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Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci on DOE's Major Report on Hydropower Growth Potential

Washington, D.C. (April 17, 2012) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the release of the Department of Energy's report on hydropower potential at the nation's non-powered dams (see http://www1.eere.energy.gov/water/pdfs/npd_report.pdf). According to the report, an additional 12,000 MW of hydropower potential exists at the over 54,000 non-powered dams in the United States:

"DOE's new study clearly shows the tremendous potential for growth in America's hydropower industry, without the need to build a single new dam. By adding power stations to existing dam infrastructure in the South, Rust Belt and other regions of the country, we can provide clean, affordable power to 3.9 million more American homes.

"The Hydropower Supply Chain Snapshot, also released this week (www.hydro.org/supplychainsnapshot), highlights nearly 2,000 American companies – nearly half of which are in the South and Rust Belt – who stand to gain from adding power to non-powered dams as outlined in the DOE's study.

"The effort that the DOE Water Power Program has devoted to this and other initiatives has been invaluable to the administration's goal of meeting 15 percent of the nation's electricity with hydropower. Today's report would not have been possible without the unprecedented level of support for the DOE Water Power Program that Congress has demonstrated in recent years. We applaud Congress for their approach and urge them to continue to invest in hydropower's future.

"It is crucial that we now work together to unlock hydropower's potential for growth. The industry stands ready to work with all related federal agencies to maximize the potential at these sites. Doing so will bring more affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity to America's households and businesses, and expand economic opportunity for supply chain companies in communities across the country."

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