UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): August 8, 2013

Ameresco, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-34811** (Commission File Number) 04-3512838 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

111 Speen Street, Suite 410, Framingham, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **01701** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 661-2200

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 8, 2013, Ameresco, Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2013. The Company also posted prepared remarks with respect to its first quarter results on the Investor Relations section of its website at www.ameresco.com. The full text of the press release and the prepared remarks issued in connection with the announcement are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2) 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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such exhibits are furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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: August 8, 2013

By: /s/ Andrew B. Spence

Andrew B. Spence Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on August 8, 2013
99.2	Prepared Remarks dated as of August 8, 2013





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Ameresco Reports Second Quarter 2013 Financial Results

- Second quarter revenue of \$126.3 million
- Second quarter net loss of \$1.8 million
- Second quarter net loss per diluted share of \$0.04

FRAMINGHAM, **MA** - August 8, 2013 - Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy company, today announced financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013. The Company has also furnished prepared remarks in conjunction with this press release in a Current Report on Form 8-K. The prepared remarks contain supplemental information, including non-GAAP financial metrics, and have been posted to the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website at <u>www.ameresco.com</u>.

Total revenue for the second quarter of 2013 decreased to \$126.3 million from \$164.1 million, or 23%, for the same period in 2012. Second quarter operating income decreased from \$8.3 million for 2012 to an operating loss of \$1.9 million for 2013. Second quarter adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, decreased from \$13.9 million for 2012 to \$3.3 million for 2013. Second quarter net income decreased from \$4.8 million for 2012 to a net loss of \$1.8 million for 2013. Second quarter 2013 net loss per diluted share was \$0.04, compared to net income per diluted share of \$0.10 for 2012.

"Revenue below our expectations negatively impacted profitability for the quarter," stated George P. Sakellaris, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ameresco. "We remain focused on delivering stronger results for the second half of 2013. Based upon current performance and visibility into the second half, we are expecting to return to revenue growth and profitability in the third and fourth quarters."

For the six months year-to-date ended June 30, 2013, total revenue decreased to \$236.4 million from \$310.7 million, or 24%, for the same period in 2012. Year-to-date operating income decreased from \$11.7 million for 2012 to an operating loss of \$4.0 million for 2013. Year-to-date adjusted EBITDA decreased from \$23.1 million for 2012 to \$7.6 million for 2013. Year-to-date net income decreased from \$6.6 million for 2012 to a net loss of \$3.7 million for 2013. Net loss per diluted share was \$0.08, compared to net income per diluted share of \$0.14 for 2012.

Additional Second Quarter 2013 Operating Highlights:

- Revenue generated from backlog was \$80.0 million for the second quarter of 2013, a decrease of 33% year-over-year.
- All other revenue was \$46.3 million for the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 3% year-overyear.
- Operating cash flows were \$6.9 million for the second quarter of 2013.
- Total construction backlog was \$1.4 billion as of June 30, 2013 and consisted of:
 - \$324.0 million of fully-contracted backlog of signed customer contracts for installation or construction of projects, which we expect to convert into revenue over the next 12-24 months, on average; and
 - \$1.1 billion of awarded projects representing projects in development for which we do not have signed contracts. Historically, awarded projects have converted to signed contracts over 6-12 months on average. However, we have been experiencing an unusually sustained lengthening of conversion times of awarded projects to signed contracts, a trend we expect to continue.

FY 2013 Guidance

Based upon year-to-date performance and visibility into the second half of 2013, Ameresco is narrowing our guidance range for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. We now expect to earn total revenue in the range of \$620 million to \$640 million. We expect net income for 2013 to be in the range of \$18 million to \$21 million. Our 2013 guidance is based upon the following assumptions: modest to strong revenue growth within a few regions; several project delays that are expected to impact timing of revenue recognition; an improvement in fully-contracted backlog in the second half; more than 5% year-over-year revenue growth from our all other offerings; and maintaining operating expenses slightly below the current run rate.

Webcast Reminder

Ameresco will hold its earnings conference call today, August 8th, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time with President and Chief Executive Officer, George Sakellaris, and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Spence, to discuss details regarding the Company's second quarter 2013 results, business outlook and strategy. Participants may access it by dialing domestically 888.680.0869 or internationally 617.213.4854. The passcode is 44996711. Participants are advised to dial into the call at least ten minutes prior to the call to register. A live, listen-only webcast of the conference call will also be available over the Internet. Individuals wishing to listen can access the call through the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website at <u>www.ameresco.com</u>. If you are unable to listen to the live call, the webcast will be archived on the Company's website shortly after the call and be available for one year.

