; Hot Sulphur Springs, near Independence Valley and Tuscarora, Elko County, Nevada. The purpose of the project area is to supply a 25 MW power plant for a power purchase contract awarded by Sierra Pacific; Project Area.
- ◆ Earth Power Resources, Inc.; State Permit #527 for Industrial Production Well #57-8 issued Aug 8, 2003; API #27-007-90027; SW/4 SW/4 SE/4, Section 8, T41N R52E; Hot Sulphur Springs, Elko County, Nevada; Projected total depth 4000'; 1st production well location in Project Area 526PA; Spud Nov 14, 2003; Lang Drilling Company, continuous core rig; Did not reach objective, temporarily abandoned Nov 24, 2003; Considering re-drilling with rotary rig. The well name and location have been changed, (originally #46-8); **Temporarily abandoned.**
- ◆ Earth Power Resources, Inc.; State Permit #528 for Observation Well #67-8 issued Aug 8, 2003; API #27-007-90028; NE/4, SE/4, Section 8, T41N R52E; Hot Sulphur Springs, Elko County, Nevada; Projected total depth 4000'; 1st observation well location in Project Area 526PA; Spud Dec 5, 2003 Lang Drilling Company rotary rig; Set 7" at 1350', set 4.5" at 2490', shut down 12/18-28 for Holidays; Resumed operations on Dec 29 with Boart Longyear continuous core rig; **Preparing to test.**
- ◆ Earth Power Resources, Inc.; Permit for 2D shot hole seismic survey; Project Area 526Pa; Hot Sulphur Springs, near Tuscarora, Elko County, Nevada; Approximately 7 line miles of acquisition planned including sections 4,5,8,9,10,16 &17, T41N R52E; Exploration survey permit.

Rye Patch/Humboldt House KGRA, Pershing County (Rye Patch Power Plant, 12 MW, 90% complete)

Fly Ranch Geothermal Prospect Area; West Black Rock Desert, Washoe County

Blue Mountain Geothermal Prospect Area, Humboldt County

- ◆ NORAMEX CORP. Permit #500, API #27-013-90014 for Observation Well "Deep Blue #1 issued March 20, 2002; SE/4 SW/4, Section 14, T36N R34E, Humboldt County; PTD 2000'; Drilled in May, 2002; Plan to test the #1 well in near future.
- ◆ NORAMEX CORP. Permit #532, API #27-013-90015 for Observation Well "Deep Blue #2" issued Nov 3, 2003; SW/4 NE/4, Section 14, T36N R34E, Humboldt County; PTD 3400'; Blue Mountain area; Will be used to further evaluate the commercial potential of the geothermal resource. New Location.

Fallon Naval Air Base; T18N R29E; Churchill County

- ◆ Geophysical survey application received at BLM on November 4, 2003; Dawson Geophysical Company, Section 13, T18N R29E, Case number NVN 77785. See GRC Bulletin Sep/Oct 2002 for

paper by Francis C. Monastero, Geothermal Program Office, U. S. Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, referencing "Future Prospects on Military Lands" and planned exploration and development of the Fallon and Hawthorne, Nevada military sites. <http://www.geothermal.org/articles/coso.pdf>

Recent BLM Geothermal Leases Filed

- For more information on BLM leases in Nevada, see the website: <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000>. This information has been provided courtesy of the "Nevada Oil Reporter", Ehni Enterprises, Inc.

