Taos Pueblo Renewable Energy Feasibility Study

Taos, New Mexico 2004-2006

Scope of Study

Solar
Wind
Biomass
Hydro
Tribal Council review
Business plan development

Solar

 New Mexico sunshine abundant
 even in
 winter



Solar

Demonstration Projects: rock- storage system and pvpowered pump supplying irrigation New housing- passive-solar design and solar hot water. PV powered buffalo water tank

Attached Solar Greenhouse



Wind

Commercial grade wind sites are on mountain ridges -scenic and cultural issues



Small-scale wind

 Good seasonal wind resources in open rangeland Pump water for buffalo and cattle ♦ Off-grid Residential



Subterranean heating and cooling system







Biomass

 Preliminary engineering plans for district heat and power system by BioEnergy Corporation

 Manual fired Garn system for Red Willow Center and greenhouses



Biomass System







Biodiesel Crops



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 Can be used as rotation crop
 Oilseed can be processed at planned processing plant in nearby area
 Algae ponds

Hydroelectric



Irrigation Pipes with 650' Elevation Change



Generation Potential

 Use of irrigation pipes as penstocks can generate 60% of electrical load
 100% of electrical load can be supplied with additional run-of-river installations with less than 20% of stream-flow diversion.

Promising Results

 Wood-fired district heating systems can enable new businesses such as commercial greenhouses, and lower energy bills for existing and planned buildings.

 Hydro electric generation can create energy sovereignty.

 Off-grid land assignments can be used without power line extensions.

