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## For Immediate Release

### **Statement of Linda Church Ciocchi, Executive Director, National Hydropower Association on President Obama's 2011 State of the Union Address**

Washington, D.C. (January 26, 2011) – “Tonight President Obama made clear that clean and renewable energy is central to America’s economic future. For over a hundred years, hydropower, America’s leading renewable electricity resource, has served as the foundation for our nation’s growth. With the potential to double its contribution, expanding our hydro resources is key to achieving the President’s vision of the future. We strongly support a national standard to expand clean and renewable energy that includes and promotes development of affordable, reliable and available American hydropower.

"At a time when bipartisan collaboration is essential to solving our energy challenges, no clean energy source has more multi-region and bipartisan support than hydro. Policymakers from both sides of the aisle recognize the central role that hydropower has played and will continue to play in reaching our job creation and affordable energy goals. Every state in the union is already home to hydro power facilities, hydro manufacturing, companies that benefit from the hydro supply chain and consumers who enjoy hydro's lower electricity costs. This job-sustaining sector of our economy has the potential for huge growth, and we applaud the President’s commitment to that growth.

“The Obama Administration has shown strong support for hydropower technology and job creation, making smart commitments to research, investment and innovation. However, much work remains to be done and we stand ready to work with the Administration and Congress to enact the policies needed to expand opportunities for workers, investors and entrepreneurs in the hydro industry.”

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