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Bipartisan House Amendment Restores \$9 Million in Cuts to DOE's Water Power Program

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (April 30, 2015) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the passage of a bipartisan House amendment to the 2016 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2028) restoring \$9 million in funding for the Department of Energy's Water Power program. The amendment, authored by U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1st), Scott Perry (PA-4th) and Chellie Pingree (ME-1st), passed by a voice vote last night.

"DOE's Water Power program is making critical investments to develop more efficient turbines, reduce costs of small hydropower and new marine and hydrokinetic technologies, and promote hydropower's role in the integration of variable energy resources. NHA applauds Representatives Bonamici, Perry and Pingree for their leadership to restore this funding for hydropower and marine energy R&D initiatives, and we will continue to work with them to ensure a final robust funding level for the program."

The members of the NHA Marine Energy Council also commend the work of the sponsors of the amendment. The Council was formed by NHA in November and is comprised of technology developers, academic institutions, and equipment and service providers in the wave, current (tidal, ocean, and river), and ocean thermal sectors.

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