

# Geothermal The Foundation of Sustainable Economic Success for All

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SPOTLIGHTING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY



#### Sustainability



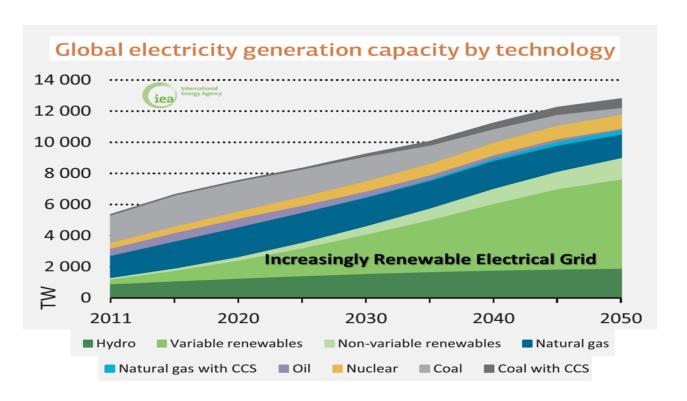
#### Renewables



#### Confusion



### Clarity



#### Confirmation

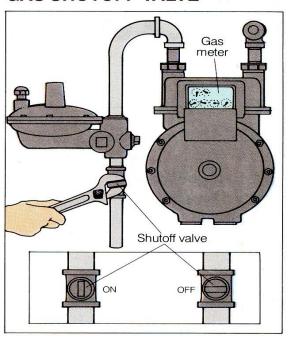


#### Transition to Reduce GHG Emissions



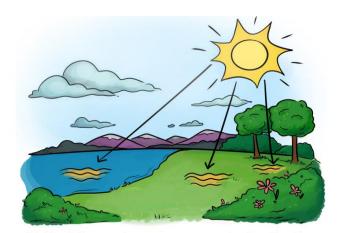
#### Reducing GHG = Reducing Gas Usage

#### **GAS SHUTOFF VALVE**



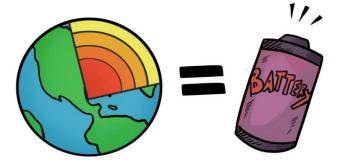


### Other Energy Sources?

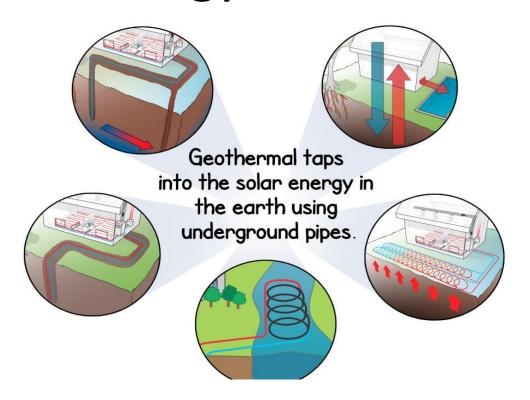


Half of the sun's energy goes into the Earth.

Earth stores solar energy, like a battery stores electric energy

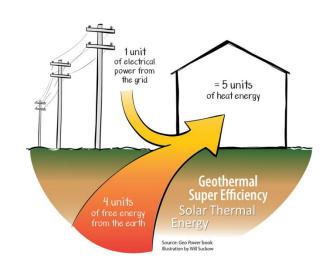


### Solar Energy from the Earth

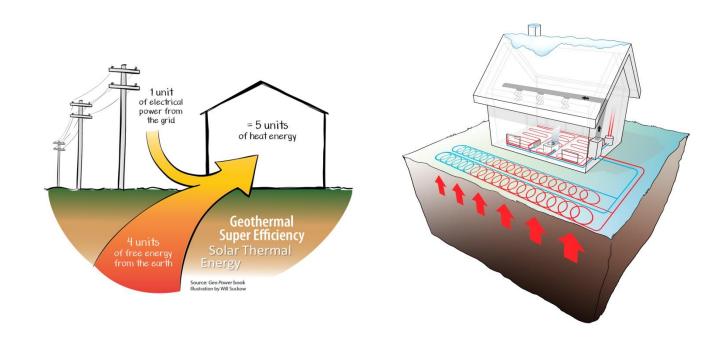


### Without Any "Source" Pipeline



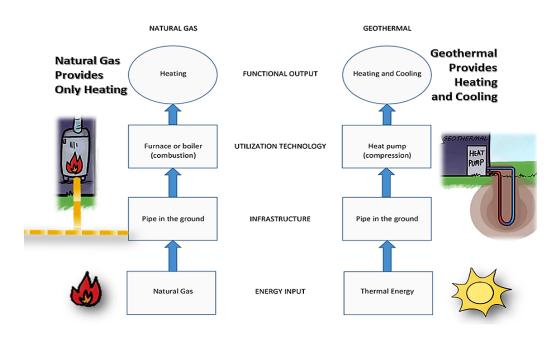


### ...Or, a "Geothermal Heat Pump"



#### The Logic Behind It:

Simplified Schematic View of Geothermal vs. Natural Gas for Heating and Cooling Systems



