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Ms. Teresa Knutson  
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5665 Morgan Mill Road  
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RE: Gabbs Valley and Dead Horse Wells Geothermal Exploration Project

Dear Ms. Knutson:

Ormat Nevada, Inc. (Ormat) has proposed the Gabbs Valley and Dead Horse Wells Geothermal Exploration Projects within Mineral and Nye Counties, Nevada. Ormat has previously submitted Operations Plans, Notice(s) of Intent (NOIs) and an Environmental Assessment (EA). Comments on the EA were received and the EA was revised in response. Revisions to the EA and changes in the Project Description have necessitated revisions to the submitted Operations Plan and NOIs.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Gabbs Valley Revised Operations Plan (for the drilling and testing of observation and exploration well drilling and access road construction, as appropriate, within the Gabbs Valley Project Area);
2. Gabbs Valley Revised Notice of Intent (for the drilling of temperature gradient holes and access road construction, as appropriate, within the Gabbs Valley Project Area);
3. Dead Horse Wells Revised Operations Plan (for the drilling and testing of observation and exploration well drilling and access road construction, as appropriate, within the Dead Horse Wells Project Area);
4. **Dead Horse Wells Revised Notice of Intent** (for the drilling of temperature gradient holes and access road construction, as appropriate, within the Dead Horse Wells Project Area);
5. Gabbs Valley and Dead Horse Wells Revised EA (revised in response to BLM comment);
  - a. As a MS Word document showing "tracked" changes;
  - b. As a compiled PDF, which is a "clean" version ("tracked" changes accepted) and contains all figures and appendices
6. "Responses to Comments" (all EA comments received were compiled in one MS Word document, each comment receiving a response); and
7. A cd containing all of the above mentioned documents.

Please contact either me at the number below, or Scott Kessler of Ormat (775.356.9028), should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

  
Heather Altman  
Senior Environmental Specialist

Encl.

cc: • Desna Young, BLM, Stillwater Field Office  
David Parker, BLM, Stillwater Field Office  
Scott Kessler, Environmental Management Associates, Inc.