Pre-Registration for the call is also available at:

<u>https://www.theconferencingservice.com/prereg/key.process?key= P3JREQVF3</u>. Pre-registrants will be issued a pin number to use when dialing into the live call which will provide faster access to the conference by bypassing the operator upon connection.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release and the accompanying tables include references to adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a description of this non-GAAP financial measure, including the reasons management uses this measure, please see the section following the accompanying tables titled "Exhibit A: Non-GAAP Financial Measures". For a reconciliation of

adjusted EBITDA to operating income, the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP, please see Other Non-GAAP Disclosure in the accompanying tables.

Prior Period Financial Results

Certain prior period financial information included in this press release and the accompanying tables have been revised from amounts previously reported to reflect our previously reported restatement related to accounting treatment for certain derivative transactions. See note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2013 for further discussion.

About Ameresco, Inc.

Founded in 2000, Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) is a leading independent provider of comprehensive services, energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, asset sustainability and renewable energy solutions for facilities throughout North America. Ameresco's services include upgrades to a facility's energy infrastructure and the development, construction and operation of renewable energy plants. Ameresco has successfully completed energy saving, environmentally responsible projects with federal, state and local governments, healthcare and educational institutions, housing authorities, and commercial and industrial customers. With its corporate headquarters in Framingham, MA, Ameresco provides local expertise through its 66 offices in 33 states, five Canadian provinces and the United Kingdom. Ameresco has more than 900 employees. 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 market conditions, pipeline and backlog, as well as estimated future revenues and net income, and other statements containing the words "projects," "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 the timing of, and ability to, enter into contracts for awarded projects on the terms proposed; the timing of work we do on projects where we recognize revenue on a percentage of completion basis, including the ability to perform under recently signed contracts without unusual delay; demand for our energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; our ability to arrange financing for our projects; changes in federal, state and local government policies and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; the ability of customers to cancel or defer contracts included in our backlog; the effects of our recent acquisitions; 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 our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2013. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this press release represent our views as of the date of this press release. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,629,963	\$ 63,347,645
Restricted cash	26,239,829	26,358,908
Accounts receivable, net	76,760,410	84,124,627
Accounts receivable retainage	24,758,030	23,197,784
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	52,564,885	62,096,284
Inventory, net	11,548,873	9,502,289
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,022,225	9,600,619
Income tax receivable	5,760,545	5,385,242
Deferred income taxes	4,480,218	5,190,718
Project development costs	11,458,555	9,038,725
Total current assets	242,223,533	297,842,841
Federal ESPC receivable	60,900,144	91,854,808
Property and equipment, net	9,422,097	9,387,218
Project assets, net	229,428,429	207,274,982
Deferred financing fees, net	6,103,850	5,746,177
Goodwill	55,239,777	48,968,390
Intangible assets, net	11,490,617	9,742,878
Other assets	5,140,628	4,654,709
	377,725,542	377,629,162
	\$ 619,949,075	\$ 675,472,003

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

13,921,986	\$	12,452,678
67,318,276		101,007,455
10,667,868		13,157,024
22,525,255		22,271,655
14,433,385		148,888,812
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AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS — (Continued)

	June 30, 2013		Ľ	December 31, 2012
	((Unaudited)		
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012	\$		\$	
Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 32,384,648 shares issued and 27,551,364 outstanding at June 30, 2013, 32,019,982 shares issued and 27,186,698 outstanding at December 31, 2012		3,238		3,202
Class B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 144,000,000 shares authorized, 18,000,000 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012		1,800		1,800
Additional paid-in capital		96,024,019		93,141,432
Retained earnings		173,464,894		177,169,717
Accumulated other comprehensive income		1,697,350		713,194
Non-controlling interest		13,047		(27,583)
Less - treasury stock, at cost, 4,833,284 shares		(9,182,571)		(9,182,571)
Total stockholders' equity		262,021,777		261,819,191
	\$	619,949,075	\$	675,472,003

