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NHA Congratulates AMP on Cannelton Hydroelectric Groundbreaking *Project is part of largest new U.S. run-of-river development*

Washington, D.C. (August 5, 2009) – National Hydropower Association member American Municipal Power, Inc., today broke ground on the first of five hydroelectric projects being developed at existing dams on the Ohio River, near Hawesville, Kentucky. AMP's five proposed projects represent the largest development of new run-of-river hydroelectric project in the United States.

Following is a statement from National Hydropower Association Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci, who attended today's groundbreaking:

"The groundbreaking today of AMP's new project on the Ohio River is a great achievement for the company, for the hydropower industry, and for all Americans who value clean, abundant, renewable energy and family-supporting jobs.

"The Cannelton project -- and other related hydropower projects AMP is developing along the Ohio -- demonstrate the company's vision for providing clean, reliable, affordable electricity resources. The projects show also the leadership and dedication of AMP's federal, state, and municipal partners, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, who are fostering projects that provide energy resources and ensure wise stewardship of our natural resources.

"These projects will bring 350 megawatts of renewable energy from hydropower to the region, which is enough to serve more than 250,000 households. That generation could help avoid more than 2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

"At the same time, the project is also bringing much-needed jobs and investment to the 79 participating communities in the Ohio River Valley. With this groundbreaking, the Cannelton Hydro Project represents a truly 'shovel ready' opportunity for 200 to 400 construction workers in the region over the next few years.

"In fact, the project is already producing economic benefits in Pennsylvania, where NHA member Voith Hydro is manufacturing turbines for the project. Last June, Voith President and CEO Mark Garner noted that the project represented the largest order in Voith's 131-year history -- an achievement that shows in itself how resilient the hydropower industry is, even the face of the recession.

"NHA supports and applauds the work of all these partners in bringing about the groundbreaking for the Cannelton Hydroelectric facility. We congratulate AMP and the many communities it serves for making this investment in clean, renewable, domestic energy resources."

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