

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.

Rich Burns,

Alturas Resource Area Manager, USDI Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-952-07-1420-00]

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.

John P. Bennett,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for New Mexico.

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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

between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques for other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Reports.

OMB Number: 1220-0043.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Form No.	Frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per respondent
LAUS 8	Annual	52	1 hour.
LAUS 15	Occasional	52	2 hours.
LAUS 16	Annual	52	1 hour.
LAUS 17	Occasional	52	30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,040.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: These reports provide essential technical information regarding the quality, accuracy, consistency, and conformance to the Bureau of Labor Statistics standards of the data and procedures used in LAUS estimation.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-24; Exemption Application No. D-10253, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; The Retirement Plan for Salaried and Certain Hourly Employees of Keebler Company (the Plan), et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

The Retirement Plan for Salaried and Certain Hourly Employees of Keebler Company (the Plan) Located in Elmhurst, Illinois

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-24; Exemption Application No. D-10253]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to (1) the leasing by the Plan of certain improved real property (the Property) to Keebler Company (the Employer), a party in interest with respect to the Plan, (2) the potential future purchase of the Property by the Employer, either pursuant to the Employer's right of first refusal, as stipulated in the lease, or pursuant to an offer by the Employer to purchase the Property, and (3) the "make whole agreement," and any payments thereunder, whereby the Employer will make the Plan whole, in the event that the Plan sells the Property to an unrelated party at a net loss.

This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Plan is represented for all purposes with respect to the lease by a qualified, independent fiduciary;