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME

Three Months Ended June 30,			d June 30,	
	2013	2012		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited and Restated)	
\$	85,251,138	\$	119,819,117	
	41,001,556		44,280,788	
	126,252,694		164,099,905	
	69,753,489		97,873,272	
	33,116,629		35,068,772	
	102,870,118		132,942,044	
	23,382,576		31,157,861	
	10,774,591		11,558,732	
	5,039,217		3,830,866	
	9,477,788		7,509,639	
	25,291,596		22,899,237	
	(1,909,020)		8,258,624	
	448,732		1,412,744	
	(2,357,752)		6,845,880	
	(577,001)		2,026,630	
\$	(1,780,751)	\$	4,819,250	
\$	(0.04)	\$	0.11	
\$	(0.04)	\$	0.10	
	45,465,529		44,541,025	
	45,465,529		46,359,323	
	18.2%		18.3%	
	19.2%		20.8%	
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\$	1,436,538,564	\$	1,300,340,163	
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AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2013		2012
		(Unaudited)	_	(Unaudited and Restated)
Revenue:				
Energy efficiency revenue	\$	155,071,617	\$	233,201,787
Renewable energy revenue		81,316,600	_	77,471,487
		236,388,217		310,673,274
Direct expenses:				
Energy efficiency expenses		125,208,747		187,493,047
Renewable energy expenses		66,278,023		62,798,556
		191,486,770		250,291,603
Gross profit		44,901,447		60,381,671
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and benefits		21,787,892		25,927,944
Project development costs		9,320,382		8,047,218
General, administrative and other		17,784,690		14,723,095
		48,892,964		48,698,257
Operating (loss) income		(3,991,517)		11,683,414
Other expenses, net		913,045		2,520,483
(Loss) income before (benefit) provision for income taxes		(4,904,562)		9,162,931
Income tax (benefit) provision		(1,199,739)		2,608,517
Net (loss) income	\$	(3,704,823)	\$	6,554,414
Net (loss) income per share attributable to common shareholders:				
Basic	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.15
Diluted	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.14
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic		45,396,765		44,343,059
Diluted		45,396,765		46,143,932
OTHER NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES				
Gross margins:				
Energy efficiency revenue		19.3%		19.6%
Renewable energy revenue		18.5%		18.9%
Total		19.0%		19.4%
Operating expenses as a percent of revenue		20.7%	-	15.7%
Adjusted Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Adjusted EBITDA):				
Operating (loss) income	\$	(3,991,517)	\$	11,683,414
Depreciation and amortization		10,278,480		9,708,503
Stock-based compensation		1,335,860		1,674,060
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	7,622,823	\$	23,065,977
Adjusted EBITDA margin	_	3.2 %	_	7.4 %

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months	Ended June 30,
	2013	2012
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited and Restated)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,780,751)	\$ 4,819,250
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of project assets	2,868,716	2,850,977
Depreciation of property and equipment	813,708	603,501
Amortization of deferred financing fees	248,314	138,191
Amortization of intangible assets	898,038	1,314,778
Provision for bad debts	328,969	24,107
Unrealized (gain) loss on interest rate swap	(294,047)	349,618
Gain on sale of asset	_	(800,000
Stock-based compensation expense	664,759	892,607
Deferred income taxes	(1,821,364)	43,697
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	(158,231)	(448,916
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Restricted cash draws	10,486,117	14,069,843
Accounts receivable	11,042,004	(11,967,540
Accounts receivable retainage	(2,774,172)	(3,613,426
Federal ESPC receivable	(4,110,910)	(11,705,599
Inventory	(54,410)	(369,359
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	(8,688,672)	(5,583,166
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,402,095)	
Project development costs	(785,712)	
Other assets	(912,456)	(766,682
Increase (decrease) in:	(, , ,	× ,
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,912,268	11,766,758
Billings in excess of cost and estimated earnings	(590,444)	
Other liabilities	1,293,096	(345,461
Income taxes payable	700,716	2,476,787
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,883,441	6,267,415
Cash flows from investing activities:	0,005,111	0,207,115
Purchases of property and equipment	(446,197)	(1,105,037
Purchases of project assets	(18,763,159)	() /
Grant awards received on project assets	289,285	(),0)5,0)5
Proceeds from sales of assets	6,500	
Acquisition, net of cash received		
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,537,516) (26,451,087)	
Cash flows from financing activities:	(20,451,087)	(10,800,752
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	158 221	448,916
	158,231	448,910
Payments of financing fees	(464,767)	725 820
Proceeds from exercises of options	394,603	735,839
Proceeds from (payments of) senior secured credit facility	15,000,000	(1,428,571
Proceeds from long-term debt financing	9,434,434	
Non-controlling interest	105,931	
Restricted cash	(4,558,805)	
Payments on long-term debt	(2,934,948)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	17,134,679	(4,938,824
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(900,330)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,333,297)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	20,963,260	38,435,362
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 17,629,963	\$ 28,909,987

AMERESCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Six Months Ended June 30			
		2013	2012	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited and Restated)	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net (loss) income	\$	(3,704,823)	\$ 6,554,414	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation of project assets		6,879,151	5,456,007	
Depreciation of property and equipment		1,610,254	1,281,474	
Amortization of deferred financing fees		332,462	271,478	
Amortization of intangible assets		1,789,075	2,971,022	
Provision for bad debts		371,308	77,743	
Unrealized (gain) loss on interest rate swap		(683,134)	119,752	
Gain on sale of asset		_	(800,000	
Stock-based compensation expense		1,335,860	1,674,060	
Deferred income taxes		(2,870,689)	(506,631	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements		(297,011)	(1,651,513	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in:				
Restricted cash draws		18,004,938	24,152,657	
Accounts receivable		6,855,679	12,569,643	
Accounts receivable retainage		(1,572,574)	2,079,382	
Federal ESPC receivable		(13,784,645)	(25,775,736	
Inventory		(2,046,584)	(510,224	
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings		9,931,189	12,197,386	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(1,526,332)	(1,679,160	
Project development costs		(2,430,350)	(1,156,085	
Other assets		(758,735)	(941,282	
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(36,185,982)	(8,760,740	
Billings in excess of cost and estimated earnings		371,453	8,243,890	
Other liabilities		(75,507)	525,181	
Income taxes payable		(365,038)	3,083,458	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(18,820,035)	39,476,176	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(1,540,577)	(2,381,570	
Purchases of project assets		(31,618,945)	(19,698,641	
Grant awards and rebates received on project assets		1,580,219	3,838,766	
Proceeds from sales of assets		6,500		
Acquisitions, net of cash received		(9,345,601)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(40,918,404)	(18,241,445	
Cash flows from financing activities:		(,	(,,	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements		297,011	1,651,513	
Book overdraft			(7,297,122	
Payments of financing fees		(504,985)	(20,325	
Proceeds from exercises of options		1,249,752	1,799,271	
Proceeds from (payments of) senior secured credit facility		15,000,000	(7,857,142	
Proceeds from long-term debt financing		9,434,434	(7,007,112	
Non-controlling interest		40,630	7,700	
Restricted cash		(5,198,277)	(4,798,107	
Payments on long-term debt		(5,198,277) (6,740,729)	(2,134,957	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	_	13,577,836	(18,649,169	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		442,921	47,059	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents				
		(45,717,682)	2,632,621	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		63,347,645	26,277,366	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	17,629,963	\$ 28,909,987	

Exhibit A: Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We define adjusted EBITDA as operating income before depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, impairment and share-based compensation expense. Adjusted 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. For a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to operating income, the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP, please see Other Non-GAAP Disclosure in the tables above.

We believe adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance for the following reasons: adjusted 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 adjusted EBITDA and similar non-GAAP measures as supplemental measures to evaluate the overall operating performance of companies; and by comparing our adjusted EBITDA in different historical periods, investors can evaluate our operating results without the additional variations of depreciation and amortization expense, and share-based compensation expense.

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

We understand that, although measures similar to adjusted EBITDA are frequently used by investors and securities analysts in their evaluation of companies, adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and investors should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP operating income or an analysis of our results of operations as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are: adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the Company's cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or other contractual commitments; adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs; adjusted EBITDA does not reflect stock-based compensation expense; adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for income taxes; adjusted 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 adjusted EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for these replacements; and other companies in our industry may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

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



August 8, 2013

Second Quarter 2013 Earnings Conference Call Prepared Remarks

About the Prepared Remarks

The following commentary is provided by management and should be read in conjunction with Ameresco's second quarter 2013 earnings press release. These remarks represent management's current views on the Company's financial and operational performance and outlook and are provided to give investors and analysts further insight into our performance in advance of the earnings call. With respect to the non-GAAP financial measures contained in these prepared remarks, a discussion of and a reconciliation between GAAP and non-GAAP results is provided at the end of these remarks.

