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NHA applauds Markey and Platts for including hydro in energy legislation

Washington, D.C. (February 11, 2008) – Statement by National Hydropower Association Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci on the new renewable energy legislation offered by Reps. Edward Markey (D-MA) and Todd Platts (R-PA):

"The National Hydropower Association applauds the vision Reps. Markey and Platts are showing by including hydropower and hydrokinetic technologies in their proposed renewable portfolio standards legislation. By incorporating both incremental hydropower projects and new development at existing dams since 2001, as well as ocean, tidal and other hydrokinetic resources, they are ensuring that all Americans will gain from the energy, economic, and environmental benefits hydropower offers.

"We support the effort to craft renewable portfolio standards and other incentive programs that encourage the growth of hydropower and other renewables. Hydropower, which is the country's largest renewable energy resource, has been a crucial energy and economic building block for more than a century, providing clean, abundant electricity and jobs for millions of Americans. By incorporating new hydropower technologies and increased efficiency into federal and state energy policies, we can ensure that a new generation of water power resources will continue to serve all Americans.

"NHA looks forward to working with Reps. Markey and Platts as they craft their energy legislation."

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