

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:*

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

Policy Justification

Egypt—Co-Production of M1A1 Abrams Tank

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale that includes 125 M1A1 Abrams tank kits for co-production, 125 M256 Armament Systems, 125 M2 .50 caliber machine guns, 250 M240 7.62mm machine guns, 125 AGT-1500 M1A1 series tank engines and transmissions, 120mm test cartridges, spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, special tool and test equipment, personnel training and equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. Articles may be provided in furtherance of a co-production agreement. The estimated cost is \$1.329 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The additional M1A1 tanks will provide Egypt with a modern tank fleet, enhancing its capability to meet current and future threats. This will contribute to Egypt's goal to update its military capability while further enhancing interoperability between Egypt, the U.S., and other allies. Egypt, which has co-produced the M1A1 Abrams tank, will have no difficulty absorbing the additional tanks.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be General Dynamics in Sterling Heights, Michigan, Honeywell International Incorporated in Phoenix, Arizona, and Allison Transmission Motors in Indianapolis, Indiana. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately 4 U.S. government and 35 contractor representatives for up to three years in Egypt to manage this production and fielding program.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 10-67

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The M1A1 Thermal Imaging System (TIS) 2nd Generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) constitutes a target acquisition system which, when operated with other tank systems, gives the tank crew a substantial advantage over a potential threat. The TIS provides the M1A1 crew with the ability to effectively aim and fire the tank main armament system under a broad range of adverse battlefield conditions. The hardware itself is Unclassified. The engineering design and manufacturing data associated with the detector and infrared (IR) optics and coatings are considered sensitive. The technical data package is Unclassified with exception of the specifications for target acquisition range (Confidential), nuclear hardening (Confidential, restricted data), and laser hardening (Secret).

2. The M1A1 Tank Special Armor and other special armors used in the hull and turret are classified at the Secret level. Major components of special armor are fabricated in sealed modules and in serialized removable subassemblies. Special armor components and associated vulnerability data for both chemical and kinetic energy rounds are classified Secret.

3. Most of the components of the training ammunition are not considered to be sensitive material or technology. These rounds could be reverse engineered given sufficiently capable analysis. Technical information available from testing and analysis of this ammunition could form the basis of research to develop more capable rounds.

4. The use of the Advanced Gas Turbine-1500 (AGT-1500) Gas Turbine Propulsion System in the M1A1 is a unique application of armored vehicle power-pack technology. The hardware is composed of the AGT-1500 engine and transmission, and is Unclassified. Manufacturing processes associated with the production of turbine blades, recuperator, bearings and shafts, and hydrostatic pump and motor, are proprietary and therefore commercially competition sensitive.

5. A major survivability feature of the Abrams tank is the compartmentalization of fuel and ammunition. Compartmentalization is the positive separation of the crew and

critical components from combustible materials. In the event that the fuel or ammunition is ignited or deteriorated by an incoming threat round, the crew is fully protected by the compartmentalization. Sensitive information includes the performance of the ammunition compartments as well as the compartment design parameters.

6. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Final Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact for a Programmatic Environmental Assessment Implementing a Wind Energy Program at Marine Forces Reserve Facilities Located Across the United States

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) Implementing a Wind Energy Program at Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) Facilities Located Across the United States.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 United States Code 4321, and the Marine Corps NEPA directive (Marine Corps Order P5090.2A), the Department of the Navy gives final notice that the FONSI for the PEA implementing the MARFORRES Wind Energy Program will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 4321 and 40 CFR 1501.4(e)(2), a preliminary FONSI for this action was published in the April 18, 2011 **Federal Register** (76 FR Page 21712). No comments were received regarding the preliminary FONSI. MARFORRES has reviewed the conclusion of the PEA, and agrees with the finding of no significant impact. This notice serves as the Final FONSI for the PEA implementing the MARFORRES Wind Energy Program. The preliminary FONSI and the PEA are adopted in final with no change.

Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. Site-specific, focused Environmental Assessments (EA's) will be tiered from the PEA to evaluate site-specific impacts at individual MARFORRES facilities identified as having the potential for the development of wind energy.

DATES: Effective date: These findings are effective as of July 12, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alain D. Flexer, Energy Manager, Marine Forces Reserve, 2000 Opelousas, New Orleans, LA 70146, 504-697-9571; (this is not a toll-free number).

Dated: July 12, 2011.

L.M. Senay,
Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps,
U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12711-003]

Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC; Notice Concluding Pre-Filing Process and Approving Process Plan And Schedule

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File Application for License for a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project.
- b. *Project No.:* 12711-003.
- c. *Dated Filed:* July 24, 2009.
- d. *Submitted By:* Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC.

- e. *Name of Project:* Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project.
- f. *Location:* In Cobscook Bay, in Washington County, Maine. The project would not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Christopher R. Sauer, Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC, 120 Exchange Street, Suite 508, Portland, Maine 04101, (207) 772-7707.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Konnert (202) 502-6359.
- j. Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC (ORPC) has filed with the Commission: (1) A notice of intent (NOI) to file an application for a pilot hydrokinetic hydropower project and a draft license application with monitoring plans; (2) a request for waivers of certain Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) regulations necessary for expedited processing of a license application for a hydrokinetic pilot project; (3) a proposed process plan and schedule; and (4) a request to be designated as the non-federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act consultation and for section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act.
- k. A notice was issued on August 7, 2009, soliciting comments on the draft license application from agencies and stakeholders. Comments were filed by federal and state agencies, and non-governmental organizations. No comments were filed opposing the request to waive the ILP regulations or the proposed process plan and schedule.

- l. ORPC was designated as the non-federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act consultation and for section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act on August 7, 2009.
- m. ORPC proposes a two-phased development approach for the Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project. The project would consist of: (1) A single 5-meter-diameter axial flow Kinetic System turbine generator unit (TGU) mounted on a triframe mount, with a rated capacity of 60 kilowatts (kW), in Phase 1; (2) four 5-meter-diameter axial flow Kinetic System TGUs mounted on triframe mounts, with a rated capacity of 60 kW each, in Phase 2; (3) a direct current power and data cable approximately 3,800 feet long (3,600 feet underwater and 200 feet on shore) extending from the TGUs to the onshore station house; (4) an on-shore building 32 feet wide by 35 feet long, housing the SatCon power inverter and the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; and (5) appurtenant facilities for navigation safety and operation. The project would have a total rated capacity of 300 kW, with an estimated annual generation between 1,200,000 and 1,300,000 kilowatt-hours.
- n. The pre-filing process has been concluded and the requisite regulations have been waived such that the process and schedule indicated below can be implemented.
- o. Post-filing process schedule. The post-filing process will be conducted pursuant to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as needed.

Milestones	Dates
Final license application expected	August 31, 2011.
Issue notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis and request for interventions	September 15, 2011.
Issue biological assessment	September 15, 2011.
Recommendations, conditions, comments and interventions due	October 15, 2011.
Issue notice of availability of environmental assessment	December 14, 2011.
Comments due and 10(j) resolution, if needed	January 13, 2011.

p. Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: July 12, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires

Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any