Earnings Conference Call and Webcast

Ameresco will hold its earnings conference call today, August 8, at 8:30 a.m. ET to discuss second quarter 2013 results, business outlook and strategy, to be followed by questions and answers. Participants may access it by dialing domestically 888.680.0869 or internationally 617.213.4854. The passcode is 44996711. Participants are advised to dial into the call at least ten minutes prior to the call to register. A live, listen-only webcast of the conference call will also be available over the Internet. Individuals wishing to listen can access the call through the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website at <u>www.ameresco.com</u>. If you are unable to listen to the live call, the webcast will be archived on the Company's website shortly after the call and be available for one year.

Safe Harbor Statement

Any statements in these remarks or on the ensuing conference call about future expectations, plans and prospects for Ameresco, Inc., including statements about market conditions, pipeline and backlog, as well as estimated future revenues and net income, and other statements containing the words "projects," "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 the timing of, and ability to, enter into contracts for awarded projects on the terms proposed; the timing of work we do on projects where we recognize revenue on a percentage of completion basis, including the ability to perform under recently signed contracts without unusual delay; demand for our energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; our ability to arrange financing for our projects; changes in federal, state and local government policies and programs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; the ability of customers to cancel or defer contracts included in our backlog; the effects of our recent acquisitions; 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 our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2013. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in these prepared





remarks represent our views as of the date of these prepared remarks. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of these prepared remarks.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

These prepared remarks and the accompanying tables include references to adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a description of this non-GAAP financial measure, including the reasons management uses this measure, please see the section at the end of these prepared remarks titled "Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures". For a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to operating income, the most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP, please see the section at the end of these prepared remarks see the section at the end of these prepared remarks titled "GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation".

Opening Remarks

Second quarter revenue was below our expectations by approximately \$12 million due to nine project delays and one project cancellation. The project delays and project cancellation negatively impacted revenue and profitability for the second quarter.

We experienced two delays within the U.S. federal segment during the second quarter. A federal task order (i.e., signed contract) was issued after the quarter end for one of the projects; and we expect the other project to convert to a signed contract in the third quarter. As a result, we expect to recognize the revenue associated with these delays in the second half of 2013. After an unusually sustained lengthening of conversion times in the federal market, we believe that several awarded projects appear to be nearing the contracted stage.

We also experienced delays for seven renewable energy projects that are being designed and built for customers. The reasons for the delays range from finalizing financing and scope to customer negotiations with unions and local municipalities. While there remains an opportunity to recognize a majority of the associated revenue during the second half of 2013, it is very likely that a portion of the associated revenue will be pushed into fiscal year 2014.

For the first time, we experienced a renewable energy project cancellation after construction had already commenced for a landfill gas to energy project. Our customer, for whom we were designing and constructing the site, did not receive the favorable permitting terms that they were anticipating from the local municipality and therefore determined that the economics of the project were no longer attractive. However, our customer has already compensated us for all equipment and work completed to date. We believe this was an isolated event and do not anticipate any further cancellations from this customer. We have a strong, long-standing relationship with this customer that spans many years and several projects, of which three other projects are currently being designed and constructed for the customer and continue to move forward.

Based upon year-to-date performance and visibility into the second half of 2013, Ameresco is narrowing our guidance range for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. We now expect to earn total revenue in the range of \$620 million to \$640 million. We expect net income for 2013 to be in the range of \$18 million to \$21 million.

Our 2013 guidance is based upon the following assumptions:



- Modest to strong revenue growth within a few regions;
- Several project delays that are expected to impact timing of revenue recognition;
- An improvement in fully-contracted backlog in the second half;
- More than 5% year-over-year revenue growth from our all other offerings; and
- Maintaining operating expenses slightly below the current run rate.

We remain focused on delivering stronger results for the second half of 2013. Based upon current performance and visibility into the second half, we are expecting to return to revenue growth and profitability in the third and fourth quarters.

