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Boulder completes upgrade of hydropower project

Statement of NHA Executive Director

Washington, D.C. (October 5, 2012) – The following is a statement Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the completion of the Boulder Canyon Hydroelectric facility in Colorado:

“The National Hydropower Association congratulates the City of Boulder for completing the upgrade of its Boulder Canyon hydropower project. New turbines and equipment were installed to produce a 30 percent increase in generation of reliable, affordable hydropower, thanks to investment from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“The remarkable thing about Boulder Canyon is that increased generation was achieved through the installation of new, more efficient equipment. NHA estimates that similar upgrades could add nearly 9,000 MW of capacity across the country by 2025. If we are to meet President Obama’s 80 percent clean energy goal by 2035, projects like Boulder are essential.

“Aside from low-cost, clean electricity, hydropower provides jobs to America’s economic recovery. A study by Navigant Consulting found that with the right policies, hydropower could create over 20,000 cumulative new jobs in Colorado alone.

“The hydropower industry stands ready to meet America’s energy challenges in the future and fuel its economic recovery.”

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