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Key Hydropower Policy Events at WIREC 2008

The National Hydropower Association (NHA), which represents America's largest and longest-serving renewable energy sector, is pleased to welcome international delegates, industry leaders from throughout the world, and members of the media to the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC).

NHA is joining other hydropower organizations, as well as representatives from financial, environmental, and other groups in several key events throughout the conference:

Defining Sustainable Hydropower (Official WIREC Side Event)

What: NHA and other partners are presenting a discussion on the need for a sustainability assessment tool for the international hydropower sector. The event will feature discussions about the International Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol, and a look at the financial, social, and economic implications of using an assessment tool in both developed and developing countries.

Who: Partners include:

- National Hydropower Association
- International Hydropower Association
- Canadian Hydropower Association
- World Wildlife Fund
- The Nature Conservancy

When: Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Where: Washington, D.C. Convention Center, Room 159A

Hydro/Ocean U.S. Markets & Policy Drivers (Official WIREC Business Conference session)

What: NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci will moderate a panel that looks at the current and future status of hydropower and ocean technologies in the United States, including the state of technology, the realistic growth potential, and the market and policy drivers.

Who:

- Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director, National Hydropower Association
- Kevin Banister, Vice President, Business Development, Finavera
- Burt Hamner, Manager, Tacoma Narrows Tidal Energy Feasibility Study, Puget Sound Tidal Power LLC
- Wayne Krouse, President, Hydro Green Energy
- Timothy Oakes, Senior Vice President, Kleinschmidt Associates
- David Youlen, Senior Vice President, North American Development, Brookfield Power Corporation

When: Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2008, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Where: Washington, D.C. Convention Center, Room 152B

Hydro/Ocean Global Markets & Policy Drivers (Official WIREC Business Conference session)

What: IHA Executive Director Richard Taylor will moderate a panel that explores the current and future roles played by hydropower and ocean technologies. Each speaker will focus on three key questions: What is the state of the art for their specific technology? What is the realistic potential (2020 – 2050)? What are the global market and policy drivers?

Who:

- Richard Taylor, Executive Director, International Hydropower Association
- Wave Power - Dr Weilepp Head of Ocean Energies, Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation GmbH & Co. KG
- Tidal Power - Jean-Michel Devernay, Deputy Managing Director EDF-Hydro Engineering Centre
- Hydropower Market: Refaat Abdel Malek, President, International Hydropower Association
- Carbon Credit - Nadia Sood, Executive Vice President, Organisation and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Oivind Johansen, Assistant Director General, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, Norway

When: Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2008, 8:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Where: Washington, D.C. Convention Center, Room 152B

Hydro/Ocean Status of Technology (Official WIREC Business Conference session)

What: A review of hydropower and ocean power technologies including advanced hydropower turbines, wave power, tidal power and instream hydrokinetic power, including a discussion of trends and outlooks.

Who:

- Tom Key, Hydropower/Renewable Program Manager, Electric Power Research Institute
- Alejandro Moreno, Wind and Water Power Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- Jason Foust, Hydraulic Design Engineer, Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation
- Brennan Smith, Researcher, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Peter Fraenkel, Technical Director, Marine Current Turbines Limited
- Jason Bak, President, Finavera
- Stein Erik Silkhagen, Vice President, Statkraft

When: Thursday, Mar. 6, 2008, 10:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Where: Washington, D.C. Convention Center, Room 152B

For more information: Contact NHA at 202.378.3631.

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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 150 organizations including public utilities, investor-owned utilities, independent power producers, developers, equipment manufacturers, environmental and engineering consultants, and attorneys.