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NHA Installs New Leadership and Board

Grant PUD's Munro is NHA 2009-2010 President

Washington, D.C. (May 13, 2009) -- The National Hydropower Association today installed its new member president, officers, and board members on the final day of the association's annual conference in Washington, D.C.

"We're pleased to have such a strong executive committee and board, which I think will carry on in the productive, effective direction the outgoing officers and board have established," said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. "Its composition reflects the professional and regional diversity we find throughout the hydropower industry, and I am confident about the association's direction under this new team."

At its January 2009 meeting, the NHA Board elected the following officers:

President – Andrew Munro, Grant County Public Utility District
Vice President – John Dulude, Normandeau Associates, Inc.
Treasurer – Gregory Lewis, Duke Energy Corporation
Secretary – David Moller, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

The officers will serve a term of one year, until the installation of new officers at NHA's 2010 annual conference.

"I'm very proud to take the reins from the 2008-9 NHA President Rick Miller," said Munro. "With hydro's recognition in the stimulus plan and increased funding for waterpower research in the federal government, Rick and his team have made great strides in securing hydropower's role in our energy, environmental, and economic policies."

Munro says he intends to continue with an aggressive agenda for NHA over the next year, challenging the industry to reach its potential by doubling capacity, doubling the number of industry jobs, and doubling the megawatts of new hydropower project applications before FERC.

"It's an ambitious agenda, but I think it's well within the industry's potential," Munro said. "Despite the many challenges businesses throughout the country are feeling these days, the hydropower industry remains a robust, growing sector. We have tremendous opportunities ahead, and we have the momentum to carry us forward."

NHA is also welcoming five new members to its Board of Directors. They are:

John Claybrook, North American Phoenix-Energy Services
Jim Crew, Alabama Power
Tim Oakes, Kleinschmidt Associates
John Ragonese, TransCanada
Ed Schild, Puget Sound Energy

In addition, five new members will join the Advisory Board:

Dan Adamson, Davis Wright Tremain LLP
Jessica Matlock, Snohomish County PUD
Cherise Oram, Stoel Rives LLP
Michael Perry, AMP-Ohio
Rennie M. Singletary, Santee Cooper

“We have great leadership and a great board in place,” Church Ciocchi said. “I’m looking forward to working with them and continuing in our efforts to support the growth and development of America’s largest renewable energy resource.”

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