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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2010

Ameresco, Inc.

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04-3512838	001-34811	Delaware	
(IRS Employer Identification No.)	(Commission File Number)	(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	
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(Zip Code)	Offices)	(Address of Principal Executive O	
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 29, 2010, Ameresco, Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

(d) Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on October 29, 2010

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERESCO, INC.

Date: October 29, 2010 By: /s/ Andrew B. Spence

Andrew B. Spence Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description
Press Release issued by the Company on October 29, 2010 99.1



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Ameresco Reports Third Quarter 2010 Financial Results

Third Quarter 2010 Financial Highlights:

- Third quarter revenues increased 45% year-over-year to \$191.9 million
- Third quarter net income increased 47% year-over-year to \$12.0 million
- Net income per diluted share was \$0.28 in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$0.23 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2009

Nine Month Year-to-Date 2010 Performance:

- Nine month revenues increased 49% year-over-year to \$438.9 million
- Nine month net income increased 103% year-over-year to \$21.0 million
- Net income per diluted share was \$0.53 for the first nine months of 2010, a 79% increase over the \$0.30 per diluted share earned during the same period in 2009

FRAMINGHAM, MA — October 29, 2010 — Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy company, today announced financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. Ameresco had revenues of \$191.9 million in the third quarter of 2010, compared to \$132.3 million in the third quarter of 2009, an increase of 45%. Net income for the third quarter of 2010 was \$12.0 million, compared to \$8.2 million in the third quarter of 2009, an increase of 47%. Net income per diluted share was \$0.28 in the third quarter of 2010, compared to \$0.23 per diluted share in the same quarter of 2009. The third quarter 2009 results included non-recurring gains from derivative activity totaling \$2.8 million. Excluding the effect of these items, the increase in net income from 2009 would have been 95%.

"Ameresco produced strong third quarter financial performance by effectively executing on our existing projects and continuing to successfully implement our 2010 business plan," said George Sakellaris, president and chief executive officer of Ameresco. "We made significant progress on many of our marquee projects. We continue to win business across North America, and this quarter won a bid with the U.S. Navy to improve energy efficiency for two of their facilities in Italy. We are pleased that demand for our solutions remains strong and that organizations are realizing the

need for implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions that produce financial as well as social returns."

Ameresco's third quarter results were driven by strong market demand for energy solutions, increased revenues, improved gross profit margins, particularly from renewable energy projects, and increased operating leverage.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Ameresco reported total revenues of \$438.9 million, compared to \$295.1 million for the same period in 2009, an increase of 49%. Net income for the first nine months of 2010 was \$21.0 million, or \$0.53 per diluted share, compared with \$10.3 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share for the first nine months of 2009. Net income for the period increased 103% excluding the effects of the derivative activity noted above, would have been 153%.

Operating Highlights

- EBITDA for the third quarter of 2010 increased by 67% over the third quarter of 2009 to \$24.4 million
- EBITDA for the first nine months of 2010 increased 112% over the first nine months of 2009 to \$44.1 million
- Operating cash flows were \$9.1 million for the third quarter of 2010
- Total backlog of contracted, and awarded but not yet contracted, projects remains strong at \$1.12 billion

Some Key Highlights for Q3 2010

- Acquisition of Quantum Energy, Renton WA. On August 31, Ameresco acquired Quantum Engineering and Development, an
 ESCO that provides energy and water auditing, engineering, construction and commissioning services to public, commercial
 and industrial clients in the western U.S. Since 1999, Quantum has delivered over \$63 million in projects to public and private
 clients.
- Over 97 contracts were executed for the quarter with good representation across all our regions. Some marquee initiatives include:
 - <u>U.S. Navy at their facilities in Naples and Sigonella, Italy.</u> Ameresco was awarded a \$13.5 million ESPC for two US Navy locations. The ESPC is a mix of measures that includes energy efficient lighting, chillers, and controls.
 - The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). Ameresco was awarded a \$6.6 million contract to design and build a solar photovoltaic system for the VAMC in Salt Lake City, Utah. The roof top systems, ranging from 35 to 100 kW, will be installed on seven campus facilities, and the ground-mounted system is expected to generate approximately 550 kW once completed.

