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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Sierra Pacific Power Co. signed a twenty-year contract with Beowawe Power LLC for geothermal power from their plant in Nevada. The plant will begin supplying power to Sierra Pacific In January 2005.♦ The permit # 565 was obtained to use as a replacement well in the event it is necessary. The existing Power Sales Agreement with Southern California Edison will expire in December 2005.♦ Beowawe Power LLC; Permit #565; API #27-015-90009 for Industrial Production Well "57-13" issued January 14, 2005; SW/4 SE/4 of Section 13, T31N R47E; Beowawe Springs, Lander County, Nevada; PTD 8500'; NEW LOCATION.		
Bradys Power Plant (1992) Brady Power Partners/ORMAT Nevada Inc.	26.1 MW	S12, T22N R26E
<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ BRADY POWER PARTNERS (ORMAT); Geothermal Project Area Permit #540PA; Issued Apr 8, 2004, T22N R26E, Sections 13,14,23,24,11,12 and T22N R27E, Sections 7,18,19; Brady/Desert Peak Area, Churchill County, Nevada; The project area includes 3 production wells with an estimated depth of 6000'; Spent geothermal fluid will be re-injected into existing Brady injection wells; Geothermal Project Area Permit.♦ BRADY POWER PARTNERS (ORMAT); Permit #562; API #27-001-90306 for Production Well #15-12 issued Nov 22, 2004; NW/4 SW/4, Section 12 T22N R26E; Commercial production well in the Desert Peak III Project Area; First production well to be drilled in this Project Area; PTD 5000'; Churchill County, Nevada; NEW LOCATION.		
Desert Peak Power Plant (1985) Brady Power Partners/ORMAT Nevada Inc.	12.5 MW	S21, T22N R27E
<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ March 24, 2005 - BRADY POWER PARTNERS and ORNI 3, LLC filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada for a permit to construct a new geothermal power plant adjacent to the existing Desert Peak Power Plant, in Section 21, T22N R27E, Churchill County, Nevada. The facility will consist of two units, one 15 MW binary power plant and one 11 MW binary power plant. Nevada Power Company will purchase the energy from the plant. The PUC scheduled a hearing for April 13, 2005. - http://www.puc.state.nv.us/electric/dkt_05-3024/05-3024nh.pdf		
Dixie Valley Power Plant (1988) Caithness Dixie Valley/Caithness Operating	62.0 MW	S7, T24N R37E S33, T25N R37E
<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Caithness Dixie Valley; SW Lamb #2; Permit #539, API 27-001-90305 issued Apr 8, 2004; NE/4 NE/4; Section 13, T24N R36E; Injection well permit for existing well drilled in August, 1979, Total Depth 8588'; Dixie Valley, Churchill County, Nevada; Permitted Injection Well Location, Apr 2004.		
Empire Power Plant (1987) Empire Energy LLC	4.8 MW	S21, T29N R23E

Commission has 120 days to grant or deny the UEPA permit application by Sempra. - http://www.puc.state.nv.us/ELECTRIC/dkt_04-5027/04-5027po.pdf

