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NHA salutes Bingaman for including hydro in energy legislation

Washington, D.C. (February 11, 2008) – Statement by National Hydropower Association Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci on new renewable energy legislation offered by Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM):

"The National Hydropower Association applauds the vision Sen. Bingaman is showing by including hydropower and hydrokinetic technologies in their proposed renewable portfolio standards legislation. By incorporating incremental hydropower, ocean and tidal resources, and projects that turn existing dams into hydroelectric resources, he is 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 Sen. Bingaman as he develops this energy legislation."

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