Non-Competitive Geothermal BLM Lease Applications (08/03-01/04), Pending:			
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 77481; 1920.0 acres	T27N R40E (15,16,20)	Pershing/Lander Co.
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 77482; 1920.0 acres	T26N R40E (3,4,5)	Pershing/Lander Co.
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 77483; 2560.0 acres	T27N R40E (21,22,27,34)	Pershing/Lander Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77538; 2660.0 acres	T38N R62E (4,16,18,20,30)	Wells, NV, Elko Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77550; 1036.57 acres	T38N R62E (6,28,32,34)	Wells, NV, Elko Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77551; 160.0 acres	T38N R62E (32)	Wells, NV, Elko Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77552; 160.0 acres	T38N R62E (28)	Wells, NV, Elko Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77600; 1280.0 acres	T11N R25E (27)	East of Smith Vly, Lyon Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77602; 1311.2 acres	T10N R25E (2,3)	East of Smith Vly, Lyon Co.
Geo-Energy Partners	NVN 77627; 2560.0 acres	T01S R36E (14,15,21,22)	Fish Lake Vly, Esmeralda Co.
Geo-Energy Partners	NVN 77628; 2556.24 acres	T01S R36E (3,10,11,13)	Fish Lake Vly, Esmeralda Co.
NORAMEX CORP.	NVN 77668; 1959.00 acres	T36N R34E (10,12,22)	West of Blue Mtn, Humboldt Co.
NORAMEX CORP.	NVN 77669; 1338.94 acres	T36N R34E (24,26)	West of Blue Mtn, Humboldt Co.
Stillwater Holdings LLC	NVN 77690; 400.00 acres	T19N R30E (28,29)	Stillwater, Churchill Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77711; 1280.00 acres	T17N R31E (33,34)	Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77712; 1296.58 acres	T16N R31E (3,4)	SE of Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77722; 1920.00 acres	T18N R30E (22,26,27)	North of Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Kingzett, James M.	NVN 77739; 2560.00 acres	T19N R26E (6) T20N R25E (34,36) T20N R26E (31)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Kingzett, James M.	NVN 77740; 2560.00 acres	T21N R26E (2,8,12,16)	N of Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Kingzett, James M.	NVN 77741; 2560.00 acres	T21N R26E (4) T22N R26E (34,35,36)	N of Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
McGee, Charles M.	NVN 77801; 640.00 acres	T12N R43E (34)	Big Smoky Valley, Nye County
Signorotti, Stephen G	NVN 77942; 240.00 acres	T31N R55E (36)	East of Dixie Flats; Elko Co.
Signorotti, Stephen G	NVN 77943; 1240.00 acres	T30N R55E (12,13,14)	East of Dixie Flats; Elko, Co.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77983; 200.00 acres	T08N R29E (25)	Mineral County, near Hawthorne
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77984; 945.09 acres	T07N R30E (5,6)	Mineral County, near Hawthorne
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77985; 1822.76 acres	T08N R30E (29,30,31,32)	Mineral County, near Hawthorne

Geothermal BLM Leases Issued (08/03-01/04):			
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 76209; 2560.0 acres	T24N R47E (10,15,16,20)	Grass Valley, Lander Co.
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 76210; 2563.0 acres	T24N R47E (2,3,4,9)	Grass Valley, Lander Co.
ORMAT Nevada Inc.	NVN 76211; 2560.0 acres	T24N R47E (21,22,28,29)	Grass Valley, Lander Co.
PSG Resources LLC	NVN 77110; 640.0 acres	T02S R39E (15)	Silverpeak, Esmeralda Co.
PSG Resources LLC	NVN 77111; 640.0 acres	T02S R39E (10)	Silverpeak, Esmeralda Co.
Nevada Geothermal Spec	NVN 77271; 2520 acres	T17N R30E (23-26)	Salt Wells (Correction, issued 11/03)
Nevada Geothermal Spec	NVN 77272; 1274 acres	T17N R30E (35,36) Correction from R31E	Salt Wells (Correction, issued 11/03)
Competitive Sale Geothermal BLM Lease Applications (06/2003), Pending:			
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77268; 1662.05 acres	T32N R23E (15,16,21,22)	Gerlach
NGP Power Corp	NVN 77269; 1346.92 acres	T16N R30E (1) T16N R31E (6)	Salt Wells
NGP Power Corp	NVN 77270; 1360 acres	T16N R30E (2,3)	Salt Wells
Western Geothermal Ptnrs	NVN 77273; 1865.64 acres	T17N R31E (19,30,31)	Salt Wells

OTHER NEWS

News on the Energy Bill

◆ AGI GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MONTHLY REVIEW JANUARY 2004

"Only One Brief Plea for the Energy Bill"

After months of unsuccessful efforts to push his energy initiatives through Congress, President Bush made only one very brief plea to Congress to "pass legislation to modernize the electricity system, promote conservation, and make America less dependent on foreign sources of energy." The next day Energy Undersecretary Robert Card sought to clarify by telling a lunchtime audience hosted by the nonpartisan group Resources for the Future that the administration remains committed to its energy agenda.

Despite these reassurances, there is speculation about the fate of the energy bill. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is working to get the votes needed to pass the energy bill in the Senate. According to Greenwire, Domenici said, "The one option I absolutely will not consider is breaking this bill up. It's the start of the year, and we're only two votes down."

