Unsolicited Research Lease Request: Pacific Marine Energy Center

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# NNMREC-OSU's Unsolicited Research Lease Request

Pacific Marine Energy Center – South Energy Test Site

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# Introduction to PMEC – SETS

Pacific Marine Energy Center – South Energy Test Site NNMREC-OSU, Corvallis, OR

#### **Project Highlights:**

- 4 test berths
- Research & test MHK technology
- Grid connected
- No offshore construction
  - Use existing pier facilities
  - Potential phased installation
- Power Purchaser: TBD
- Install in 2015/6

Sile Characteristics	
Location	Oregon, Federal Waters
Number of Test Berths	4
Capacity	~10 MW
Deployed Devices	10 (max)
Depth	58-75 m
Distance from Shore	~5 NM

Site Characteristics





### Lease Area Blocks

Protraction Newport Valley NL 10 – 10, Salem NL 10 - 11 ▶~21,000 acres, or ~34 square miles  $\triangleright$ OCS lease blocks 6481, 6451, 6531 and portions of OCS lease block 6501





## General Schedule of Proposed Activities

The following timelines are subject to BOEM's regulatory process and task force deliberation

June 2013 – Submits unsolicited lease request to BOEM

Summer 2013 – BOEM publishes Request for Competitive Interest, public comment period

Fall 2013 – Determination of Competitive Interest/No Competitive Interest. If noncompetitive determination is rendered, NNMREC-OSU has 60 days to submit a Site Assessment Plan (SAP); applicant submits a Preliminary Application Document (PAD) to FERC

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- Spring 2014 Applicant refines final design and submits draft FERC License Application; FERC & BOEM begin joint NEPA analysis
- > Fall 2014 Applicant submits final FERC License Application
- 2015/6 Construction begins; phased installation of anchoring systems prior to installing MHK test devices
- 2016 Operations begin

## **Data and Information**

- Feasibility Study for a Grid Connected Pacific Marine Energy Center, Pacific Energy Ventures, 2011
- Ecological Effects of wave energy in the Pacific Northwest, NOAA, 2008
- Pacific Fisheries Management Council Management Plans for groundfish, pelagic species, and salmon, 2010
- Monitoring Studies at Yaquina Bay Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites, USACE, 2010
- USFWS federally listed, proposed, candidate species & species of concern which may occur in lease area
- Developer will conduct further studies to provide sufficient data for FERC & BOEM environmental reviews and NEPA compliance, such as high-resolution geophysical and geological surveys, geotechnical surveys, archaeological surveys, biological and benthic surveys, etc.

# Questions?

Up next: FERC and BOEM's environmental review process...