- The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM enlisted the AMERESCO AXIS® invoice and data management product to establish a Bureau-wide energy management information system to help reduce its energy costs, consumption, and carbon footprint in facilities throughout the western U.S. This is the first Federal contract for AXIS, affording an opportunity to demonstrate its capabilities and value for this market that has some of the largest users of electricity in the country.
- The Massachusetts State Department of Energy Resources (DOER). The MA DOER and Ameresco worked to sign agreements to design, construct, finance, own, and operate solar power systems on five state facilities—two Massport Logan Airport terminals, Bridgewater State College, Worcester State College and the Canton Housing Authority. Under 20-year Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), the state facilities will receive solar-generated electricity at a discount to their current electricity bills, thereby cutting their energy budgets. These agreements are under the first of multiple phases of PPA projects, positioning Ameresco within communities for when they embrace and move towards PPAs.

Outlook

Ameresco expects that for the year ending December 31, 2010, it will earn total revenues in the range of \$585 million to \$595 million, EBITDA will be in the range of \$55 million to \$57 million, and net income will be in the range of \$27 million to \$28 million. The company also expects that net income per diluted share for 2010 will be in the range of \$0.65 to \$0.68.

Webcast Reminder

Ameresco will hold its earnings conference call today, October 29, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time with President and CEO, George Sakellaris, and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Spence, to discuss details regarding the company's third quarter 2010 results, business outlook and strategy. Participants may access it by dialing domestically (888) 713-4209 or internationally (617) 213-4863. The passcode is 86670561. Those who wish to listen only to the conference call webcast may visit the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website at www.ameresco.com. Participants are advised to dial-in at least ten minutes prior to the call to register.

Pre-Registration for the call is available at:

https://cossprereg.btci.com/prereg/key.process?key=PGL4K9YVW

Pre-registrants will be issued a pin number to use when dialing into the live call which will provide quick access to the conference by bypassing the operator upon connection.

The webcast will be available on the Company's website shortly after the call.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release and the accompanying tables reflect EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a description of this non-GAAP financial measure, including the reasons management

uses this measure and a reconciliation of EBITDA to operating income, the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP; please see the section of the accompanying tables titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in Exhibit A.

About Ameresco, Inc.

Ameresco, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in April 2000 and is a leading independent provider of comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for facilities throughout North America. Ameresco's solutions include upgrades to a facility's energy infrastructure, and the development, construction, and operation of renewable energy plants. With corporate headquarters located in Framingham, MA, Ameresco has 55 offices in 29 states and four Canadian provinces. For more information, visit www.ameresco.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Any statements in this press release about future expectations, plans and prospects for Ameresco, Inc., including statements about backlog, estimated future revenues and projects, as well as other statements containing the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "will" and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including demand for our energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; our ability to arrange financing our projects; changes in federal, state and local government policies and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; the timing of work we do on projects where we recognize revenue on a percentage of completion basis; seasonality in construction and in demand for our products and services; a customer's decision to delay our work on, or other risks involved with, a particular project; availability and costs of labor and equipment the addition of new customers or the loss of existing customers; and other factors discussed in Ameresco's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on September 7, 2010. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this press release represent Ameresco's views as of the date of this press release. Ameresco anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while Ameresco may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Ameresco's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	2009	2010 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:	* 4 5 00 5 540	* * * * * * * * * *
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,927,540	\$ 29,266,001
Restricted cash	9,249,885	10,617,362
Accounts receivable, net	61,279,515	91,905,734
Accounts receivable retainage	9,242,288 14,009,076	17,337,445 32,724,457
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings Inventory, net	4,237,909	5,309,177
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,077,761	13,649,918
Deferred income taxes	9,279,473	10,819,900
Project development costs	8,468,974	9,266,798
Total current assets	171,772,421	220,896,792
Federal ESPC receivable financing	51,397,347	161,920,078
Property and equipment, net	4,373,256	4,661,471
Project assets, net	117,637,990	134,995,537
Deferred financing fees, net Goodwill	3,582,560	3,431,442
Other assets	16,132,429	18,460,564 4,144,324
Office assets	10,648,605	
	203,772,187	327,613,416
	\$375,544,608	\$548,510,208
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 8,093,016	\$ 4,932,771
Accounts payable	75,578,378	94,671,536
Accrued liabilities	18,362,674	13,361,057
Billings in excess of cost and estimated earnings	28,166,364	30,870,614
Income taxes payable	2,129,529	2,808,209
Total current liabilities	132,329,961	146,644,187
Long-term debt:		
Long-term debt, less current portion	102,807,203	180,663,431
Subordinated debt	2,998,750	_
Deferred income taxes	11,901,645	11,901,645
Deferred grant income	4,158,508	3,995,058
Other liabilities	18,578,754	23,042,218
	140,444,860	219,602,352
Stockholders' equity:		
Series A convertible preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 3,500,000 shares authorized,		
3,210,000 shares issued and outstanding at 12/31/2009, no shares issued and outstanding	221	
at 9/30/2010	321	_
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and		
outstanding at 12/31/2009 and 9/30/2010	_	_
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 60,000,000 shares authorized, 17,998,168 shares		
issued and 13,282,284 outstanding at 12/31/2009, no shares issued and outstanding at 9/30/2010	1,800	
Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, no shares	1,000	_
issued and outstanding at 12/31/2009, 27,919,449 shares issued and 23,086,165 shares		
outstanding at 9/30/2010	_	2,792
Class B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 144,000,000 shares authorized, no shares		2,772
issued and outstanding at 12/31/2009, 18,000,000 shares issued and outstanding at		1 200
9/30/2010 Additional paid-in capital	10,466,312	1,800 71,308,330
Retained earnings	97,882,985	118,909,218
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,831,970	1,224,100
Less — treasury stock, at cost, 4,715,884 shares and 4,833,284 shares, respectively	(8,413,601)	(9,182,571)
Total stockholders' equity	102,769,787	182,263,669
	\$375,544,608	\$548,510,208

