



## National Hydropower Association

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The U.S. hydropower industry applauds you for your commitment to expand America's use of clean and renewable energy and we hereby commit to meet 20 percent of your 80 percent clean energy goal by 2035.

Hydropower, America's leading renewable electricity resource, already provides approximately 7 percent of our nation's electricity supply and 66 percent of America's renewable electricity. Recent analyses show we can double that contribution and create over 1 million good-paying, family-sustaining jobs in the process.

Taking maximum advantage of our nation's hydropower infrastructure by increasing efficiencies at existing hydro facilities and adding capacity at non-powered dams are two near-term steps in the long-term effort to expand hydropower resources.

Hydropower is available, reliable, affordable and sustainable. It is a resource that already benefits every state in the Union, and we can do far more. In order to do that, however, policies are needed to support this potential growth such as:

- Regulatory improvements that foster better intergovernmental cooperation in the licensing process;
- Tax policies that encourage more investment and hiring in the hydropower industry;
- Re-investment in the federal hydro system; and
- Continued commitment to hydro R&D initiatives.

The National Hydropower Association looks forward to working with your Administration and the new Congress to make this happen.

Sincerely,

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