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

- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC (AMP); Permit #568; API #27-001-90308 Industrial Production Well "PW-2" issued March 3, 2005; SW/4 NW/4 of Section 36, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Production well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 750'; Built location; Moved in Lang Drilling; Preparing to Spud March 2005.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC; Permit #569; API #27-001-90309 Industrial Production Well "PW-3" issued March 3, 2005; SE/4 SE/4 of Section 26, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Production well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 750'.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC; Permit #570; API #27-001-90310 Industrial Production Well "PW-4" issued March 3, 2005; SW/4 NW/4 of Section 25, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Production well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 750'.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC; Permit #571; API #27-001-90311 Industrial Injection Well "IW-1" issued March 3, 2005; SE/4 NE/4 of Section 36, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Injection well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 1500'.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC; Permit #572; API #27-001-90312 Industrial Injection Well "IW-2" issued March 3, 2005; SE/4 NE/4 of Section 36, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Injection well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 1500'.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists LLC; Permit #573; API #27-001-90313 Industrial Injection Well "IW-5" issued March 3, 2005; NE/4 NW/4 of Section 25, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. Injection well permit in Project Area 564PA; PTD 1500'.
- ◆ Salt Wells Geothermal Power Plant and Transmission Line Proposal, Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record authorizing Alternative A Plant Site with Southern Transmission Line issued by BLM with Stipulations, Feb 25, 2005. A complete plan of development must be provided to BLM in order for a right-of-way grant to be issued for the power line. Well drilling and road maintenance may begin immediately. Three identified prehistoric sites must be avoided, a historic marker must be constructed, and effects to the setting of the area must be mitigated, such as paint color, non-reflective wire, etc.
The proposed development is for 2 net 10-MW binary cycle geothermal power plants to be constructed in 2 phases along with construction of a 230kV transmission line. The first plant would be constructed in 2005 and the second would depend on demand and resource viability. See the Environmental Assessment including proposal figures - http://www.nv.blm.gov/carson/Planning_Env_Coord/SaltWells/SaltWellsEA.htm.
- ◆ AMP Resources, LLC purchased the Salt Wells geothermal assets from Nevada Geothermal Specialists, LLC.
- ◆ Nevada Geothermal Specialists, LLC; Permit #566; API #27-001-90307 Industrial Production Well "PW-1" issued January 14, 2005; NW/4 NW/4 of Section 36, T17N R30E; Salt Wells KGRA, Churchill County, Nevada. First production well permit in Project Area 564PA; All spent geothermal fluid will be injected via an approved Class 5 UIC well issued by NDEP; PTD 750'.
- ◆ Geothermal Project Area Permit Issued - Nevada Geothermal Specialists, LLC; Permit #564PA issued January 4, 2005; Area will include 6 production wells with PTD 1000', 4 injection wells with PTD 3000', 10 observation wells with PTD 1000'; Location T17N R30E, Sections 23,24,25,26,35,36. The production wells will be located in Sections 25,26,35 and the injection wells will be located in Sections 23 and 24, Churchill County. The purpose of the wells is for the support of electrical generation of an air-cooled binary cycle power plant. The geothermal resource will be used to generate electricity for commercial sale.

Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, Churchill County

- ◆ Fallon Naval Air Station; T18N R29E, Churchill County, Nevada; Well FOH #3; Welch & Howell, WH Drilling Rig #17 rigging up to deepen well; FOH #3 was originally drilled in 1993 to TD of 6952'; 4.5" production liner was set from 2850'-TD, BHT 376 deg F; NAS is deepening well to augment resource database.
- ◆ Geothermal Resource Development, NAS Fallon, NV
U. S. Navy Request for Proposal (RFP) N47408-04-R-2530 – Issued 9/9/2004
Receipt of Offers due by 1600 hours Pacific Time, Feb 7, 2005.
Available by INTERNET ACCESS ONLY - All solicitation (or RFP) documents and solicitation amendments will be posted on the NAVFAC E-Solicitation (E-SOL) Website at <http://www.esol.navy.mil/>. Interested parties are required to register for the solicitation at the NAVFAC E-Solicitation Website.
For inquiries related to the RFP, contact Mr. Chris Henschel at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Contracts Office (NAVFACCO), Port Huueneme, CA, telephone (805) 982-3872, or e-mail at Christopher.henschel@navy.mil

Hot Sulphur Springs (Tuscarora), T41N R52E, Elko County

- ◆ The Elko County Planning Commission approved an application for a zoning change and a conditional use permit giving Earth Power Resources a green light to begin construction of the power plant in Independence Valley, near Tuscarora, Elko County, Nevada. This project has been plagued with delays caused from permitting and cultural resource problems; Nevada State geothermal project area permit #526PA, Aug 2003.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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; Drilled to TD 3810'; Ran tests, evaluating; COGITATING.
- ◆ 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, T31-32N R32-34E, Pershing County (Rye Patch Power Plant, 12 MW, 90% complete)

Fly Ranch Geothermal Prospect Area; West Black Rock Desert, T34N R23E, Washoe County

Black Warrior Peak, Washoe County

- ◆ NORAMEX CORP. geothermal lease application filed 3/5/2005, Black Warrior Peak area, Washoe County, Nevada; T23N R25E, Section 8, 640 acres; Pending
- ◆ Vancouver, B.C. - Nevada Geothermal Power Inc. (NGP), NORAMEX, announced that it has acquired 7 square miles of private land and has applied for a one section federal geothermal lease south and east of Black Warrior Peak, Washoe County, Nevada. The leases are on private land and are subject to a 3.5% royalty on gross revenue from electricity sales; however, NGP can purchase the royalty for US\$1,000,000. Leases include surface and water rights.

