March 31, 2009

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1-A
Washington, DC  20426

VIA E-FILING

Re: Nenana OCGen™ River TGU Power Project (P-13233)
Progress Report No. 1

Dear Ms. Bose:

On October 21, 2008, ORPC Alaska, LLC (ORPC) was issued a preliminary permit for the Nenana OCGen™ River TGU Power Project (P-13233-000) located in the Tanana River, within the Unorganized Borough of Yukon-Koyukuk, near Nenana Alaska. The Schedule of Activities (December 1, 2008) was filed in accordance with Paragraphs (C) of the Director’s Order issuing the preliminary permit.

ORPC submits the following progress report in compliance with Article 4 of the permit.

**Project Activities**

In October 2008, ORPC, in conjunction with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, retained Terra-Sond to perform an initial ADCP velocity profile of the Tanana River site. The results of this first survey confirmed ORPC’s belief that the Nenana site is suitable as a hydrokinetic power project site.

ORPC began working with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP - a collaborative organization within the University of Alaska system) to further ORPC’s Nenana Project and to assist ACEP in establishing a hydrokinetic device test center at Nenana. ACEP submitted a proposal to the Alaska Energy Authority for a grant under the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund based on ORPC’s OCGen™ River Technology on October 8, 2008 for the funds to further study the Tanana River at the Nenana site for a full year and to test ORPC’s River Turbine Generator Unit (“TGU”). On February 18, 2009, ACEP was awarded a grant equal to approximately 25% of the original request. Since the award occurred three months later than originally scheduled, it
precluded ORPC’s building and testing the River TGU in summer 2009 so ORPC and ACEP are presently developing a joint effort to re-scope the work and schedule. This work will further characterize the site in regards to current velocities throughout the year, provide baseline environmental studies on fish and sedimentation, as well as quantify the frequency and distribution of river debris. In addition, ACEP will work with ORPC to develop an appropriate mooring system and TGU protection system from debris and ice for permanent deployment.

In conjunction with the above activities, ORPC has completed the design and engineering of two (2) River TGUs. One River TGU is designed for smaller remote river applications and can be shipped fully assembled in a standard shipping container to Nenana and other remote areas where free-flowing river resources can provide a reliable energy source. The second River TGU is larger in size and output and is shipped in modular components and assembled in the field. However, with the less-than-expected funding and the delay which precluded a 2009 deployment, ORPC has decided to test the larger beta pre-commercial River TGU at its existing test facilities in Eastport, Maine in the fall of 2009. Following that testing and ACEP’s completion of a full year of studying the river’s natural environment and developing appropriate mooring and protection designs, ORPC plans to build and install at least one River TGU at the Nenana site in 2010.

With this modification to the project timing, ORPC plans to begin agency and stakeholder consultations in the summer 2009 with the goal of submitting a draft Pilot License Application for the Nenana Project in the fall of 2009.

Please contact me at (813) 417-6660 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Christopher R. Sauer
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I will, within the timeframe and means established in 18§C.F.R.385.2010, serve the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

DATED this 31th day of March, 2009.

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