On January 22nd, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), Maria Cantwell (D-WA.), Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Jim Jeffords (I-VT) introduced a bill that would amend the Federal Power Act to include electricity reliability standards, S. 2014. This may be the first of many attempts to salvage portions of the energy bill by taking a singular provision and introducing it as a stand-alone bill. Lawmakers are worried about cost of the bill and projections for the deficit over the next 10 years have worsened. One way to drive the cost of the bill would be to carve out provisions and pass smaller, stand-alone bills rather than a singular, hulking piece of legislation.

Not wanting to see his hard work amount to nothing, as of late last week, Domenici was still insisting to Greenwire that it is too early to break up the bill and would fight all efforts to do so."

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BLM Proposes \$1.7 Billion for FY 2005 Budget

To Enhance Multiple-Use Management through Conservation Partnerships

- ◆ "To promote conservation partnerships that enhance its multiple-use management of the public lands, the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today proposed a Fiscal Year 2005 budget of \$1.7 billion. The BLM's FY 2005 budget proposal, which is a \$53 million programmatic increase over the FY 2004 enacted level of funding, would provide increases of \$4.8 million for the agency's resource-restoration Challenge Cost Share program and \$3.2 million for its sage-grouse conservation and restoration efforts. The budget request also includes increases of \$5.6 million for land acquisition and \$4 million for monitoring the implementation of new land-use plans. The Bureau's 2005 budget proposal redirects \$10.5 million for management of the more than 39,000 wild horses and burros that roam the public lands. Through a combination of new funds and redirected funds, the budget proposes an increase of \$12 million to improve the health of forest lands in western Oregon." - http://www.blm.gov/nhp/news/releases/pages/2004/pr040202_budget.htm

Geothermal Industry and BLM Coordination Meeting; January 27, 2004; Reno, Nevada

- ◆ Approximately 40 people attended the meeting and heard discussions from representatives of Industry and Government concerning issues related to geothermal development in Nevada.
- ◆ Excerpts from Reno Gazette Journal, Associated Press news article, by Tom Gardner, Associated Press Writer, January 28, 2004:

"Geothermal exploration underfunded, BLM tells Reno gathering

"The federal government has a backlog of 230 requests to go prospecting for geothermal energy, many of which were filed when Bill Clinton was in his first term as president. "The average age of our applications is 9 years old, " said Paul Dunlevy, who directs the geothermal program for the Bureau of Land Management, which manages some 264 million acres of land across the West and administers geothermal leases for some 436 million additional acres of other federal land, including in national forests."....The BLM organized Tuesday's meeting at its state headquarters to let industry and government officials share their concerns and suggestions about how to develop the alternative energy source that uses superheated water from below the earth's surface to power generators.A request for more federal funds for geothermal exploration stalled in the Senate along with the \$31 billion energy bill last year, Dunlevy said. The provision of the measure

providing additional money for alternative energy _ geothermal, solar and wind _ might be revived this year, Dunlevy said.

Daniel Schochet, vice president of ORMAT, a geothermal power producer headquartered in Sparks, Nev., said that pressure on utilities to increase their purchases of renewable energy provides geothermal interests with a valuable opportunity. "If the industry flops, we'll have missed this opportunity," he said.Despite renewed interest in geothermal energy spurred in part by a reference by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., to Nevada as "the Saudi Arabia of geothermal energy," the industry is outgunned in Washington, according to John Snow, oil, gas and geothermal program manager for the state Division of Minerals. "Geothermal does not have a large number of people on Capitol Hill. ... as opposed to oil and gas and coal. They've got hordes of people," he said.

Bob Abbey, state BLM director, said his goal is to work with the geothermal industry to speed the permitting process without being too hasty. "We realize we're sitting on a lot of resources here that aren't being developed, but there are people out there that do not want to see public lands developed at all," he said. "We want to do the right thing right the first time. We try to reduce the risk of further litigation."

The group formed two committees to explore policy issues and technical matters and will meet again in May." - <http://www.rji.com/news/stories/html/2004/01/28/62691.php>

Science-Engineering-Technology Congressional Visits Day (CVD); March 3-4, 2004

◆ American Geological Institute – Government Affairs Program issues this message:

"Each spring, the Science-Engineering-Technology Congressional Visits Day (CVD) brings over 200 scientists and engineers to Capitol Hill to visit Members of Congress and their staff right at the start of the congressional budget cycle. This year, CVD will take place March 3-4, 2004. It will consist of an opening day of briefings by key administration and congressional leaders (including a morning pre-briefing at AGU for geoscience participants) followed by a day of constituent meetings with senators, representatives, and their staff that we can help arrange. Participants in CVD are asked to carry forward a core message that federally funded research is the Nation's foundation for the future. In addition, participants can advance their own messages about programs that they see as valuable examples of the federal science and technology enterprise emphasizing, for example, the value of the geosciences to society.

