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Portland Welcomes the *Energy Tide 2* and Beta TidGen™ Power System

*America's largest ocean energy device makes inaugural visit
to southern Maine for international conference*

On Monday, June 13 at 11 a.m., Portland Mayor Nicholas Mavodones will officially welcome the *Energy Tide 2*, Ocean Renewable Power Company's world-class tidal research vessel, to the City of Portland at the Maine State Pier. Onboard the *Energy Tide 2* will be the company's Beta TidGen™ Power System, the largest ocean energy device ever deployed in the United States. Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the State of Maine, the City of Eastport, McAllister Towing, and Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC) will join the mayor in welcoming the *Energy Tide 2*.

The *Energy Tide 2* and the Beta TidGen™ Power System are visiting Portland from the Eastport area for the EnergyOcean International Conference, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, June 14-16. ORPC's Beta TidGen™ Power System is a turbine generator-based system that works on the same principle as a paddle wheel, using the force of moving water to turn the turbine foils and power an underwater generator attached to

the turbines. ORPC had the *Energy Tide 2* specially built to deploy, monitor and test the Beta TidGen™ System in Cobscook Bay, off the coast of Eastport and Lubec, Maine, from August to mid-December 2010. During that time, the system met or exceeded all of ORPC's performance expectations, successfully generating grid-compatible power over an extended period. Later this year, ORPC expects to install its first grid-connected TidGen™ Power System at the same Cobscook Bay project site.

"Portland is proud to be the home of ORPC's company headquarters, and we join with Eastport today to welcome the *Energy Tide 2* and Beta TidGen™ Power System," said Mayor Mavodones. "As we look to the future, Portland and the State of Maine need to embrace innovative technologies that can produce clean, renewable energy. Today, we can see what the forefront of this industry looks like." ORPC has 15 full-time employees in Portland and another five at its Eastport operations center. Because ORPC uses local skills and materials whenever possible, its economic impact across the state of Maine has been both positive and significant. Over the past four years, the company's projects have pumped more than 8 million dollars into the Maine economy, and have created or retained more than 100 jobs.

Established in 2004, ORPC has quickly become an international industry leader in tidal, river and deep-water ocean current power generation technology and projects. ORPC power systems create zero-emission electricity by harnessing tidal and river energy. For more information, visit the company's website at <http://www.orpc.co>.

What: Portland welcomes ORPC's *Energy Tide 2* and Beta TidGen™ Power System

When: Monday, June 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Maine State Pier, at the berth beside McAllister Towing, near Commercial & Franklin Streets. Enter at the Portland Ocean Terminal at Commercial & Franklin Streets.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS

What: View the *Energy Tide 2* and the Beta TidGen™ Power System from the water

When: Monday, June 13, 2011, 11:30 a.m. *sharp*

Where: Aboard the *Fish Hawk* from Gate 2, Long Wharf, 170 Commercial St., Portland (Long Wharf leads to DiMillo's Restaurant from Commercial St.)

Contact: On Day of Event: Jaime Mitchell, ORPC, cell 207-233-8262.

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