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House subcommittee clears bipartisan hydropower legislation

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (June 7, 2012) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association on today’s markup of hydropower legislation in the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power:

“The National Hydropower Association applauds the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power for its vote today to advance bipartisan hydropower legislation. The bill, H.R. 5892, the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act, would help unlock hydropower development at existing infrastructure around the country.

“As Congress works to address the nation’s energy challenges, this bill is a bright spot of bipartisan cooperation. NHA appreciates the work of Representatives Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Diana DeGette (D-CO) for working together to craft common sense legislation that has received overwhelming bipartisan support from members from around the country. The 6 additional original cosponsors include – Bob Latta (R-OH), John Dingell (D-MI), Lamar Smith (R-TX), Ed Markey (D-MA), Lee Terry (R-NE), and Jim Matheson (D-UT).

“Hydropower is an integral part of America’s energy portfolio. The adoption of smart, targeted policy, such as H.R. 5892, allows our nation to tap additional hydropower resources to meet future energy needs. NHA looks forward to working with policymakers to quickly advance the bill through the legislative process.”

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