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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office, Humboldt River Field Office (WDO/HRFO) is seeking public input as it initiates an environmental analysis process for a geothermal power plant and power lines as proposed by TGP Dixie Development Company, LLC (see enclosed map). This project is located at the base of the northwest slope of the Stillwater Range, approximately twenty five miles east-southeast of Lovelock, in Pershing County, Nevada.

The proposal includes the construction and operation of an up to 70-Megawatt, geothermal power plant, up to 45 total geothermal production, injection and/or observation wells, up to three water wells, access roads, geothermal steam/fluid pipelines, an airstrip and airplane hangar, up to two 230-kilovolt electrical line, an electrical substation, and support facilities. The proposed power plant would be sited on one of four possible locations. Selection of the power plant site, as well as the power plant technology, would be based on characterization of the geothermal resource that would result from ongoing exploration activities. Three power line routes are being considered. Two of the routes would travel north toward Interstate 80 and the third route would connect with an existing Dixie Valley geothermal plant. One of the two northern routes (routes 1 and 2) would be chosen with a possible addition of the southern route (route 3). The power plant would require up to 60 acres, the geothermal well sites would require up to an additional 42 acres, and up to 20 acres would be necessary for pipelines, all of which is on public land. Depending on the route for the power line an additional 33, 36 or 22 acres (routes 1, 2 and 3, respectively) would be crossed overland by the poles and power line.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the BLM WDO/HRFO, will be preparing an environmental analysis of the proposed project. This analysis will disclose the environmental impacts expected to occur should the project be implemented. The BLM is seeking your input in identifying issues and concerns or applicable knowledge to assist us with the NEPA process.

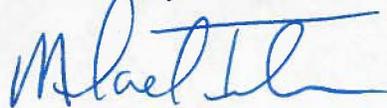
The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Mr. Philip D'Amo, project lead, at the above address or e-mail wfoweb@blm.gov with "NYC Geothermal Project (D'Amo)" in the subject line. This letter and

map are also available on our NEPA webpage at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. In addition, a copy of their Operations Plan is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours for 30 days from the date of this letter.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the WDO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Philip D'Amo at (775) 623-1567 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



Michael Truden
Field Manager
Humboldt River Field Office

Enclosure