As for the ongoing strategic initiatives mentioned previously, we are beginning to see results. We have a number of projects in our pipeline currently that are the result of cross-selling. We will continue to focus on behavior that creates shareholder value.

Second Quarter and Year-to-Date Financial Performance

Second quarter 2012 net income and net income per diluted share presented in these prepared remarks have been restated as compared to previously reported results. See the section titled Summary Effect of Previously Reported Restatement for Second Quarter 2012 below.

Total revenue for the second quarter of 2013 decreased to \$126.3 million from \$164.1 million, or 23%, for the same period in 2012. Second quarter operating income decreased from \$8.3 million for 2012 to an operating loss of \$1.9 million for 2013. Second quarter adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, decreased from \$13.9 million for 2012 to \$3.3 million for 2013. Second quarter net income decreased from \$4.8 million for 2012 to a net loss of \$1.8 million for 2013. Second quarter 2013 net loss per diluted share was \$0.04, compared to net income per diluted share of \$0.10 for 2012.

For the six months year-to-date ended June 30, 2013, total revenue decreased to \$236.4 million from \$310.7 million, or 24%, for the same period in 2012. Year-to-date operating income decreased from \$11.7 million for 2012 to an operating loss of \$4.0 million for 2013. Year-to-date adjusted EBITDA decreased from \$23.1 million for 2012 to \$7.6 million for 2013. Year-to-date net income decreased from \$6.6 million for 2012 to a net loss of \$3.7 million for 2013. Net loss per diluted share was \$0.08, compared to net income per diluted share of \$0.14 for 2012.

Energy efficiency revenue declined 29% year-over-year in the second quarter and 34% year-to-date. We had expected a decline in energy efficiency revenue related to the continued effects of lengthening conversion times from awarded projects to signed contracts in all segments during the first half of 2013. The decline during the second quarter was more than anticipated in the U.S. federal segment and the southwest region within our other U.S. regions segment during the second quarter.

The other U.S. regions segment includes the following: the eastern region, the northwest region, the southwest region, and renewable energy projects for customers.

Renewable energy revenue declined 7% year-over-year in the second quarter and increased 5% year-todate. The 22% increase in renewable energy revenue during the first quarter was offset primarily by declines in integrated-photovoltaic (PV) within the all other segment and the unexpected delays for renewable energy projects discussed above within our other U.S. regions segment during the second quarter.



Gross margin during the second quarter decreased from 19.0% in 2012 to 18.5% in 2013. Year-to-date gross margin decreased from 19.4% in 2012 to 19.0% in 2013.

Energy efficiency gross margin for the second quarter decreased slightly from 18.3% in 2012 to 18.2% in 2013. The slight decline in gross margin is primarily due to a mix of lower margin projects across several regions.

Year-to-date energy efficiency gross margin decreased from 19.6% in 2012 to 19.3% in 2013 for the same reasons as stated above regarding the second quarter.

Renewable energy gross margin for the quarter decreased from 20.8% in 2012 to 19.2% in 2013. Year-todate renewable energy gross margin decreased from 18.9% in 2012 to 18.5% in 2013. The decrease in the second quarter is primarily related to additional project costs in excess of budgeted costs combined with lower revenue. For the year-to-date, this second quarter decrease more than offset the positive effects of a project closeout in the first quarter.

Operating expenses for the second quarter increased 10% from \$22.9 million in 2012 to \$25.3 million in 2013.

Salary and benefit expenses for the second quarter decreased 7% from \$11.6 million in 2012 to \$10.8 million in 2013. Lower salary and benefit expenses reflect better utilization rates and fine-tuning of the organization during 2012.

Project development costs for the second quarter increased 32% from \$3.8 million in 2012 to \$5.0 million in 2013. Higher project development costs reflect our continued efforts to increase proposal activity and finalize awarded projects.

General, administrative and other (G&A) expenses for the second quarter increased 26% from \$7.5 million in 2012 to \$9.5 million in 2013. Higher G&A expenses reflect an increase in professional fees and other expenses. We believe that the primary drivers of the increase are a matter of timing and expect an improvement in the second half of 2013.

Due to the net loss for the second quarter, we had an income tax benefit as opposed to a provision. However, as we anticipate a return to profitability in the second half of 2013, we expect a full year effective tax rate of approximately 25%.

