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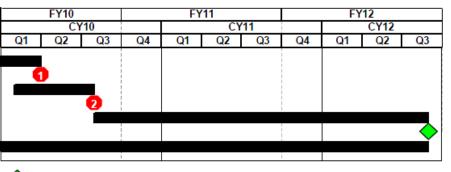
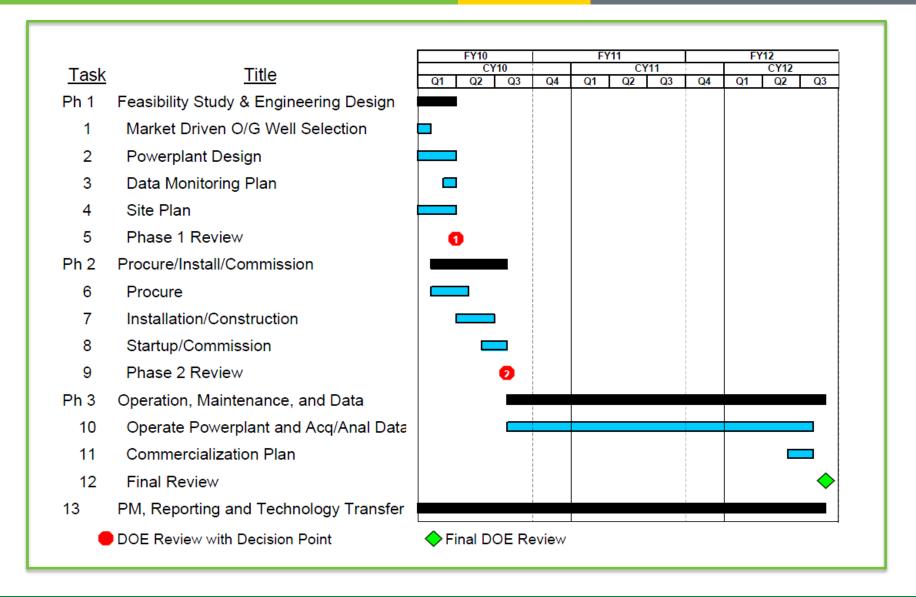


Figure 1: UGP O/G Project: Three phases with decision point ensures success and rapid execution.





Geothermal Technologies Program 2010 Peer Review



- Phase 1 Feasibility Study and Engineering Design
- □ Task 1 Market Driven O/G Well Selection
- Milestone: Memo to DOE confirming O/G well selection
- Scope: Review market opportunity assessment; validate candidate well characteristics (temperature,
- flow rate, chemistry) and its alignment to market opportunity; review powerplant performance and
- economic projections; prepare memo identifying selected well and alignment of its characteristics with
- technical and economic projections.
- Dask 2 Powerplant Design
- Milestone: Final Powerplant Design drawings
- Scope: Prepare, and review with Team, the preliminary powerplant design, defining all mechanical,
- electrical, thermal, fluid, and command/control interfaces; refine design; prepare final powerplant design
- including all drawings required for assembly, installation, and maintenance.
- <u>Data Monitoring Plan</u>
- Milestone: Document defining powerplant data collection, transmission, and analysis methodologies
- Scope: Define desired powerplant performance parameters; identify required powerplant data
- measurements; specify hardware and software to acquire/store/transfer powerplant data; prepare Plan.
- ☐ Task 4 Site Plan
- Milestone: Site Drawing with Layout and O/G Well Rework
- Scope: Prepare, and review with Team, the initial site layout of powerplant, well and other equipment,
- including surface preparation, well rework, and hydrocarbon recovery; refine site layout; prepare final
- Site Plan with drawings; satisfy all codes and permits.
- □ Task 5 Phase 1 Review
- Milestone: Review Phase 1 drawings and plans with DOE
- Scope: Conduct review with Team and DOE, preferably at location that permits a visit to the well site.
- DOE approval is required to proceed to Phase 2 site work; permission to procure long lead time
- components during Phase 1 will be requested.



- Phase 2 Procurement, Installation, and Commissioning
- ☐ Task 6 Procure
- Milestone: All powerplant components delivered to site
- Scope: Procure all powerplant components. DOE permission will be requested to order long lead time
- components to preserve the project schedule.
- □ Task 7 Installation/Construction
- Milestone: Completed powerplant installation
- Scope: Prepare the site, including well re-work, according to the Site Plan; assemble/construct/install the
- powerplant components, completing all mechanical, electrical, fluid, and thermal interfaces.
- ☐ Task 8 Startup/Commission
- Milestone: Completed powerplant commissioning for continuous operation
- Scope: Verify proper installation and all interfaces; validate safe interconnection, leak check and charge
- system; validate expected steady-state and transient response characteristics against powerplant
- projections and requirements; validate remote monitoring and data collection systems; train local
- personnel.
- ☐ Task 9 Phase 2 Review
- Milestone: Review Phase 2, emphasizing lessons-learned, with DOE
- Scope: Conduct review with Team and DOE, preferably at location that permits a visit to the operating
- well site. DOE approval is required to proceed to Phase 3 unless prior approval is received to
- accommodate project objectives.



- Phase 3 Operation, Maintenance, and Data
- Milestone: Maintain the flow of data from the powerplant to the Team and the host of the National
- Geothermal Data System for 2 years of operation.
- Scope: Collect/analyze/transmit powerplant data in accordance with the Data Monitoring Plan
- □ Task 11 Commercialization Plan
- Milestone: Document outlining commercialization steps, practices, and channels
- Scope: Identify commercialization partners and supply chain channels; define marketing strategy.
- ☐ Task 12 Final Review
- Milestone: Final Review with DOE, including lessons-learned, ensemble powerplant performance,
- environmental benefits, and economic impact potential
- Scope: Conduct review with Team and DOE.
- <u>□ Task 13</u> Project Management, Reporting, and Technology Transfer (Single Task for all Phases)
- Milestone: Submit Final Report
- Scope: Monitor technical accomplishment and financial expenditure against plan, taking measures to
- correct variations and report significant deviations to DOE; comply with all reporting requirements
- specified by the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist following the instructions therein; engage in
- technology transfer activities including participation in geothermal forums such as the annual, SMU hosted Geothermal Energy Utilization Conference.