Blue Mountain Geothermal Prospect Area, Humboldt County

- ◆ Jan 13, 2005 – GeothermEx Report Released on Blue Mountain. Nevada Geothermal Power Inc. reports the results from an independent Preliminary Assessment completed by GeothermEx, Richmond, CA. The report states that, "This drilling has confirmed the area of the thermal anomaly to be in the range of 5 to 8 square kilometers (2 to 3 square miles) with measured temperatures of up to 168 deg C at depths in the range of 500 to 700 meters." A more complete description from the Executive Summary of the report is quoted on the website. An evaluation by Black Mountain Technology of the DB-1 and DB-2 tests is in preparation. Based on the reports from GeothermEx and Black Mountain, NGP has plans to drill 3 13" diameter production test wells. At least one hole will be drilled to 1500-1800 meters -
<http://www.nevadageothermal.com/s/News.asp?ReportID=97118& Type=News& Title=Geothermex-Report-Released-on-Blue-Mountain>
- ◆ Dec 20, 2004 Nevada Geothermal Power Inc. reports results from temp gradient drilling program indicated anomalous temperature gradients two to three times the regional gradient extend over 10 square kilometers; waiting on an independent evaluation. –
<http://www.nevadageothermal.com/s/News.asp?ReportID=95589& Type=News& Title=Releases-Blue-Mountain-Drilling-Results>
- ◆ NORAMEX CORP. Permits #545-559, API #s 27-013-90016 thru 27-013-90030; 15 thermal gradient hole permits issued July 19, 2004, located in Sections 1,11-15, 23 of T36N R34E; Blue Mountain area, Humboldt County, NV. PTD 500'. Dynatec Drilling spud first hole Aug 18, 2004. Eight holes drilled with an air rotary rig.
- ◆ 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; Spud March 25, 2004; Moved in Boart Longyear continuous coring rig Apr 1, 2004; Completed to depth of 3700' Apr 28, 2004; Max temp measured during drilling was 330°F @ 1920'; Flow-tested Apr 29 @ 80 gpm; Tests completed in November included new temp and pressure logs, a flow test, and a water injection test. New "equilibrated

temps are between 150-160 deg C in the interval 200-585 meters. Injection tests were successfully performed Nov 20. - <http://www.nevadageothermal.com/s/News.asp?ReportID=95589& Type=News& Title=Releases-Blue-Mountain-Drilling-Results>

- ◆ 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.

Pumpnickel Valley Geothermal Prospect Area, Humboldt County

- ◆ Oct 14, 2004 Nevada Geothermal Power Inc announced that Inovision Solutions Inc. will fund exploration and development for the Pumpnickel project to earn a 50% joint venture interest. Also, Noramex (wholly owned subsidiary of NGP) has been awarded a US DOE cost-sharing contract, signed Oct 13, where DOE will fund 80% of an initial field evaluation program at the Pumpnickel project. Total budget for this work is \$740,340 and will include a 3-D “E-SCAN” resistivity survey and six temperature gradient holes. Pumpnickel Valley is southeast of Winnemucca, south of Golconda, in Humboldt County, Nevada. - <http://www.nevadageothermal.com/s/News.asp?ReportID=90469& Type=News& Title=Pumpnickel-Valley-Geothermal-Project>

Hazen, Nevada; T21-22N R26E; Churchill and Lyon Counties

- ◆ Geothermal Rail Industrial Development project (GRID-USA) announced. Plans for alternative energy industrial park east of Reno, Nevada. Contact 1025 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 100, Reno, NV 89509, (775) 826-3333 or (866) GRIDUSA. See website - <http://www.gridusa.biz/>
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Emigrant Geothermal Project; Esmeralda County

- ◆ Fish Lake Valley, T1S R36E – Esmeralda Energy Company/Geo-Energy Partners-1983 Ltd. (GEO-83) Signed a DOE cost sharing award for the Emigrant Slimhole Drilling Project (GRED III Award). The DOE will fund 80% of a 4000’ core hole at a location on GEO-83’s leases at the project in Esmeralda County. The DOE total cost share is estimated at \$592,000 of the total budget of \$740,000. Esmeralda is seeking a power purchase agreement for the project. GeothermEx’s PRP/PIER report estimated Emigrant to be capable of between 49-118 MW. For more information, contact Jack McNamara (818) 865-8515, jackmack@suesec.com.

