
Spread the word!! Fall Symposium - October 19th and 10th - St. John's Newfoundland

Online registration is now available for the OREG Fall Symposium. Follow the link on www.oreg.ca/events or register directly at:

<https://secure.housing.mun.ca/oreg/>

For more information on the event please contact Jessica Johnson at oreginfo@telus.net or Chris Campbell at chriscampbell@telus.net

ATTN: OCEAN ENERGY INTERESTS

Spend a moment considering whether the prospect of developments in ocean renewable energy should be a part of your business development plan? While this may not be an immediate opportunity for you, experience with offshore wind in the UK is showing that the "chicken and egg" phenomenon needs to be met through early communication among all the potential players.

A year ago, the Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG) was set up as a sector association to take a lead in efforts to make Canada a player in the fast moving field of wave and tidal current energy production. We published a couple of strategic documents (<http://www.oreg.ca/documents>). We also began building an industry, academic, research and government membership and pushed for a strategic focus by the federal government. We believe that Canada has resource opportunities and other attributes that will allow us to join the leadership efforts being achieved in Europe.

The federal government has now launched an Ocean Energy Working Group which has begun a project destined to create the ocean equivalent of the Canadian Wind Energy Atlas, as well as projects to assess ocean energy technologies, provide an initial environmental screening and look at sector opportunities.

OREG is now involved in a number of research and policy initiatives and continues to build the value chain that will realise the ocean energy opportunity. In order to achieve this opportunity, we believe it is essential to bring together Canadian strengths that extend from research, technology development, ocean technology, marine fabrication and operations, power technology and power project development and financing expertise. We are now canvassing to see who in that broader community has an interest in helping develop the sector.

- Who in your organisation can we develop as the ocean energy contact?
 - What roles and contributions would your company play as the sector develops?
 - Do you want get our Biweekly Email update on progress in ocean energy?
 - Do you want to join us at, or send a delegate to, our Symposium (Oct 19/20, in St John's) for an update on progress and to help map out the Sector Strategic Business Plan?
- (See <http://www.oreg.ca/news/OREGFallSymposium2005/> - Can we interest you in Event Support opportunities?)
- Will you join OREG and help us make the Canadian ocean energy opportunity deliver power production for Canada and export, and export of projects, technology and services? (membership invoice is at www.OREG.ca)
 - If you believe you can generate business and contribute to development of the ocean energy sector, you may wish to register your capability at

http://www.cleanenergy.gc.ca/contact/register_e.asp

CETO wave energy technology device update

"Renewable Energy Holdings plc ("REH"), the AIM quoted investor in, and operator of, existing and innovative renewable energy production, is pleased to announce that its CETO Device prototype, which is designed to capture wave energy, convert such energy into high pressure seawater leading to onshore generation of electricity from existing technology, has in initial operational testing successfully transmitted high pressure seawater to shore at in excess of 500 psi. This pressure is within the design parameters required to generate electricity on-shore using conventional hydro electric power turbines."

http://www.reh-plc.com/news_details.asp?article=207

Narrows currents might yield electricity

"Some day, underwater windmills in the Tacoma Narrows might provide electricity for as many as 10,000 homes. The Narrows is one of seven sites in the United States and Canada selected for a study aimed at determining if the tides can be harnessed to produce power."

<http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/local/story/5082737p-4630866c.html>

BC Alternative Energy and Power Technology Task Force

All interested parties are encouraged to check out the meeting notes:

<http://www.centerforsmartenergy.com/AEPT%20Meeting%20Notes%20627-8.PDF>

We look forward to further involvement but can be encouraged that the early meeting identifies the need for a rework of the BC Energy Plan toward a more aggressive approach to renewables, an approach which addresses longer term cost and security issues and one that results in an integrated approach by government, BC Hydro and the BC Utilities Commission.

If you haven't already registered to be a part of the process, please do so at www.centerforsmartenergy.com/BCPowertechreview.html so that we have your contact information and interests noted.

President Signs Energy Bill

President Bush has signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into law at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The signing of this bill represents the culmination of years of Congressional stalemate over a vast energy policy package, and a central policy goal of the Bush Administration since the president's first term in office.

Ocean energy, a particularly undeveloped technology in the U.S. received a host of policy items to help propel new projects.

<http://renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=35169>
