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Country-by-Country Incentives and Hindrances for Geothermal Energy

A seminar presented by DOE/EERE's Office of Planning, Budget, and Analysis and NREL's Strategic Energy Analysis Center

Martin Piszczalski
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Thursday, August 13, 2009

10 – 11 a.m. (Golden, Colo.)

Noon – 1 p.m. (Washington, D.C.)

(The seminar is also offered via conference call or Internet conferencing.

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Martin Piszczalski

The rate of development for geothermal power depends heavily on government actions. The United States and many other countries are actively seeking ways to encourage more geothermal development in their respective countries, and countries worldwide are effectively competing with one another to attract capital to fund their respective geothermal projects. The developers' view of government, on the other hand, can range from partner to hostile force. This characterization depends on government incentives, laws, and regulations. Governments can own much of the power sector, define the market rules for competition, and effectively set the pace and cost of project development. Countries also vary enormously in the quality and quantity of their geothermal resources. However, government policies rather than geological or monetary wealth can still have the greater impact. This talk by Martin Piszczalski, of Sextant Research, will highlight some of the key parameters of geothermal energy as well as identify risks and mitigations by stage of development. It also will suggest how governments can most effectively participate and encourage geothermal development in their respective countries.

Martin Piszczalski is a specialist in the business development of geothermal energy. His work has included compiling a portfolio of greenfield, geothermal resources that includes financing, exploration/prospecting, and land control. He also has worked on transmission and environmental issues as well as partnerships and competitor analyses. His most recent work has been to evaluate public-private partnerships (PPP) in geothermal. Piszczalski heads his own firm, Sextant Research based in Boulder, Colorado. In addition, he has been an industry analyst for the Yankee Group and Gartner. Prior to that, he was a professor at the University of Michigan's Business School and Engineering College. He also has participated in the university's Ford School of Public Policy. He has a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Michigan.

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