More information about CVD and the core message is available on the CVD website at <http://www.setcvd.org>. The site will contain a downloadable packet of briefing materials to update you on the need for sustained federal investment in science research, help orchestrate your visit and familiarize you with the legislative process.

Emily M. Lehr, AGI's Government Affairs Program (703) 379-2480 x. 212; eml@agiweb.org" - http://www.agiweb.org/gap/legis108/cvd2004_alert.html

"Exploring Utah Geothermal Opportunities: Development and Financing"

January 20, 2004, Salt Lake City, Utah

- ◆ One day event hosted by the Utah Geothermal Working Group, the National Geothermal Collaborative, and the Geothermal Resources Council. Explore issues and opportunities pertaining to geothermal development in Utah. Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown, RSVP by Jan 14, 2004 to Lora Rees, Utah Energy Office, (801) 538-4791. Draft Agenda available online – <http://www.geocollaborative.org/>

Energy Legislation Does Not Pass Senate

- ◆ The Geothermal Industry stood to benefit from tax credits and leasing program improvements contained in the long-awaited Energy Bill. However, the Senate failed to pass the energy legislation and the bill will remain undecided until early next year when Congress resumes. Additional information about geoscience provisions in the energy bill can be found in the Special Update at http://www.agiweb.org/gap/legis108/energy_update1103.html

Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Grant Solicitation Issued November 12, 2003

- ◆ The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is seeking applications for research projects to expand the Enhanced (Engineered) Geothermal Systems (EGS) knowledge base. Through financial assistance awards, DOE intends to provide financial support for research directed to improving the technology to recover heat from rock with low permeability and at a greater depth than presently feasible.

Enhanced (Engineered) Geothermal Systems (EGS) Research and Development (R&D)
DE-PS36-04GO94001; Applications due January 30, 2004
<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOE/PAM/HQ/DE-PS36-04GO94001/Grant.html>

USDA Farm Bill Section 9006 Update; November 6, 2003

- ◆ Section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill provided \$23 million in FY 2003 for wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, hydrogen from renewables, and energy efficiency projects. Eligible projects include systems that generate energy from wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source or that produce hydrogen derived from biomass or water using a renewable energy source. In 2003, a total of \$21.7 million in grant money was distributed to 114 projects in 24 states. For fiscal year 2004, a Federal regulation will be proposed that outlines how the USDA will adhere to the requirements of Section 9006. All parties interested in pursuing the funding opportunities available under the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Programs should work with rural energy coordinators at the respective USDA State Rural Development Offices to prepare and submit applications. Interested parties should also contact these rural energy coordinators to learn when the proposed regulation will be made available for public comment and when funds will be available for FY 04. A list of these rural energy coordinators can be found by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/contacts.htm>. Further information can also be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/resourc.htm>.

ORMAT Nevada Inc. Press Release November 22, 2003

- ◆ ORMAT Nevada Inc. was successful in an auction for all of the geothermal assets of Covanta Energy Corp. ORMAT's bid of \$214 M was accepted and ORMAT was declared the winner on November 21. The US Bankruptcy Court approved the purchase agreement. ORMAT plans to complete the acquisition before December 31, 2003. Assets included in the sale are 100% interest in the Heber Geothermal power plant near Heber, CA; 100% interest in the SIGC geothermal power plant adjacent to the Heber plant; and 50% interest in the Mammoth Geothermal power plant near Mammoth, CA. This acquisition, along with the acquisition of the Steamboat Nevada geothermal assets, will bring the total geothermal power plants owned and operated by ORMAT in the USA to over 250 MW. An additional 30 MW is under development in Nevada. <http://www.ormat.com>

Sierra Pacific Resources Evaluating Bids for New RFP

- ◆ Sierra Pacific Resources' two Nevada subsidiaries issued a new Request for Proposals for energy generated by renewable energy fuel sources. Responses were due to the utilities and bidding was closed on August 18, 2003; For more information see the website at: <http://www.sierrapacificresources.com/company/renewables/>
News release: <http://www.sierrapacificresources.com/news/releases/spr/1056956400.html>
"On October 24, 2003, Sierra Pacific Power and Nevada Power (Companies) issued letters to the respondents of the 2003 Renewable Energy RFP indicating if they were on the "Short List", the "Secondary List" or the "Not Successful List"....
<http://www.sierrapacificresources.com/company/RFPs/>

Western States Renewable Energy Summit, October 8, 2003; Presentation Links.

