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## **Senate takes up bipartisan hydropower legislation**

*Statement of NHA President David Moller*

Washington, D.C. (April 23, 2013) – The following is a statement from David Moller, President of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on four bills related to expanding hydropower development in the United States:

“Today, the Senate Energy Committee heard testimony on key pieces of hydropower legislation that will help us unlock tens of thousands of megawatts of untapped hydropower capacity using existing infrastructure. Providing Americans access to additional clean, reliable, and affordable electricity moves the nation closer to achieving its energy, economic, and environmental goals.

“Over the past three years, leaders on Capitol Hill have been working in a bipartisan manner to advance these common sense solutions to the real challenges faced by developers who seek to maximize the benefits of water infrastructure.

“After today’s hearing, and Chairman Wyden’s remarks yesterday at our conference, it appears we have never been closer. I urge the committee to continue the momentum and advance hydropower legislation to the full Senate for passage.

“I have no doubt that the Senate can quickly move this to President Obama’s desk and make it the first piece of energy legislation to become law in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.”

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