

St. Kitts & Nevis

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Country Vision

- Project offers opportunity to develop energy policy, integrated across both islands
- Transmission between the islands is necessary
- Vision of lower cost to public
- Time frame of 3-4 years is realistic

Utility Planning

- Understand it may take two years before potential of geothermal is known
- Start feasibility study for submarine link between SK & Nevis
- Utilities (both SK & NEV) can integrate the geothermal potential in their expansion plans
- Could share a base supply of 10MW

Why No Geothermal Dev't to-date? -- Barriers

- Lack of common understanding/knowledge of geothermal potential
- Lack of technical expertise and financial means
- Lack of institutional capacity, e.g legal and administration, to handle development

Next Steps

- Federal Gov't and Nevis Administration need to commit to joint development of Geothermal
- Introduce needed legislation (one stop legisl.), start to build institutional capacity
- Start public information: Programs in local schools, involve university students in project.
- Utilities and National Planning set up a joint working group for Policy, submarine connection and geothermal dev't plan.

Public Awareness

- Existing awareness is minimal
- Sustained and Comprehensive Public education and outreach program is needed for schools, public functionaries, and public at large

Local Organization

- Identify a local champion, and form small committee of key stakeholders: utilities, legal, development planning, water dept.
- Introduce effective coordination on geothermal issues between the Planning agencies on both islands.

Mechanisms for Regional Coordination

- Regular meetings of the country focal points with project execution agency
- Web site for the project
- List-serves for sub-teams (legal, technical, etc)
- Advance planning of activities in each island