

## **STATEMENT**

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## For Immediate Release

## Hydropower champion Doc Hastings retires from Congress Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (February 18, 2014) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on his announcement last week by Congressman Doc Hastings, Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, of his plans to retire from Congress at the end of 2014:

"On the announcement of his retirement, NHA congratulates Chairman Doc Hastings on his 20 years of service in Congress on behalf of the people of Eastern Washington. Throughout his time on Capitol Hill, Chairman Hastings has been one of the most vocal supporters of hydropower and the low-cost, renewable electricity benefits it brings to his constituents in the state.

Chairman Hastings has always ensured that in federal policy discussions on energy, Congress takes into account promoting new hydropower deployment and protecting the contributions from the existing hydro system.

Though the hydropower industry is saddened to be losing one of its greatest champions in the House of Representatives, we wish Chairman Hastings good luck in all his future endeavors."

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