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## Federal agencies extend partnership to advance hydropower

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (March 24, 2015) - The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the announcement by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of the Army for Civil Works of the extension of their partnership to advance hydropower development for an additional five years:

"NHA enthusiastically supports the extension of the federal hydropower MOU by the Departments of Energy, Interior and the Army.

"The MOU highlights the importance of hydropower to our nation's electric system and the activities that are pursued will help ensure that American families and businesses continue to benefit from this low-cost, reliable source of clean power.

"We congratulate and extend our appreciation to the leadership of the agencies for maintaining this focus on hydropower – the largest generator of renewable electricity in the U.S. NHA looks forward to working with the Departments on the activities cited in the MOU over these next 5 years."

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