We generated \$6.9 million of cash from operations during the second quarter of 2013, compared to \$6.3 million in the same period of 2012.

We invested \$18.8 million in renewable energy project assets during the second quarter.

Our balance sheet remains strong as of June 30, 2013. Total corporate debt on our balance sheet, not related to renewable energy projects, was \$43.6 million and the Federal ESPC receivable financing liability was \$61.5 million.

Further Second Quarter Insights

Revenue from our all other offerings, such as small-scale infrastructure, integrated-PV and O&M/Other, increased 3% year-over-year to \$46 million. Due to slower growth than anticipated in a few of our other offerings, we are now expecting revenue from our all other offerings to increase by more than 5% in 2013. Please see additional details about each offering below.



Small-scale infrastructure includes small-scale renewable energy plants that we have designed and developed for our own portfolio. Revenue for small-scale infrastructure is included in our all other segment. Revenue from small-scale infrastructure for the second quarter increased approximately 19% year-overyear. The increase was primarily due to a landfill gas (LFG) to energy plant and solar assets that went into operation during 2012 and another LFG plant that went into operation in the second quarter of 2013. We are in the process of designing, permitting and constructing four more renewable energy plants, which we expect to begin generating meaningful revenue in late 2013. We continue to expect small-scale infrastructure revenue to increase by approximately 10% in 2013.

Revenue from integrated-PV is included in our all other segment. Integrated-PV revenue decreased by approximately 8% year-over-year during the second quarter. We have been experiencing a more competitive pricing environment from alternative modules. Assuming current trends continue, we expect integrated-PV revenue to be flat in 2013.

Revenue from O&M/Other includes O&M revenue from our U.S. federal segment as well as all revenue from our all other segment. O&M/Other revenue increased approximately 3% year-over-year. Strong revenue growth in O&M was off-set by declines in Enterprise Energy Management (EEM) and Applied Energy Group (AEG). We expect EEM and AEG to return to revenue growth in the second half. As a result, we now expect more than 5% revenue growth in 2013.

Our pipeline, which includes proposals, awarded projects and newly signed contracts throughout the fiscal year, increased by 9% year-over-year to \$2.8 billion at the end of the second quarter of 2013. Our total construction backlog of awarded projects and signed contracts as of June 30, 2013 increased 10.5% year-over-year to more than \$1.4 billion, driven by a 22% increase in awarded projects.

Closing Remarks

In closing, we expect a return to revenue growth and profitability in the second half of the year. We continue to believe that energy efficiency represents an attractive and cost-effective sustainability theme within the broader economy. As a result, we remain confident about the medium- to long-term opportunities for our business.

Summary Effect of Previously Reported Restatement for Second Quarter 2012

Certain prior period financial information included in these prepared remarks have been revised from amounts previously reported to reflect our previously reported restatement related to accounting treatment for certain derivative transactions. See note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2013 for further discussion. The table below details the effect of the restatement on second quarter 2012 net income and net income per diluted share presented in these prepared remarks.

Net Income (unaudited; in thousands,				Net II	come Per Diluted	Share
				ls, except per share	e data)	
	Reported	Adjustment	Restated	Reported	Adjustment	Restated
First Quarter 2012	\$1,505	\$230	\$1,735	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$0.04
Second Quarter 2012	\$5,169	\$(350)	\$4,819	\$0.11	\$(0.01)	\$0.10
Six Months 2012	\$6,674	\$(120)	\$6,554	\$0.14	—	\$0.14



GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (adjusted EBITDA):							
Three Months Ended June 30,							
		2,013					
Operating (loss) income	\$	(1,909,020)	\$	8,258,624			
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets		4,580,462		4,769,256			
Stock-based compensation		664,759		892,607			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	3,336,201	\$	13,920,487			
Adjusted EBITDA margin		2.6 %		8.5 %			

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Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (adjusted EBITDA):							
Six Months Ended June 30,							
	2,013						
Operating (loss) income	\$	(3,991,517)	\$	11,683,414			
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets		10,278,480		9,708,503			
Stock-based compensation		1,335,860		1,674,060			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	7,622,823	\$	23,065,977			
Adjusted EBITDA margin		3.2 %					

Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We define adjusted EBITDA as operating income before depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, impairment and share-based compensation expense. Adjusted 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.

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