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### MA Legislature Approves Funding for Tidal Energy Data Transmission



(Marion, MA) MRECo has received word that \$205,000 has been included in the Massachusetts Economic Development Bill to put the BTTs on the grid.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2018/Chapter228>

When the funds are approved and released by the Governor's office, and permits are approved, work will be done to wire the Bourne Tidal Test Site (BTTs) structure to shore to enable turbines and devices to receive shore power and to produce power to the grid. MRECo is in the process of preparing the Draft Pilot License Application required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in order to obtain grid interconnection.

State Senator, Vinny deMacedo was extremely helpful in securing the funds for this innovative project in his district. He stated recently, "I was interested in working with the Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative because of the exciting possibilities associated with renewable energy sources. Working with MRECo has been especially significant due to their ability to attract others in this field with their neutral test site that utilizes the Cape Cod Canal. It is my hope that this approach will lead to the growth of the renewable energy industry in our region which already is home to some of the leading innovators of this technology."

Lieutenant Governor, Karyn Polito's office has been pushing for renewable energy projects and coastal infrastructure investments via the Seaport Economic Council grant program. MRECo is grateful for the vision and long standing commitment that the Baker/Polito Administration has provided to enable MA to become a leader in clean energy innovation.

In addition, MRECo is working with MassMaritime Academy to provide testing capabilities for university researchers and startup companies as well as training opportunities for students. These activities are in concert with making Massachusetts the go-to spot for developing new ocean energy technologies.

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**State Senator Vinny de Macedo, Plymouth and Barnstable Districts** serves in a leadership position as the Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, a key Senate committee which reviews all legislation related to the state's finances as well as other important issues. He is also the Ranking Minority Member on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means where he serves as one of 6 members on the annual Budget Conference Committee. He has been a strong and consistent voice for fiscal responsibility. The Plymouth and Barnstable State Senate District includes the communities of Bourne, Falmouth, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, and Sandwich.

**The New England Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative (MRECo)** is a nonprofit corporation that educates and involves all stakeholders (Academic, industry, governmental/regulatory, and public interest groups) to promote the sustainable development of renewable energy in New England ocean waters. The Bourne Tidal Test Site is located near the railroad bridge in the Cape Cod Canal outside of the navigational channel. [www.mreconewengland.org](http://www.mreconewengland.org)