

## **STATEMENT**

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## Energy and Commerce Committee greenlights hydropower legislation Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (June 20, 2012) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association on today's markup of hydropower legislation in the House Energy and Commerce Committee:

"NHA applauds the House Energy and Commerce Committee for their swift action on the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012.

"With policies like this, we can more quickly bring additional hydropower online. Tapping clean, domestic hydropower not only brings us closer to achieving national energy goals, but can help create and support thousands of jobs across the country. Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Diana DeGette have put together a strong bill, as evidenced by the speed at which it is moving.

"With such regionally-diverse bipartisan support, we urge House leadership to bring the bill to floor consideration as soon as possible. NHA stands ready to work with Congress to bring a final bill to the president's desk."

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