#### But, "...we have a problem..."



#### "How do we get from here to there?"



## With the help of a lot of dedicated folks; From Canada to the US and beyond





#### **Countless Others**

 OGA, HRAI, Enbridge, GEO, IGSHPA

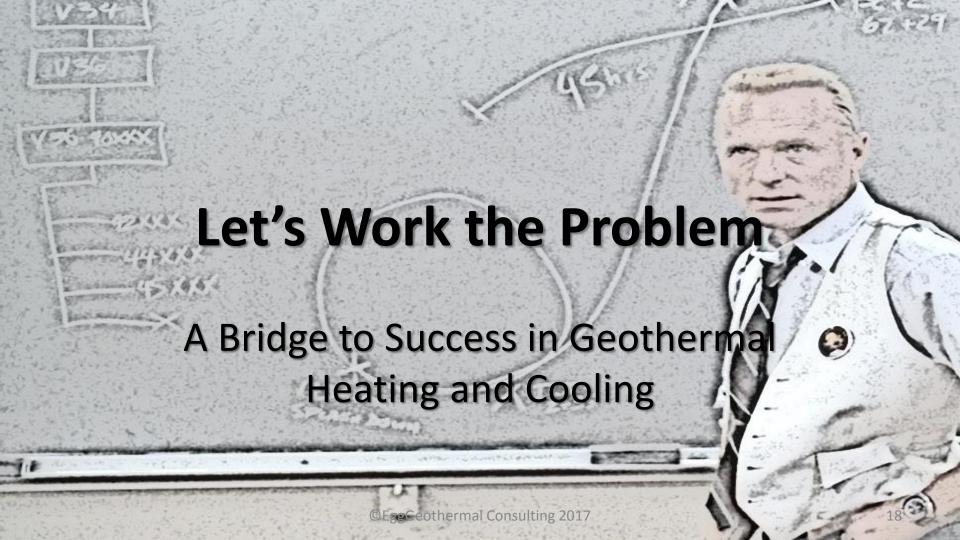






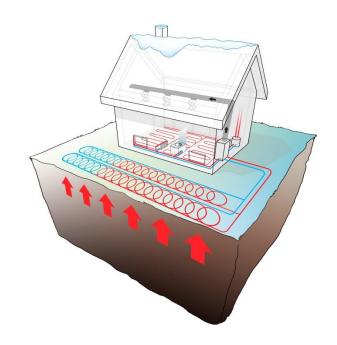






# The Problem: Acceptance of the Geothermal Concept

- Geothermal is not shiny
- Try to explain geothermal, and most will not have the patience to comprehend it
- "What we have now works just fine"
- We are creatures of habit, and won't act on it...
- ...no matter how much it saves



### Geothermal is not "Shiny" to Folks

Solar is Shiny...



What did you say about the geo...what; where?

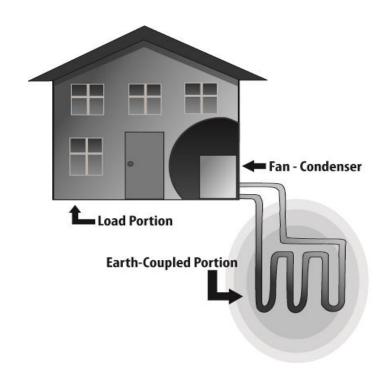


Geothermal; It's either this...

...or this

#### ...so, the Earth is ....





...you lost me.

### You say, "Flames are Bad?"





...greenhouse gases? reduce? how?