Spencer Hot Springs Area; Lander County

- ◆ The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce has requested that Lander County proceed with Nevada Division of State Lands Question 1 Program Grants to purchase 200 acres of open space recreation at Spencer Hot Springs. There was discussion regarding this at the March 28, 2005 Commission meeting. The Chamber of Commerce has requested \$5,000 from the County for a feasibility study of the project. The matter will be addressed at the April 11 Commission Meeting. - <http://www.landercounty.com/official/05MAR28.REG.pdf>
- ◆ BLM Environmental Assessment completed for geothermal leases filed in T17N R45E. BLM report recommends approval of geothermal lease applications, N77778, N77779, N77780 - http://www.nv.blm.gov/bmountain/eis/Spencer_Hot_Springs/Spencer_Hot_Springs_Final_EA_fp.htm

Ruby Valley/Ruby Lake, Sulfur Hot Springs, T31N R59E; Elko County

- ◆ Elko BLM notes public interest in non-competitive lease sale for parcel(s) in the area. States, “analysis on hold pending completion of EA on the district-wide geothermal leasing program, scheduled for release by spring 2005.”

Recent BLM Geothermal Leases Filed

- ◆ For more information on BLM leases in Nevada, see the website: <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000>

At the time of this report, the BLM website has been down for a couple of weeks, due to “litigation” and will be unavailable for an undisclosed amount of time. Call (775) 861-6500 for information.

Non-Competitive Geothermal BLM Lease Applications (11/04-03/05), Pending:			
Kingzett, James M. 11/03/2004	NVN 79275; 2560.00 acres	T22N R27E (12,24) T22N R28E (18,30)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Kingzett, James M. 11/03/2004	NVN 79276; 2560.00 acres	T21N R26E (36) T21N R27E (30)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Kingzett, James M. 11/03/2004	NVN 79277; 2560.00 acres	T21N R27E (2) T22N R27E (32,34,36)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.

Kingzett, James M. 11/03/2004	NVN 79278; 2560.00 acres	T21N R27E (4,6,8,18)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Southwest Geothermal 11/04/2004	NVN 79291; 1935.86 acres	T20N R26E (24) T20N R27E (6) T21N R26E (36)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Southwest Geothermal 11/04/2004	NVN 79292; 1985.23 acres	T20N R26E (2,12,14)	Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Pacific Spar Corp. 11/29/2004	NVN 79352; 2560 acres	T28N R32E (22,26)	Near Woolsey, Pershing County
Barrick Goldstrike Mines 1/18/2005	NVN 79646; 560 acres	T36N R49E (22,23)	Tuscarora Mts, Eureka County
Barrick Goldstrike Mines 1/18/2005	NVN 79647; 1703.679 acres	T36N R49E (12,13,24,26) T36N R50E (19,30)	Tuscarora Mts., Elko/Eureka Cos
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79662; 1280 acres	T16N R30E (4,9)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79663; 2213.10 acres	T17N R30E (20,21,28,29)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79664; 1280 acres	T17N R30E (32,33)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79665; 2560 acres	T17N R30E (13,14,16,17)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79666; 2560 acres	T17N R30E (9,10,11,12)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79667; 1920 acres	T16N R30E (10,11,12)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Vulcan Power Co. 1/25/2005	NVN 79668; 2080 acres	T17N R30E (1,2,3,4)	Near Salt Wells, Churchill Co.
Miller, Dusty LLC 2/2/2005	NVN 79705; 1280 acres	T13N R33E (34,35)	Near Wedell Springs, Gabbs Valley, Mineral County
Miller, Dusty LLC 2/2/2005	NVN 79706; 1280 acres	T12N R33E (15,16)	Near Wedell Springs, Gabbs Valley, Mineral County
NORAMEX CORP 3/5/2005	NVN 79745; 640 acres	T23N R25E (8)	Near Black Warrior Peak Washoe County
Kingzett, James M 3/15/2005	NVN 79821; 2560 acres	T20N R26E (2,12,14,28)	Hazen, Churchill County
Kingzett, James M 3/15/2005	NVN 79822; 2560 acres	T21N R27E (12,14,22) T21N R28E (34)	Hazen, Churchill County
Kingzett, James M 3/15/2005	NVN 79823; 2560 acres	T20N R27E (6) T21N R27E (10,28,32)	Hazen, Churchill County
Kingzett, James M 3/15/2005	NVN 79824; 2560 acres	T21N R28E (6) T22N R28E (21,28,32)	Hazen, Churchill County

