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NHA bestows lifetime achievement award on NYPA’s John Suloway

Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award industry’s most prestigious honor

Washington, D.C. (April 28, 2015) — The National Hydropower Association (NHA) today honored John Suloway with the Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award at a ceremony during the Association’s annual conference. The Henwood award is given in recognition of lifetime of achievement and is NHA’s most prestigious honor.

Suloway recently retired from the New York Power Authority (NYPA) after an extraordinary career spanning 32 years—most of which was dedicated to complex and high-profile projects associated with NYPA’s hydropower fleet.

Throughout his storied career at NYPA, Suloway dedicated years of service to NHA. He served as president of the Association from 2002-2003 as part of one of his two terms on the Board of Directors.

“John has been a forward-thinking, innovative leader within NHA and the industry for decades,” said Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association. “He has been a tireless advocate of building an effective organization to represent hydropower, including expanding our efforts to work with various stakeholders, setting priorities, and being responsive to our members’ needs.”

During the critical period of significant licensing reform in the late 1990s and early 2000s, John played a pivotal role on behalf of the hydropower industry—serving as chairman of NHA’s Regulatory Affairs Committee, actively participating in the numerous hydropower consultation committees with agencies and the environmental community, helping to develop the Integrated Licensing Process regulations, and contributing to the development of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

“In short, John is a giant in our industry,” wrote a collection of industry leaders when nominating Suloway. “We’re stronger and more vibrant because of his contributions over his tremendous career, inspired by his tremendous work ethic and absolute integrity, and thankful for his many successes achieved for the benefit of the industry.”

The Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award is the hydropower industry’s most prestigious individual achievement award. NHA established the award in 1990 in memory of Kenneth Henwood, an NHA board member, engineer, and developer who died while working on a project in California. Henwood winners must show persistence in the face of institutional obstacles, exhibit fair dealing and plain speaking, and depict an appreciation of the relationships between project engineering, the environment, and economics.

Suloway was selected by a committee of his peers in recognition of his dedication to the industry throughout his over 30-year career.

“We are happy to see John’s contributions to the advancement of clean hydroelectric power get the national recognition it deserves with this great honor,” said Gil C. Quiniones, NYPA president and CEO. “It has been a
privilege to have John on NYPA’s team for so much of his career, and we join NHA in saluting the profoundly beneficial impact he has had on our organization, New York State, and the energy industry.”

“In honoring John Suloway with this well-deserved lifetime achievement award, the selection committee is recognizing a national leader of the hydropower industry. His determined work on licensing improvements and strong philosophy of reaching out to all stakeholders to build trust and strong relationships has benefited all of us,” said Church Ciocci. “On behalf of NHA and the hydro industry, I’d like to congratulate John on this award and thank him for his remarkable contributions.”

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