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## For Immediate Release

### **Support increased hydropower funding in House energy appropriations bill** *Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci*

Washington, D.C. (July 10, 2014) – The following is a statement of Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on an amendment to the House energy and water appropriations bill to increase hydropower research and development investment:

“Hydropower is the nation’s most affordable and reliable renewable electricity and NHA applauds and supports the efforts of Representatives Chellie Pingree, Suzanne Bonamici, and Mike Michaud to boost funding for vital water power research and development at the Department of Energy.

“NHA urges the House of Representatives to approve their amendment increasing funds for the DOE’s Water Power Program by \$9 million when it considers the energy and water appropriations bill later today.

“Investing in the work of the Water Power Program is critical to advance both conventional and new water power technologies, including developing more efficient and environmentally-friendly turbines; reducing costs of small hydropower and new marine and hydrokinetic technologies; and promoting hydropower’s role in the integration of variable energy resources.”

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