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## **ORPC and Perry Marine & Construction Execute Agreement to Bring More Tidal Energy Jobs to Washington County**

On November 30, 2010, officials of Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC) and Perry Marine & Construction (PMC) signed an agreement for PMC to provide construction management and assembly services for ORPC's TidGen™ Power System to be installed in two phases over the next two years in the Eastport and Lubec, Maine region.

"Over the last few years, ORPC has benefited hugely from employing hard working people in Washington County, and our priority is to continue to draw on local talent as we expand our tidal energy activities. We also want to prepare students in the region for jobs in the tidal energy industry that is growing up in their own backyards," said Chris Sauer, President & CEO of ORPC. Under their agreement, PMC is committed to utilizing local labor and contractors, as well as involving students from area schools and colleges such as Husson University's Boat School in Eastport and Washington County Community College in Calais, to carry out its work for ORPC.

PMC will be ORPC's construction manager and will provide the assembly, pre-deployment testing and deployment services needed by ORPC and, potentially, other marine-based projects in the region. The fabrication of ORPC's power system components will be done on a competitive bid basis. "We are delighted to be partnering with ORPC to advance their tidal energy mission and to be a significant contributor to the successful installation of this unique and very important project," said Eldon Morrison, President of PMC.

PMC will purchase or lease a property at a location featuring deep-water ocean access within reasonable proximity to ORPC's TidGen™ Project site. PMC will also permit, design and build an appropriate facility at this site in order to provide services to ORPC.

PMC is a joint venture of Morrison Manufacturing Inc. (MMI) of Perry, Maine, and CPM Constructors of Freeport, Maine. CPM and MMI were founded in 1985 and 1996 respectively by Perry natives Eldon Morrison and Gerald Morrison. Both companies are Maine-based general contractors with expertise in marine work, fabrication, and construction. "I have lived and worked in Perry all my life. This project with ORPC will be a great opportunity for local businesses and a great benefit for the local economy," said Gerald Morrison, President of MMI.

ORPC is a Maine-based developer of proprietary power systems and projects that convert tidal, river and deep-water ocean currents into clean, reliable and economic sources of renewable electricity. Fostering strong community relationships is a core value of ORPC's, and is central to the company's vision for long-term success of the tidal energy industry in the region.

ORPC's Eastport operations office has grown to a staff of five full-time employees. ORPC has contracted with nearly two-dozen Washington County contractors since the company began its project development and testing activities in Maine in 2006 and has pumped more than \$2 million dollars into the Downeast economy.

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