



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and a Notice of Wetland Action based on the adoption of a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Environmental Assessment (EA) that described and evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with the:

**Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC's
Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project
Cobscook Bay in Washington County, Maine (DOE/EA 1916)**

Based on an independent review of the FERC EA, DOE's Golden Field Office has determined that authorizing the expenditure of federal funding to ORPC Maine build, install, operate, and monitor a commercial-scale array of five grid-connected TidGen™ hydrokinetic energy conversion devices on the sea floor in Cobscook Bay does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA). Therefore the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required and DOE hereby Adopts FERC's Environmental Assessment for Hydropower License (FERC Project No. 12711-005) for the Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project.

The official FERC Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project Final EA, FERC Pilot Project License and DOE FONSI are publically available at:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/NEPA_FEA_FONSI.aspx