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NHA Applauds the Issuance of the First ILP Hydropower License

Washington, DC – The National Hydropower Association congratulates the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and PPL Montana on the issuance of the first ever hydropower license utilizing the Commission’s integrated licensing process (ILP) for PPL Montana’s Mystic Lake project.

“The ILP was designed to improve the regulatory framework by increasing coordination between the applicant, federal and state agencies and other participants in the licensing process. We commend the Commission, PPL Montana and all the stakeholders who were involved in reaching this successful result,” stated Linda Church Ciocci, NHA executive director.

FERC adopted the ILP in July of 2003. The National Hydropower Association actively participated in the Commission’s ILP rulemaking activities and the implementation of the process.

Added Ciocci, “NHA supports the ILP because we believe it brings better efficiencies and more transparency to the hydropower relicensing process while also reducing costs. We are excited that the promise of the process is now being realized in individual proceedings and that successful outcomes, like the one announced yesterday, will ultimately lead to growing America’s hydropower resource. With nearly 90,000 MW of potential yet untapped, the ILP is an important tool in the development of new clean hydropower energy resources.”

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