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President requests additional funding for water power R&D in budget

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (February 3, 2015) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the release of the president’s fiscal year 2016 budget request:

“With the release of the FY 2016 budget proposal, the Obama administration continues to recognize the important role hydropower, the nation’s largest renewable electricity resource, will play in our clean energy future.”

“The budget continues and improves vital investments in water power research and development. We also applaud the president for his commitment to grow hydropower and other renewable energy generation by recognizing the need to provide long term financial certainty to developers through permanent tax incentives.

“NHA is pleased to see a request for additional funding for conventional hydropower while continuing strong investments in emerging marine and hydrokinetic technologies at the Department of Energy’s Water Power Program. Both hold great promise for the nation’s clean energy future and the \$67 million requested builds upon years of investment to develop more efficient and environmentally-friendly turbines, reduce costs of small hydropower and new marine and hydrokinetic technologies, and promote hydropower’s role in the integration of variable energy resources.”

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