

Legal Regulation of Ocean Energy Systems

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Abstract: This paper will address and expound on a paper I gave previously at the National Academy of Science's Ocean Study Board on applicable legal regulation of ocean energy systems. Currently, ocean energy systems are subject to disparate regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Corps of Engineers and Department of Interior has proposed legislation to take jurisdiction. My paper will give an overview of these systems. My paper will also give developers some background on FERC's system for selling power into the system, a discussion of distributed generation opportunities and laws encouraging DG and also discussion of the renewable portfolios standard. Visit my website at <http://www.his.com/israel/loce> (select "ocean resources) for more information about my ocean regulatory practice.