



Salt Wells Energy Projects Environmental Impact Statement FACT SHEET

Proposed Projects Description

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Stillwater Field Office, Carson City, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Salt Wells Energy Projects proposed by Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), Ormat Technologies, Inc. (Ormat), and Vulcan Power Company (Vulcan) that would be located in Churchill County, Nevada.

Three separate projects are proposed that could result in seven 30-60 megawatt (MW) geothermal power plants with 47 associated wells, pipelines and other facilities near Fallon, Nevada, and a 22-mile, fifty-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) for a new transmission line with substations to support the existing and new Fallon geothermal power plants. The study area encompassed by the three projects together covers approximately 537 total acres. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process and solicits input on the identification of issues.

The EIS will analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the three proposed projects, alternatives, and a no action alternative. This EIS is also intended to cover the impacts of operation of the plants and facilities, and thus should be able to support issuance of the site license required under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3273 as well

as remaining drilling approvals under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3261, and the utilization plans and facility construction permits under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3272. The EIS will also identify specific mitigation.

Cooperating Agencies

- ❖ Bureau of Reclamation
- ❖ Churchill County
- ❖ City of Fallon
- ❖ NAS Fallon
- ❖ Nevada Division of Minerals
- ❖ Nevada Department of Wildlife

EIS Schedule

- Sept. 11, 2009...Federal Register Published Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS
- Sept/Nov.....Public Scoping
- Oct. 21, 2009....Churchill County Meeting
- Nov. 10, 2009.....End of Scoping
- Aug. 2010.....Draft EIS Released
- Dec. 2010.....Final EIS
- Feb. 2011.....Records of Decision

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