Pueblo of Jemez Solar Project November 17, 2008

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Federally-recognized Tribe 45 Miles NW of Albuquerque, NM

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as occupied the Jemez Valley for over 800

years. 2,200 Tribal members in village 3,000 Tribal members total.

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Project In a Nutshell...

- Generate 3 MW of solar power using Emcore concentrating PV and Sharp single axis flat plate PV.
- Feed power to Jemez Mountains Electrical Cooperative system on 14.4 kV Distribution Line.
- Sell the power and Renewable Energy Credits to either Los Alamos County Utility or PNM (talking to both).
- Profit from power/REC sales go to Pueblo for much needed infrastructure improvements and community services.

Innovation meets Invention.

Generation 2 CPV Array

PRODUCT INFORMATION >

Our proven solar power technology and continued photovoltaic research and development, underscores the commitment we've made to bring low-cost sources of alternative energy to countries around the world.

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Emcore, Inc.

- 25 kWh Array
- 30 x 50 ft. array weighs 9 tons
- Need 100 Arrays and 25 acres to generate 2.5 Megawatts
- Parts designed and built in Albuquerque
- Comes with 25 year guarantee
- Only maintenance is washing and motor lubrication 4 times/year



- Single Axis Flat Plate Solar Panel
 - More efficient on cloudy days
 - Lighter weight means better choice for problem soils
 - Low maintenance washing.

Site Issues...

30 acres needed to generate 3MW

The Bad:

- Difficult to find flat, unobstructed location in narrow valley
- Jemez land dense with archeological resources that must be protected.
- Soils vary from gravely sand to heavy clays making foundation design critical.

The Good:

- 2 powerlines to choose from for interconnection
- Ready and willing power purchasers to whom power could be wheeled
- Easy access off major state highway.
- Availability of local labor and material resources for site prep.



Proposed 30 acres of buildable area.



Looking northeast from atop the mesita across main portion of solar site.

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- 2. Identify transmission interconnection point
- 3. Identify potential power buyers
- 4. Get a bank to agree to finance the project (very difficult)
- 5. Form a corporation to operate the project
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 - b) Site Survey
 - c) Environmental Clearances
 - d) Site Engineering (is the site suitable for the project?)
 - e) Lease (must be approved by BIA)
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Developing a Renewable Energy Project on Tribal Land in 14 Easy Steps...

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Where are we now...?



Easier said than done!

Project Financing

- Finance model developed by Red Mountain Tribal Energy, Phoenix, AZ.
- Combines debt financing with equity provided by two federal tax credit programs:
 - Investment Tax Credit (30% tax credit for bank)
 - New Market Tax Credit (39% tax credit over 7 years for qualified NMTC provider)
- Tax credit/equity reduces the amount of debt needed to finance project.
- Only way project is economically feasible since the lower debt allows project to sell power at an attractive price.

Project Financing

- Get as Much Free Stuff as You Can!
- We secured grant funding from DOE and State of New Mexico to develop project and defray costs.
- Many grant programs available from DOE, USDA, other fed agencies.
- Merrick Engineering providing free engineering design services
 - Through special program developed by National Nuclear Security Administration that requires its contractors to provide community outreach services.
 - Look for large federal facilities near your location to see if a similar program exists there.
- Renewable energy equipment providers may provide some engineering services to facilitate purchase of their equipment for your project.

Project Benefits

- Environmental Benefits:
 - A coal-fired power plant emits 2,249 lbs. of CO2 gas per MW hour.
 - The Jemez 3MW solar project would generate 3MW of renewable energy at any given point in time while in full operating mode.
 - This rate of generation would offset 6,747 lbs. of CO2 per hour that would otherwise have been generated by coal-fired power plants.
 - Operating eight hours per day for one year, the project would offset 9,850 tons of CO2.
 - Over the twenty-year service life of the equipment, the project will offset over 197,012 tons of CO2.

Fiscal/Social Benefits:

- Provide sustainable, profitable revenue stream to Pueblo.
- Could improve major water/wastewater infrastructure problems at the Pueblo
- Creates success story for Jemez which provides leverage in State legislature for future economic development projects
- Creates track record for Pueblo as a competent renewable energy project developer leading to additional solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass projects.

Thanks!