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2010

		Three Months End	ed Sep	otember 30,
	_	2009		2010
Revenue:		(Unau	dited)	
Energy efficiency revenue	\$	106,803,997	\$	147,863,350
Renewable energy revenue	Ψ	25,490,418	Ψ	44,038,079
Tone was to short grant and the same and the		132,294,415	_	191,901,429
Direct expenses	_	132,274,413	_	171,701,427
Direct expenses: Energy efficiency expenses		88,714,827		121,906,348
Renewable energy expenses		19,662,420		35,114,345
renewable energy expenses	_	108,377,247	_	157,020,693
Gross profit	_	23,917,168	_	34,880,736
Operating expenses:	_	25,517,100	_	2 1,000,720
Salaries and benefits		7,364,786		8,409,014
Project development costs		1,267,986		2,716,616
General, administrative and other		3,708,122		4,841,508
		12,340,894	_	15,967,138
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Operating income	_	11,576,274		18,913,598
Other income (expenses), net	_	924,031		(2,010,030)
Income before provision for income taxes		12,500,305		16,903,568
Income tax provision		4,305,830	_	4,862,651
Net income		8,194,475		12,040,917
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized loss from interest rate hedge, net of tax		_		(746,087)
Foreign currency translation adjustment		3,530,723	_	879,842
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	11,725,198	\$	12,174,672
Net income per share attributable to common shareholders:				
Basic	\$	0.86	\$	0.35
Diluted	\$	0.23	\$	0.28
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic		9,559,545		34,434,352
Diluted		35,625,835		43,445,391
OTHER NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES				
Gross margins:				
Energy efficiency revenue		16.9%		17.6%
Renewable energy revenue		22.9%		20.3%
Total		18.1%		18.2%
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Operating expenses as a percent of revenue		9.3%		8.3%
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Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA):	\$	11.576.074	ф	10.012.500
Operating income Depreciation and impairment	\$	11,576,274 2,376,444	\$	18,913,598 4,796,021
Stock-based compensation		611,414		651,352
EBITDA	\$	14,564,132	\$	24,360,970
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EBITDA margin		11.0%		12.7%
Construction backlog:				
Awarded	\$	733,646,495	\$	530,572,308
Fully-contracted	_	379,997,559	_	592,745,083
Total construction backlog	¢ 1	113 644 054	Q 1	123 317 301
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Note: Awarded represents estimated future revenues from projects that have been awarded, though the contracts have not yet been signed.