Recent Geothermal BLM Leases Issued:			
Katz, Lewis 5/24/2004	NVN 74266; 640.00 acres	T28N R49E (10)	Crescent Valley, Eureka Co.
Cortez Joint Venture 5/24/2004	NVN 74501; 640.56 acres	T28N R49E (4)	Crescent Valley, Eureka Co.
Geo-Energy Partners 7/2/2004	NVN 76208; 640.00 acres	T01S R36E (16)	Fish Lake Valley, Esmeralda Co.
Evans David M. 7/22/2004	NVN 76302; 1912.00 acres	T26N R35E (25) T26N R36E (29,30)	Buena Vista Valley, Pershing Co.
Kingzett James M 7/22/2004	NVN 77645; 2,560.00 acres	T21N R26E (10,14,24,26)	Hazen, Lyon/Churchill Cos.
Western Geothermal Ptnrs 7/22/2004	NVN 77658; 642.46 acres	T44N r30E (1)	Howard HS, Humboldt Co.
Geo-Energy Partners 9/16/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77627; 2560.0 acres	T01S R36E (14,15,21,22)	Fish Lake Vly, Esmeralda Co.
Geo-Energy Partners 9/16/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77628; 2556.24 acres	T01S R36E (3,10,11,13)	Fish Lake Vly, Esmeralda Co.
NORAMEX CORP. 10/1/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77668; 1959.00 acres	T36N R34E (10,12,22)	West of Blue Mtn, Humboldt Co.
NORAMEX CORP. 10/1/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77669; 1338.94 acres	T36N R34E (24,26)	West of Blue Mtn, Humboldt Co.
Kingzett, James M. 10/21/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77740; 2560.00 acres	T21N R26E (2,8,12,16)	N of Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Kingzett, James M. 10/21/2003; 7/22/2004	NVN 77741; 2560.00 acres	T21N R26E (4) T22N R26E (34,35,36)	N of Hazen, Churchill & Lyon Cos.
Bright-Holland Company 2/19/2004; 7/22/2004	NVN 78098; 800.00 acres	T34N R23E (13,24)	Fly Ranch, Washoe County

Bright-Holland Company 2/19/2004; 7/22/2004	NVN 78099; 2192.61 acres	T34N R23E (1-3,10-12)	Fly Ranch, Washoe County
Bright-Holland Company 2/19/2004; 7/22/2004	NVN 78100; 2083.23 acres	T34N R23E (14,15,22,23)	Fly Ranch, Washoe County
Western Geothermal Ptnrs 3/4/2004; 7/22/2004	NVN 78144; 1280.00 acres	T02S R39E (21,22)	Silverpeak, Esmeralda County
Western Geothermal Ptnrs 6/14/2004; 9/30/2004	NVN 78687; 1180.00 acres	T24N R43E (32,35)	Shoshone Range, Lander County
Western Geothermal Ptnrs 6/14/2004; 9/30/2004	NVN 78688; 2525.00 acres	T23N R43E (3,6,8,9)	Shoshone Range, Lander County
Western Geothermal Ptnrs 7/2/2004; 9/30/2004	NVN 78780; 1,918.36 acres	T02S R39E (2,11,14)	Silverpeak, Esmeralda Co.
McGee, Charles M. 11/12/2003, 11/3/2004	NVN 77801; 635.00 acres	T14N R43E (34)	Big Smoky Valley, Nye County
JAYCOR Mining Inc 6/3/2004, 10/28/2004	NVN 78572; 1920.00 acres	T17N R39E (23,24,26)	Smith Creek Valley, Lander County

