

# Case Study: Frito Lay Headquarters

Plano, Texas

## **Features:**

- Solar water-heating appliance provides **immediate savings** on electric costs
- 25-year lifetime of the appliance
- Solar energy delivered –
  First year: 87,000 kWh
  Design capacity: 121,000 kWh
- **Expandable design** allows facility to accommodate larger water loads in the future and further reduce energy costs. Expansion to fitness center in 2009
- **Retrofit design** plumbs into existing electric hot-water tanks. Existing tanks act as back-up to ensure hot water is always available
- Freeze protection allows appliance to run year-round (40% glycol mixture)
- **Differential controller** turns pump on and off according to temperature differential across the collector array
- 5-year payback expected after first year of operation results with an annual solar fraction of 65%



Name of Property: Location: Age of Building: Type of Property: Operation: Displaced Fuel: Roof Type: Solar Water Uses:

# Frito Lay Headquarters

Plano, Texas 25 years Office Year-round Electricity Flat roof

- Potable water
- · Fitness center
- Onsite laundry facilities
- Kitchen
- Dishwashing

# **Application Configuration:**

Solar Array: Racking: System Flow Rate: Energy Terminal: 4 modules of 11 collectors each

C-channel racks at 32° angle mounted on I beams Approximately 11 US gallon (39 L)/min.

- 88 kW peak capacity
- 2" (50 mm) piping
- Commercial brazed-plate copper primary heat exchanger
- Differential controller

Remote Monitoring: • Fat Spaniel web-b

Fat Spaniel web-based monitoring for real time performance data

### **Assumptions for Simulation:**

121,000 kWh/yr of solar energy Lifetime of appliance: 25 years 1000 gals. solar hot water storage 120°F supply temperature



