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31.August.2012 FERC Project No. 12704

Ms Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 202846

Re: Project No. 12704 - ME

Half Moon Cove Tidal Power Project

Tidewalker Associates

Dear Ms. Bose,

Pursuant to Section 5.6 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC"), 18 C.F.R. § 5.6, Tidewalker Associates ("Tidewalker") encloses for filing the Pre-Application Document ("PAD") for the Half Moon Cove Tidal Power Project ("Project"), FERC Project No. 12704. Tidewalker Associates filed an application for a preliminary permit for the proposed Project on 12.April.2010, which the Commission accepted for filing on 17.May.2010. The preliminary permit was issued on 03.December.2010. The proposed project site is located within the area between Cobscook Bay and Passamaquoddy Bay and borders the communities of the Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Reservation, Perry, and Eastport. Concurrently with this filing, but under separate cover, Tidewalker is filing a Notification of Intent ("NOI") to file an application for an original license for the Project, a request to use the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process, and a request for designation as the Commission's non-federal representative in licensing the project.

The PAD describes the proposed operational, economic, engineering, and environmental information about the proposed Project and provides a characterization of the existing environment based on existing reports, profiles, and studies relevant to the Half Moon Cove site. The PAD also provides an assessment on potential environmental impacts to the Project's natural resources as mandated by 18 CFR § 5.6.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.6(a)(1) of FERC's regulations, Tidewalker is providing a copy of the PAD to appropriate federal and state resource agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in proceedings, as set forth in the attached distribution list. Tidewalker will provide a hard copy of the PAD to FERC staff in the Office of Energy Projects and Office of General Counsel – Energy Projects as required by FERC's filing guidelines. A hard copy will be placed at the Peavey Memorial Library in Eastport, Water Street.

A copy of the PAD and accompanying documents / correspondence will be placed on our website at: www://mainetidalpower.com.

Tidewalker is committed to the process and will work with the Commission, agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, and members of the public on project licensing. Any questions should be addressed to the individual listed below.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing document to be served upon each person listed below:

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City of Eastport c/o Jon Southern, City Manager 78 High Street Eastport, Maine 04631

Town of Perry c/o Karen Raye, Chairperson of Board of Selectmen 898 U.S. Route 1, P.O. Box 430 Perry, ME 04667

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