OTHER NEWS

109th Congress - Geothermal Related Bills Introduced – <http://thomas.loc.gov>

- ◆ H.R. 174 Geothermal Energy Initiative Act of 2005; To encourage greater use of geothermal energy resources; Sponsor Millender-McDonald, introduced in House 1/4/2005; Referred to Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health 2/3/2005; Referred to House Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry 2/17/2005.
- ◆ H.R. 622 Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform Act; To reauthorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes; Sponsor Bono, introduced in House 2/8/2005; Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality 2/25/2005; Related Bill S. 326.
- ◆ S. 326 Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform Act; A bill to reauthorize the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes; Sponsor Smith, introduced in Senate 2/9/2005; Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 2/9/2005; Related Bill H.R. 622.
- ◆ S. 427 Renewable Energy Investment Act of 2005; A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for a Federal renewable portfolio standard; Sponsor Jeffords, introduced in Senate 2/17/2005; Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 2/17/2005.
- ◆ H.R. 610 Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2005; To provide for Federal energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities, and for other purposes; Sponsor Biggert, introduced in House 2/8/2005; Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources 2/9/2005.
- ◆ H.R. 612 Energy Basic and Applied Sciences Act of 2005; To provide for Federal energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities, and for other purposes; Sponsor Biggert, introduced in House 2/8/2005; Referred to Subcommittee on Energy 2/17/2005; Sec 407, Geothermal. Develop improved technologies for reducing the costs of geothermal energy installations; Sec 411 appropriates \$30M for Sec 407.
- ◆ H.R. 737 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Act of 2005; To establish an energy program for the United States that unlocks the potential of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and for other purposes; Sponsor Woolsey, introduced in House 2/9/2005; Referred to Subcommittee on Energy 2/17/2005.
- ◆ H.R. 983 To amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable energy portfolio standard for certain retail electric utilities, and for other purposes; Sponsor Udall, introduced in House 2/17/2005; Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2/17/2005; Referred to House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality 3/22/2005.
- ◆ H.R. 1127 Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform and Reauthorization Act; To reauthorize the renewable energy production incentive and to provide that a qualified renewable energy facility shall not be assigned a priority for eligibility or allocation of appropriated funds on the basis of the energy source used at such facility; Sponsor Terry, introduced in House 3/3/2005; Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce 3/3/2005; Referred to House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality 3/22/2005.

GED-III, Funding

- ◆ The following companies will receive financial assistance from DOE's Office of EERE under the Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definition (GED III) Program; a funding opportunity to provide financial support for the exploration and definition of new geothermal resources:
ORMAT Nevada, Inc.; Earth Power Resources, Inc.; Esmeralda Energy Company; Noramex Corp.; AMP

Resources; New Mexico Institute of Mining & Tech.; Fort Bidwell Indian Community; Western Geothermal Partners; NGP Power Corp.; Arizona Public Service; Chena Hot Springs Resort LLC.
Title: Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definitions, GRED-III
Number: DE-PS36-04-GO94016
http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/current_solicitations.html
<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/FE9EF9C9026D358585256E5F007D292D?OpenDocument>

2005 Nevada Legislature - <http://leg.state.nv.us/>

- ◆ The Senate passed SB188 on April 19, 2005. The bill allows the electric company to receive credits toward their portfolio if they pay part of the costs for energy efficiency measures that save electricity. The bill also allows the PUC to establish a Development Program to assist with completion of the renewable projects with power purchase contracts and to classify the financial impact of long-term contracts as imputed debt of the electric company.

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada - - <http://www.puc.state.nv.us/>

- ◆ April 1, 2005 - Sierra Pacific Power Co. and Nevada Power Co. filed the Annual Report with the PUC of Nevada in regard to their efforts to comply with the renewable energy portfolio standard. The report is available for public review at the PUC offices in Carson City and Las Vegas. The PUC must issue an order stating whether or not the companies complied with the law, within 30 days. Regulatory Operations Staff will conduct an investigation and present their report to the PUC no later than April 27, 2005. The companies have asked regulators to exempt them from fines for failure to comply, which prompted the introduction of bill SB188 to the 2005 Legislature.

