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Chairman Wyden sees vital role for hydropower in U.S.

Statement of NHA President David Moller

Washington, D.C. (April 22, 2013) – The following is a statement from David Moller, President of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s address by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) on the importance of hydropower to the nation’s electricity portfolio:

“Chairman Wyden’s remarks today make it apparent that he understands the vital role hydropower plays in the nation’s electricity portfolio. It is also extremely encouraging that he recognizes the growth potential of this affordable, clean energy resource and the key value of pumped storage to enable growth in other renewable energy sources as well.

“I want to thank Chairman Wyden for taking the time to address the attendees of our Annual Conference. Over the next several weeks he will have the opportunity to expand hydropower’s contributions as the Senate considers legislation to improve the regulatory process for this undervalued energy source. I look forward to tomorrow’s hearing on the many pieces of bipartisan hydropower legislation that await action by his committee.

“I’d also like to thank Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), who also addressed today’s attendees, for her devoted leadership promoting hydropower in the House of Representatives.”

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