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GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION PROGRAM FOR WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Williams Air Force Base comprises approximately six square miles in southeastern Maricopa County, Arizona. The base is located thirty miles S.45°E. of Phoenix, Arizona.

The major exploration constraint is to locate geothermal energy on the base; namely, the production and reinjection wells must be situated on the base. Maximum utilization and development of the land within the boundaries of the base by the Air Force greatly limits areas where the wells may be sited.

Geothermal Kinetics, Inc. drilled two wells, GKI #1 in the NE¼ of the SE¼, Section 1, T25, R6E, and GKI #2 in the SE¼ of the NE¼, Section 1, T25, R6E (see accompanying map) about 2,000 feet off the base to the southwest. The wells, drilled to depths of approximately 9,200 and 10,400 feet respectively, encountered high temperatures at depth, between 150°C and 200°C, with an apparently producing reservoir.

Temperature logs furnished by GKI inidcate that temperatures in excess of 100°C can be expected below depths of 7,000 feet (2134 m). However, the major heat zone, +150°C, appears to be in the vicinity of 10,000 feet (3048 m) and is also coupled with a probably producing reservoir. Geothermal Kinetics, Inc. did considerable exploration prior to siting their wells.

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It is recommended that no additional exploration work for geothermal energy be conducted at Williams Air Force Base. It is recommended that no slim hole tests be drilled at Williams Air Force Base.

The constraints on the exploration program discussed above dictate that the primary production well, WP-1, be sited as reasonably close to GKI's holes as possible.

The energy and reservoir will either be there, or they won't. No amount of exploration will show fracture porosity in a dacite volcanic sheet at 10,000 feet. GKI's nearby holes strongly infer that temperatures suitable for electrical generation will be encountered at depths of 10,000 to 10,500 feet.

WP-2 has been located as near as possible to the area of use to reduce pipe transmission costs. Again, the geothermal energy and reservoir will either be there, or they won't.

The reinjection well, WR-1, has been located as far from the production wells as possible to prevent contamination of the hot reservoir by the cooler reinjection fluid.

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5 mile radius of center of base Volcanic Sequence 5% Porosity Assume specific yield of 0.5%

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