Sierra Pacific Press Release – March 15, 2005

- ◆ “Ormat Nevada, Inc. broke ground today on the first geothermal electric generating plant to be built at Steamboat Nevada since 1991.” When completed, the Galena Geothermal Project will increase total output at this complex by 20 megawatts; Also, see new production well permit for Steamboat Development Corp. - http://www.sierrapacific.com/news/releases/ShowPR.cfm?pr_id=4568

PUC Approves New Renewable Energy Contract

- ◆ October 13, 2004, CARSON CITY, NV – The Public Utilities Commission approved a renewable energy contract for 20 megawatts of new geothermal power to be supplied by ORNI 7 (Ormat Nevada Inc). The 20 year contract is one resulting from the RFP issued by Sierra Pacific in 2003. The power plant, Galena Geothermal 1, will be located south of Reno, NV at Steamboat Springs and is expected to be online by 2006. - <http://www.puc.state.nv.us/NEWS/Archived%20News/2004/2004/SPPCcontract.pdf>

Report on Geothermal Resources in California and Nevada

- ◆ At the California Geothermal Summit in Sacramento on May 20, 2004, Jim Lovekin presented a summary of geothermal resource capacities and development costs in Nevada and California. The presentation summarized the results of a study GeothermEx has recently completed for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Hetch Hetchy Water and Power) with funding from the PIER program of the California Energy Commission (CEC). The full report is now available - http://www.energy.ca.gov/pier/final_project_reports/500-04-051.html

Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy – <http://www.unr.edu/geothermal/>

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Geothermal Resource Council – GRC 2005 Annual Meeting – Reno, NV – Sep 25-28, 2005

- ♦ *Geothermal Energy – The World’s Buried Treasure* Annual meeting to be held at the Reno Hilton Conference Center in conjunction with the GEA 2005 Geothermal Energy Trade Show – <http://www.geo-energy.org> - <http://www.geothermal.org>

Renewable Energy Finance Forum – New York, NY – June 22-23, 2005

- ♦ Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum joint venture with Euromoney Institutional Investor. Leaders of the finance industry discuss venture capital, debt and equity markets, project finance, and public sector finance. – <http://www.euromoneyenergy.com>

Geological Society of Nevada Symposium 2005, Window to the World – May 15-18, 2005, John Ascuaga’s Nugget, Reno/Sparks, Nevada

- ♦ “This is the fifth in a series of symposia designed to provide an international forum for scientific discussion of geological processes and their relationships to ore deposits.” Technical sessions including “Geothermal Resources of the Western US” on May 17; Co-Hosted by SEG, NBMG, USGS, AAG – <http://www.gsn2005.org>

Geothermal Power Generation Workshop – March 29, 2005 – Red Lion Hotel, Yakima WA

- ♦ Designed for utility resource personnel, focusing on benefits and risks of including geothermal power in a resource portfolio. Hosted by GeoPowering the West & Washington State Working Group. No registration fee, but you must register to attend – <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/renewables/geothermal/frmreg.aspx>

LINKS: USEFUL DATABASES AND GEOTHERMAL INFORMATION

- ♦ **American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)** – <http://www.acore.org/>
- ♦ **American Geological Institute Government Affairs Program** - <http://www.agiweb.org/gap>
- ♦ **Black Rock-High Rock NCA (National Conservation Area) planning website** – <http://www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/>
- ♦ **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/deployment_gpww.html
- ♦ **GeoPowering the West, GeoPowering the West Calendar** – http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/gpw_calendar.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/>
PURPOSE. To promote public understanding about geothermal resources and its importance in providing clean sustainable energy while protecting our environment. SCOPE. The Geothermal Education Office (GEO) produces and distributes educational materials about geothermal energy to schools, energy/environmental educators, libraries, industry, and the public.
- ♦ **Geothermal Energy Association** - <http://www.geo-energy.org/>
- ♦ **Geothermal Resources Council** - <http://www.geothermal.org>
- ♦ **GeothermEx, Inc** – <http://www.geothermex.com>
Designed to provide information of use to geothermal developers, including downloads of the PIER Geothermal Database of resources in western Nevada and California.
- ♦ **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-2003, “The Nevada Mineral Industry 2003” - <ftp://comstock.nbmj.unr.edu/pub/dox/mi/03.pdf>
- ◆ Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Geothermal Energy - <http://www.nbmj.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/>
Proposed Generation Plants in Nevada – <http://www.puc.state.nv.us/ELECTRIC/propgen.pdf>
- ◆ 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. <https://cfwebprod.sandia.gov/cfdocs/GPI/index.cfm>
- ◆ Sierra Pacific Resources, Renewables RFP - <http://www.sierrapacificresources.com/company/RFPs/renewablerfp.cfm>
- ◆ 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 - Geopubs
Online Geologic Publications of the Western United States - <http://geopubs.wr.usgs.gov/>

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