

# Federal Policy Update

Overview of NHA's Legislative and Regulatory Work



# Legislative Update

# REPAIR Act

- The Renewable Energy Parity and Investment Remedy Act – Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow the same credit rate for all renewable resource facilities
- H.R. 2626
  - Sponsored by Rep. Kendrick Meeks (FL-D)
  - 16 Co-sponsors
- S. 1090
  - Sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
  - 5 Co-sponsors

# STORAGE Act

- Storage Technology of Renewable and Green Energy Act – Amends Internal Revenue Code to make pumped storage eligible for ITC and CREBs program
  - H.R. 4210
    - Sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)
      - 4 Co Sponsors
  - S. 1091
    - Sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
      - 5 Co Sponsors

# Appropriations

- **FY2011 Appropriations Request**
  - President's Request - \$40 Million
  - NHA's Request - \$100 Million
    - House Support
      - Rep. Norm Dicks (WA)
    - Senate Support
      - 11 Senators – Menendez (NJ), Lieberman (CT), Shaheen (NH), Whitehouse (RI), Akaka (HI), Wyden (OR), Merkley (OR), Burris (IL), Cardin (MD), Begich (AK), Kaufman (DE)
  - Committee Meetings Held

# Energy/Climate Legislation

- House
  - Passed H.R. 2454 in June 2009
  - Comprehensive energy and climate measure
    - Includes national RES and cap-and-trade measure
- Senate
  - S. 1462 – Energy only bill passed out of ENR Committee
    - Contains RES definitions similar to House measure
  - Climate bill talks have stalled

# Regulatory Update



# Memorandum of Understanding



- Army Corps, Dept. of Interior, and Dept. of Energy
- Plan of Action
  - Report of growth opportunities by October
  - Commitment to upgrade federal facilities
  - Coordination of research and development
  - Increasing generation



# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- Small Hydro Action Plan
  - New web-based tools
  - Road map
  - “Fill-in-the-blank” Templates
  - Updating MOUs
  - Outreach via education, hotline, and e-mail
- Variable Energy Resource Integration Comments
  - How hydro assists in VER integration
  - Policies needed to incentivize PS development
  - Potential impacts of VERs on hydropower operations

# How Can I Help?



Write your representative and senator- build a relationship and get them to support hydro



Become a part of our grassroots efforts by using the online advocacy tool



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