- ◆ "Join U.S. Senator Harry M. Reid for the First Annual Western States Renewable Energy Summit focusing on the effects of adding renewable energy to the grid, the impact of aggregating western states for maximum leverage, and negotiating in the rapidly changing arena of national energy policy"; Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada Wednesday October 8, 2003 7:30 AM – 6: 30 PM; **Links available to download PowerPoint presentations, listed according to speaker;**
<http://www.renewableenergysummit.com>

Utah BLM Competitive Geothermal Resources Lease Offering, December 9, 2003

- ◆ The Utah State BLM office announced a Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale to be held December 9, 2003. They are offering 18 parcels containing approximately 34,000 acres located in 4 KGRAs. To purchase a sale list, submit payment of \$5.00 to the BLM, Utah State Office, P. O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0145. <http://www.ut.blm.gov/NewsReleases/nrdec9.html>

POWER-GEN International 2003, December 9-10, 2003 Las Vegas, Nevada

- ◆ Conference and Exhibition, Las Vegas Convention Center, with 20,000 attendees and more than 1,200 exhibiting companies; Visit website for Call for Papers, Program, and Registration information: <http://pgi03.events.pennnet.com>

POWER-GEN Renewable Energy Conference and Exhibition, March 1-3, 2004

- ◆ PennWell Corporation and the American Council for Renewable Energy (ACRE) have formed a partnership for the creation of POWER-GEN Renewable Energy. The conference will be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 1-3, 2004. The purpose of the conference is to bring together all sectors of the energy industry to discuss issues and plan for the future. Abstract deadline for papers is August 1, 2003. See the website for more information: <http://pgre04.events.pennnet.com>

Geothermal Resources Council's 2004 Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2004

- ◆ Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Palm Springs, CA. <http://www.geothermal.org/meet.html>

Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Public Land Records Website

- ◆ The site provides access to the BLM Nevada's official Public Land Records. Master Title Plats, Use Plats, and Historical Indices are available though the Internet or from any one of the BLM Nevada's Information Access Centers. The centers are located in Battle Mountain, Caliente, Carson City, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, Reno, Tonopah, and Winnemucca and are open Mon-Fri 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Land Record Internet site is available 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Plans for this site are for expansion to include Cadastral Survey Records, Mineral Surveys, and Protraction Diagrams. <http://www.nv.blm.gov/landrecords/>

DOE/INEEL Geothermal Resource Location Maps for 13 Western States

DOE News Release; October 8, 2003

"New maps reveal expanded geothermal energy potential." The regional geothermal resource map and the maps for each of the 13 Western states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) are available on the Internet at; <http://geothermal.id.doe.gov/maps-software>

Geothermal Energy Report Released

- ◆ The DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have released a geothermal energy report entitled "*Opportunities for Near-Term Geothermal Development on Public Lands in the Western United States.*" <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy03osti/33105.pdf>
The report identifies 35 sites in the Western U. S. as having the greatest potential for short-term development of geothermal power. Ten of these sites are in Nevada: Fish Lake, Beowawe, Salt Wells, Soda Lake, Steamboat, Stillwater, Dixie Valley, Brady, Rye Patch, and San Emidio.

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- ◆ Update from Lisa Shevenell;
Three researchers from the Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy, University of Nevada, Reno, received best paper awards at the annual Geothermal Resources Council Meeting held in Morelia, Mexico in October, 2003: Greg Arehart (title **Evidence for a Magmatic Source of Heat for the Steamboat Springs Geothermal System Using Trace Elements and Gas Geochemistry**), Geoff Blewitt (title **Targeting of Potential Geothermal Resources in the Great Basin from Regional to Basin-Scale Relationships Between Geodetic Strain and Geological Structures**), and Mark

Coolbaugh (title **Geothermal GIS Coverage of the Great Basin, USA: Defining Regional Controls and Favorable Exploration Terrains**).

