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**IECRE now welcomes applications for Renewable Energy Test Laboratories (RETLs) with a scope in the IEC TS 62600-200 (Power Performance Assessment of Electricity Producing Tidal Energy Converters)**

The IECRE ME Sector has reached a critical milestone in the development of 3rd party Conformity Assessment deliverables for the Marine Energy industry. Namely, with the approval of IECRE 03 Ed. 2 and OD 300-200 Ed. 1, the ME Sector has established a mechanism for the acceptance of Renewable Energy Test Laboratories (RETLs) with a scope in the IEC TS 62600-200 (Power Performance Assessment of Electricity Producing Tidal Energy Converters). This crucial step in the growth of the Marine Energy industry allows for the issuance of 3rd party, transportable Renewable Energy Test Reports (RETRs) that verify the power curve, among other parameters, for tidal energy devices. This verification is necessary to increase confidence in the industry, specifically in the power performance (i.e. the power curve) of full-scale tidal energy converters at representative sites. The ME Sector has established a 3-year transition period during which those labs with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation may conduct a self-assessment of compliance with their QMS to ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to the requirements of the IECRE Rules and Operational Documents, and to IEC TS 62600-200, to thereby be accepted as a RETL within the IECRE System, and to issue official IECRE test reports. During the transition period, the ME Sector will finalize the rules for peer assessment, including an assessment against ISO/IEC 17025 for those labs without such an accreditation. Interested parties (test laboratories, developers, etc.) are encouraged to contact their Member Body or the IECRE System for additional information.