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2010

	Nine Months End	ed September 30,
	2009	2010
Revenue:	(Unau	dited)
Energy efficiency revenue	\$ 241,290,308	\$ 323,578,578
Renewable energy revenue	53,848,666	115,305,944
	295,138,974	438,884,522
Direct expenses:		
Energy efficiency expenses	199,585,426	267,495,450
Renewable energy expenses	42,597,466	91,955,471
	242,182,892	359,450,921
Gross profit	52,956,082	79,433,601
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	18,817,921	21,893,756
Project development costs	6,862,982	7,893,558
General, administrative and other	13,261,611	16,156,553
	38,942,514	45,943,867
Operating income	14,013,568	33,489,734
Other income (expenses), net	1,512,388	(4,082,417)
Income before provision for income taxes	15,525,956	29,407,317
Income tax provision	5,193,123	8,381,084
Net income	10,332,833	21,026,233
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Unrealized loss from interest rate hedge, net of tax	_	(2,297,667)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3,269,613	689,797
Comprehensive income	\$ 13,602,446	\$ 19,418,363
Net income per share attributable to common shareholders:	+ 10,000,110	* 17,111,000
Basic	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.02
Diluted	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.53
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	9,576,548	20,563,849
Diluted	34,812,967	39,513,507
OTHER NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES		
Gross Margins:		
Energy efficiency revenue	17.3%	17.39
Renewable energy revenue	20.9%	20.39
Total	17.9%	18.19
Operating expenses as a percent of revenue	13.2%	10.59
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA):		
Operating income	\$ 14,013,568	\$ 33,489,734
Depreciation and impairment	4,962,352	8,858,264
Stock-based compensation	1,844,400	1,758,503
EBITDA	\$ 20,820,320	\$ 44,106,501
EBITDA margin	7.1%	10.09

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2010

	Three Months Ended September 30,			tember 30,
		2009		2010
		(Unau	ıdited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:	¢	0.104.535	¢.	12 040 017
Net income	\$	8,194,525	\$	12,040,917
Adjustment to reconcile net income to cash provided by investing activities:		1 076 100		4 206 002
Depreciation of project assets		1,876,182		4,206,992
Depreciation of property and equipment		500,262		589,029
Amortization of deferred financing fees		59,016		306,398
Write-down of long-term receivable Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps		(354,326)		_
Stock-based compensation expense		. , ,		(51.252
Deferred income taxes		611,414		651,352
		(314,885)		792,193
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in:		12 677 404		52 105 272
Restricted cash draws		13,677,494		53,185,373
Accounts receivable	((12,650,473)		(21,103,490)
Accounts receivable retainage		(2,875,973)		(5,204,217)
Federal ESPC receivable financing	((18,759,514)		(51,833,048)
Inventory		1,371,016		23,790
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings		2,411,481		(8,859,603)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(845,316)		(1,817,278)
Project development costs		(1,256,091)		(872,942)
Other assets		88,416		4,560,707
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		14,543,943		25,940,748
Billings in excess of cost and estimated earnings		10,110,040		(1,341,379)
Other liabilities		4,044,968		337,826
Income taxes payable		2,668,299		(2,541,814)
Net cash provided by operating activities		23,100,478		9,061,554
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(508,466)		(877,781)
Purchases of project assets		2,341,325		(12,415,691)
Acquisitions, net of cash received		(674,110)		(6,138,941)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		1,158,749		(19,432,413)
Cash flows from financing activities:			_	(-,,,,
Payments of financing fees		(9,842)		(402,625)
Proceeds from options and warrant exercises and issuance of stock		(2,042)		59,649,893
Repurchase of stock				37,047,673
Proceeds from (payments on) senior secured credit facility	,	(15,062,033)		(31,351,119)
Proceeds from long-term debt financing	,	1,352,559		(31,331,117)
Restricted cash		(3,771,371)		(1,137,175)
Repayment of subordinated debt		(3,771,371)		(2,998,750)
Payments on long-term debt		(1,178,396)		(5,755,902)
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(18,669,083)	_	18,004,322
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		1,021,999		498,142
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		6,612,143		8,131,605
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		8,855,402		21,134,396
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	15,467,545	\$	29,266,001
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AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2010

