

# **National Geothermal Collaborative**

## *Final Meeting Summary*

### *Impediments to Siting on Federal, Tribal, and DOD Lands Workgroup*

July 11, 2003

Conference Call

#### **In attendance:**

Liz Battocletti – Bob Lawrence & Associates

Gordon Bloomquist – Washington State Univ.

Paul Dunlevy - BLM

Troy Gagliano - NCSL

Karl Gawell – Geothermal Energy Association

David McClain – McClain & Associates

Arlene Racabado – Southern California Edison

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#### **Meeting Objective**

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the progress made on the DOD and Tribal workshops, develop some next steps for them.

#### **Workshops**

The Workshops focus must be in alignment with the purpose on the NGC – to identify impediments and work on possible solutions.

#### **Workshop - Tribal**

Kathleen Rutherford related her conversation with Roger Fragua, Council Energy Resource Tribes (CERT). He was excited about the prospect of both workshops (Tribal and DOD) and believes there are some good opportunities to develop a workshop or two for Tribes interested in learning more about geothermal development. Roger mentioned he has recently gotten inquiries from two tribes regarding geothermal development.

One impediment for the Tribes is they have historically received little or no revenue from the development. Another issue is around ceded lands (lands that the Tribes sold but retained some rights on). Specifically, there are Tribes that believe they retained mineral rights to ceded lands. Reciprocal understanding and education were also discussed as impediments- both for the Tribes to understand land management processes, and for the government/industry to understand what informs, and how different Tribes make decisions with regard to land management.

The Yakima and Warm Springs tribes are large and have geothermal resources on their reservations. Warm Springs is looking at wind resources but has a plan to increase the energy segment of their economic base. There is sensitivity about non-Tribal experts advising Tribes about what to do.

### *Opportunities for a workshop:*

- CERT conference in San Diego
- Bring Tribes to an existing geothermal development
- Go to the tribes, specifically - two workshops, back to back in Yakima and Warm Springs (David McClain has the contact information)

Discussion: The opportunity to go to the Tribes will allow more of the planners, council and staff in attendance. Bringing the Tribes to a geothermal location requires funding for travel expenses and you will not get all the right people.

### *Next Steps*

- Find out about which Tribes contacted CERT and determine what information they sought
- NGC should have a presence at the CERT conference in San Diego
- Contact CERT to possibly lead a workshop
- Contact GRC to possibly lead a workshop

### **Workshops - DOD**

Kathleen had initiated a convening process, but stopped due to timing sensitivities.

Karl Gawell gave a brief overview of the playing field. The Navy is in a unique position for any geothermal resource development the Navy keeps all the funds. They do not have to share any with the states. The Navy has identified 30 possible geothermal development sites and developed only one. They believe they are managing a successful program. Some congressional folks believe the issue would benefit from a mediated dialogue. The dialogue would be focused on how to develop the resources, work on better communications and an effective working relationship.

A good time for the workshop would be in mid to late fall. The Pentagon has a group working on a resource availability paper for geothermal prospects in the west and how the military can access them.

The workshop participants would be comprised of a select number of representatives. It makes sense to hold a planning meeting before the workshop; convene those players who have the authority to operationalize any decisions, and develop a process that is beneficial to all stakeholders. One strategy is to develop a problem statement and a list of possible stakeholders and disseminate that to those in a position to pull the right people into the workshop.

### **Next Steps**

Kathleen will develop a draft problem statement, and draft convening list for group members to comment on.

Kathleen will disseminate the Impediments document to work group members at the end of July.