- ◆ On October 8, a new geothermal Web site was introduced at the Western States Renewable Energy summit held in Reno, NV. This new Web site was constructed at the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) with partial financial assistance from the 2001 DOE State Energy Program Special Projects funding. The site, located at <http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/geothermal/gthome.htm>, focuses on geochemical data and maps for thermal waters in Nevada. Although still under construction, it is publicly accessible and acts as an update to “Thermal Waters of Nevada” by Larry Garside and John Schilling, published by the NBMG in 1979.”

LINKS: USEFUL DATABASES AND GEOTHERMAL INFORMATION

- ◆ American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) – <http://www.americanrenewables.org/>
- ◆ American Geological Institute Government Affairs Program; 4220 King Street, Alexandria VA 22302-1502; (703) 379-2480 ext. 212 (703) 379-7563 fax - govt@agiweb.org; <http://www.agiweb.org/gap>
- ◆ Black Rock-High Rock NCA (National Conservation Area) planning website – <http://www.blackrockhighrock.org>
- ◆ Bureau of Land Management – Nevada Geothermal Program - <http://www.nv.blm.gov/minerals/geothermal/index.htm>
- ◆ Council of State Governments – TrendsAlert; Renewable Energy and State Economics – <http://www.csg.org>. Summarizes issues and policy options for state officials, regarding economic potential of renewable energy.
- ◆ Geo-Heat Center, Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, Oregon - <http://geoheat.oit.edu/>
- ◆ GeoPowering the West - <http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/>
- ◆ GeoPowering the West, Geothermal Related Events Calendar – <http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/geocalendar.html>
- ◆ Geothermal Biz.com - <http://www.geothermal-biz.com/>
Geothermal biz.com was created to help the geothermal entrepreneur—companies, small businesses, Native American tribes, homeowners, and individuals—develop geothermal direct use and small power generation projects.
- ◆ Geothermal Education Office - <http://www.geothermal.marin.org/>
- ◆ Geothermal Energy Association - <http://www.geo-energy.org/>
- ◆ Geothermal Resources Council - <http://www.geothermal.org>
- ◆ Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy at the University of Nevada, Reno - <http://www.unr.edu/geothermal/>
- ◆ Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) - <http://geothermal.inel.gov/>
- ◆ James & James Science Publishers; Provider of information for energy and environment professionals worldwide; On-line database of renewable energy suppliers – <http://www.jxj.com/>
- ◆ National Geothermal Collaborative – <http://www.geocollaborative.org/>
- ◆ National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) - <http://www.nrel.gov/geothermal>. Geothermal Program; Access reports and publications on geothermal energy by Gerald Nix, Charles Kutscher, Barbara Farhar, Keith Gawlik, Brandon Owens, Walter Short.

- ◆ Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, MI-2001, “The Nevada Mineral Industry 2001” - <http://www.nbmq.unr.edu/hits.php?p=dox/mi/01.pdf>
- ◆ Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Geothermal Energy - <http://www.nbmq.unr.edu/geothermal/index.html>
- ◆ Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources, Division of Minerals - <http://minerals.state.nv.us/programs/ogg.htm>
- ◆ Nevada State Office of Energy, Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Task Force, including report by Mary Riddel “Potential Economic Impact of Nevada’s Renewable Energy Resources” - <http://energy.state.nv.us/taskforce/default.htm>
- ◆ Nevada Public Utilities Commission - <http://www.puc.state.nv.us/>
- ◆ Office of the Governor, Nevada State Energy Office - <http://energy.state.nv.us/taskforce/default.htm>
- ◆ Office of Scientific and Technical Information; Subject portals on renewable energy and energy efficient technologies <http://www.osti.gov/subjectportals/>
- ◆ Renewable Energy Policy Project & CREST (Center for Renewable Energy & Sustainable Technology) - <http://www.repp.org/>
- ◆ Sandia National Laboratories Geothermal Research Dept. - <http://www.sandia.gov/geothermal>
- ◆ Sierra Pacific Resources, Renewables RFP - <http://www.sierrapacificresources.com/company/RFPs/renewablerfp.html>
- ◆ Southern Methodist University Geothermal Laboratory - <http://www.smu.edu/geothermal/>
- ◆ Stanford Geothermal Program - <http://ekofisk.stanford.edu/geotherm.html>
- ◆ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development - <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>
- ◆ U.S. Geological Survey, USGS Open-file Report 99-425 online version 1.0, “Geothermal Industry Temperature Profiles from the Great Basin” - <http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/of99-425/webmaps/home.html>

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