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## **Statement of the National Hydropower Association on Failure to Include Renewable Energy Incentives in the Economic Stimulus Package**

Linda Church Ciocci, NHA executive director, today issued the following statement:

“The development of hydropower and new waterpower technologies could provide Americans 95,000 megawatts of clean, climate-friendly electricity as well as significant increases in jobs and investments that support local communities. The failure of the Senate this week to support the renewable energy tax provisions only serves to stifle, not stimulate, our industry and the economy.”

“NHA thanks all of the supporters in the Senate who voted to include the hydropower and other renewable energy provisions in the stimulus bill. We strongly urge Congress to come together and find a way to quickly extend the incentives.”

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*NHA is a non-profit national association dedicated exclusively to advancing the interests of the U.S. hydropower industry, including the new waterpower technologies – ocean, tidal and instream hydrokinetic technologies. The association represents 61 percent of domestic, non-federal conventional hydroelectric capacity in the U.S. Its membership consists of more than 140 organizations including public utilities, investor-owned utilities, independent power producers, developers, equipment manufacturers, environmental and engineering consultants, and attorneys.*