

sufficient for the life of the project which is expected to be 50 years.

The proposed action would involve production of geothermal fluids (hot water, steam, and noncondensable gases) from an underground reservoir. These fluids would be produced from 10 to 20 two-phase production wells located on well pads selected from 22 alternative production well pad sites. The fluids would be separated at the surface in high and low pressure flash chambers located at each of the well pads. The high pressure and low pressure steam would be transported via parallel surface pipelines to the proposed power plant, where the steam would be directed to a turbine-generator unit. The unflashed spent geothermal fluid, cooling tower blowdown, and other fluids would be transported through surface pipelines to from three to five proposed injection wells for return of these fluids to the subsurface geothermal reservoir.

Each of the production and injection well pads would occupy from 3.7 to 5.5 acres, for a total alternative well pad area of about 81 to 121 acres. The power plant site would occupy approximately 18.5 acres. There would be a total of about four miles of surface pipeline corridor, and about one mile of new road associated with the power plant and wellfield. Approximately 16 miles of existing access roads in the project area would also be subject to potential reconstruction or surface improvement.

The proposed action would also include development of a transmission line that would extend from the proposed power plant via either a northern or southern route eastward for approximately 21 miles to an existing BPA transmission line. Alternatively, a short segment (about 1.5 miles) of transmission line from the power plant could tie into a proposed 230 kV transmission line extending from a separately proposed geothermal power plant project (i.e., the Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project) if that project is developed. The proposed transmission line would be constructed using H-frame wood poles. The proposed transmission line would be located entirely within the Modoc National Forest; however, transmission route alternatives may cross other Forests or parcels of private land. An approximately 100-foot wide right-of-way would exist along the constructed length of the transmission line. Access roads would be required along the length of the transmission line.

Alternatives thus far identified for evaluation in the EIS/EIR are: (1) The proposed action, (2) the no action alternative (the consequences of not

developing the project), and (3) alternate transmission line route alternatives. The principal issues identified thus far for consideration in the EIS/EIR include Native American concerns; cumulative impacts considering existing, proposed, and potential other geothermal projects in the area; potential impacts on cultural resources; potential effects on wildlife; potential land use conflicts; potential visual impacts; and potential impacts on surface water and groundwater resources. The EIS/EIR will also address other issues such as geology, geothermal resources, vegetation, threatened or endangered species, air quality, noise, recreation, transportation, human health and safety, and socioeconomics as well as any issues raised during the scoping process.

If the proposed action or a selected alternative is approved, and if the proposed action or the selected alternative is inconsistent with the management direction provided in the Modoc National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), then the LRMP would be amended, as necessary, to reconcile any inconsistency.

Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision for the proposed action are invited to participate in the scoping process. Input and comments received during this process will be considered during preparation of the EIS/EIR.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

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Dated: May 9, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 12, 1997.

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico:

Tps. 26-28 N., R. 19 W., accepted April 14, 1997, for Group 870 NM; Tps. 17-20 N., R. 21 W., accepted February 5, 1997, for Group 871 NM; T. 30 N., R. 17 W., and T. 29 N., R. 18 W., accepted February 26, 1997, for Group 922 NM; and T. 20 N., R. 8 W., accepted April 21, 1997, for Group 899 NM.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: May 12, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 15, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720