#### What I have Works Just Fine.



#### Geo is "Mysterious and Technical"

- For millennia, society has been telling "fire-side" stories
- Society does not think "fire" is bad; they don't even know their furnace uses a flame to make heat.
- Out of sight, out of mind

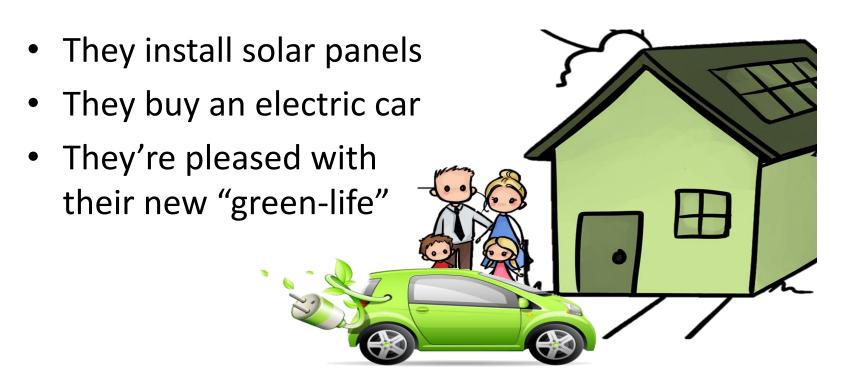


#### We Need a New Story

- This is Greg and Jill
- They have a home and kids
- They like shiny and trendy things
- They like shiny green things like solar panels, windmills, and electric cars



#### Greg and Jill Go "Green"



Greg and Jill find out Natural Gas is "bad"; it creates GHG emissions

They attend a town meeting

- They learn about the Climate Action Plan
- They hear that their NG bill will go up
- They realize NG is not the best choice anymore



# Greg and Jill realize that most homes and businesses use "fire" to heat

 They become concerned about combustion in their home

 They don't want to make more greenhouse gasses

 All their neighbors are talking about GHG emissions

What can they do?



### Greg and Jill discover that an "allelectric" home is greenest

 After hearing the experts, they learn that an all electric home wins the contest

 All electric is safe, dependable and green

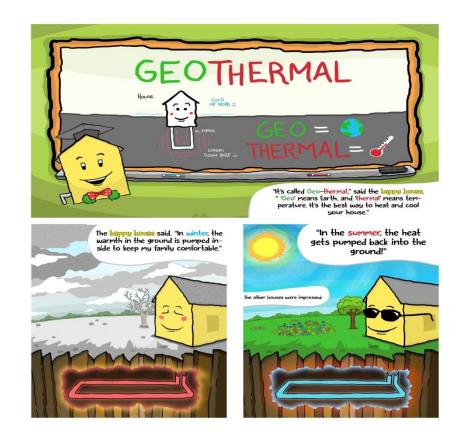
 They want to be safe and green like their neighbors



#### Greg and Jill learn about geothermal

#### heat pumps

- Just like a water-pump is used to "pump" water up into a building...
- A geothermal system "pumps" solar heat stored in the ground "up" into their home
- It "pumps heat" in or out of the home, depending on summer or winter weather conditions



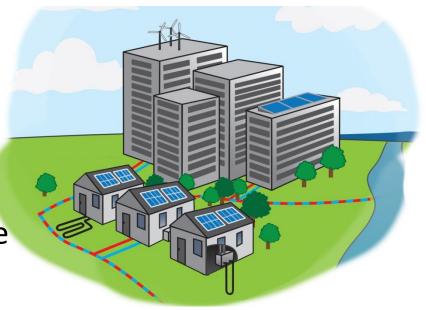
# Greg and Jill learn that a geothermal ground loop is "pricey"

- Like other permanent home features, a groundloop is expensive
- Too expensive for them
- They would have to cut costs somewhere
- They're not happy that it costs so much to "gogreen"



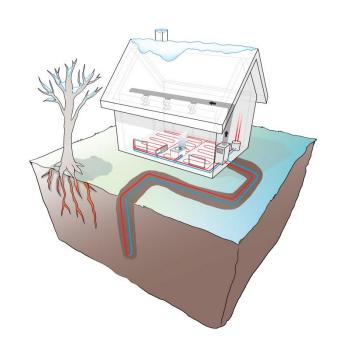
# Greg and Jill get good news from their energy utility

- The local energy utility is offering free geothermal loop hook-ups, with a monthly service charges
- The government is offering incentives for the geothermal heat pump inside the home



#### Greg and Jill now have choices

- They pick the best choice to meet their needs and their bank account
- They save money each month
- Their geothermal heat pump heats and cools their home better than ever
- It heats the hot water tank, too



# Greg and Jill have no GHG emissions from their home anymore

 Well, almost none; they still like to barbeque outside on the propane \* grill sometimes...

...and that's probably

OK!



#### Thank You

