

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Oregon State University

Project No. 14616-001

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

(April 23, 2020)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a license to construct and operate a wave energy test facility for the PacWave South Hydrokinetic Project (project) and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). Project facilities would be located on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the Pacific Ocean, in state territorial waters off the coast of Newport, Oregon, and on state and private lands. The project would occupy 2.65 square miles (1,695 acres) on the OCS, administered through a lease by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

In the EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of the project and concludes that issuing a license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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