	Nine Months End	led September 30,
	2009	2010
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Cash flows from operating activities: Net income	\$ 10,332,833	\$ 21,026,233
Adjustment to reconcile net income to cash provided by investing activities:	\$ 10,332,833	\$ 21,020,233
Depreciation of project assets	3,928,979	7,623,850
Depreciation of project assets Depreciation of property and equipment	1,033,373	1,234,415
Amortization of deferred financing fees	161,662	474,403
Provision for bad debts	327,558	- 171,103
Write-down of long-term receivable	<i>527,556</i>	2,111,000
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	1,634,619	(133,591)
Stock-based compensation expense	1,844,400	1,758,503
Deferred income taxes	418,256	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	,	
(Increase) decrease in:		
Restricted cash draws	21,612,096	108,936,357
Accounts receivable	(21,059,142)	(24,037,153)
Accounts receivable retainage	(1,353,728)	(7,491,725)
Federal ESPC receivable financing	(27,056,209)	(110,522,731)
Inventory	1,679,369	(1,071,268)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	(9,709,704)	(16,660,465)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,463,756)	(5,518,403)
Project development costs	(2,899,742)	(790,904)
Other assets	6,207,159	6,582,019
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,423,091	6,749,903
Billings in excess of cost and estimated earnings	12,101,951	2,311,175
Other liabilities	(5,315,700)	1,969,263
Income taxes payable	1,060,602	(946,361)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,092,033)	(6,395,480)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,430,604)	(1,361,876)
Purchases of project assets	(14,587,244)	(24,783,062)
Acquisitions, net of cash received	(674,110)	(6,138,941)
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,691,958)	(32,283,879)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments of financing fees	(79,905)	(1,300,058)
Proceeds from options and warrant exercises and issuance of stock	(1),503)	60,062,759
Repurchase of stock	(874,948)	(768,970)
Proceeds from (payments on) senior secured credit facility	(4,449,242)	(19,915,218)
Proceeds from long-term debt financing	28,074,858	812,398
Restricted cash	(5,054,245)	(5,956,433)
Repayment of subordinated debt		(2,998,750)
Payments on long-term debt	(2,626,925)	(10,548,598)
Net cash provided by financing activities	14,989,593	19,387,130
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	2,112,798	630,690
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,681,600)	(18,661,539)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	18,149,145	47,927,540
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 15,467,545	\$ 29,266,001
Cash and Cash Equivalents, the of period	\$ 13,407,343	\$ 29,200,001

Exhibit A: Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Ameresco defines EBITDA as operating income before depreciation and impairment expense and share-based compensation expense. EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure and should not be considered as an alternative to operating income or any other measure of financial performance calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

The Company believes EBITDA is useful to investors in evaluating its operating performance for the following reasons: EBITDA and similar non-GAAP measures are widely used by investors to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items that can vary substantially from company to company depending upon financing and accounting methods, book values of assets, capital structures and the methods by which assets were acquired; securities analysts often use EBITDA and similar non-GAAP measures as supplemental measures to evaluate the overall operating performance of companies; and by comparing our EBITDA in different historical periods, our investors can evaluate our operating results without the additional variations of depreciation and amortization expense, and share-based compensation expense.

Ameresco's management uses EBITDA: as a measure of operating performance, because it does not include the impact of items that management does not consider indicative of our core operating performance; for planning purposes, including the preparation of the annual operating budget; to allocate resources to enhance the financial performance of the business; to evaluate the effectiveness of Ameresco's business strategies; and in communications with the board of directors and investors concerning Ameresco's financial performance.

The Company understands that, although measures similar to EBITDA are frequently used by investors and securities analysts in their evaluation of companies, EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP operating income or an analysis of Ameresco's results of operations as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are: EBITDA does not reflect the Company's cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or other contractual commitments; EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, Ameresco's working capital needs; EBITDA does not reflect stock-based compensation expense; EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for income taxes; EBITDA does not reflect net interest income (expense); although depreciation, amortization and impairment are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated, amortized or impaired will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for these replacements; and other companies in Ameresco's industry may calculate EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

To properly and prudently evaluate Ameresco's business, we encourage you to review our GAAP financial statements included above, and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate the business. Please refer to the above reconciliation of EBITDA to operating income, the most comparable GAAP measure.

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