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NHA Applauds New Energy Department Hydropower Market Report

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (April 27, 2015) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the release of Department of Energy’s 2014 Hydropower Market Report:

“DOE’s Hydropower Market Report represents the most comprehensive portrait of the hydropower industry to date, providing information and analysis that was previously unavailable.

“We are pleased the report underscores how hydropower, America’s largest renewable electricity source, is playing a critical role in the administration’s goal to increase the nation’s renewable energy supply. Moreover, the report confirms how the industry continues to lessen the nation’s environmental footprint – equivalent to the carbon emission from more than 42 million cars.

“With over 300 hydropower projects in the development pipeline, and the existing FERC licenses of nearly 250 hydropower projects set to expire over the next 10 years, the need to enact improvements to the licensing process is more important than ever. Reducing uncertainties in the licensing process for projects, existing and new, shortening the time for obtaining approvals and shrinking regulatory costs will ensure that hydropower continues to play a growing role in our nation’s ‘all of the above’ energy strategy.”

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