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National Hydropower Association conference announced Annual event scheduled April 13-16, 2008

WASHINGTON DC (October 23, 2007) – The National Hydropower Association today announced it will hold its Annual Conference in Washington, DC from April 13-16, 2008. It has selected “Hydropower: Blue Energy for a Greener Future” as its theme.

“There’s a growing need for more climate-friendly, clean energy sources,” said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. “And no solution to climate change is complete without the inclusion of hydropower. As the nation moves to meet these new demands, it creates tremendous potential for conventional hydropower and new waterpower technologies.”

The three-day annual conference will feature sessions exploring legislative and regulatory issues, as well as technology advancements. Energy professionals will hear from and interact with legislative and regulatory leaders, allowing them to discuss policy issues affecting hydropower. Attendees also have the chance to meet with other industry professionals and NHA staff to enhance their own business opportunities.

NHA is dedicated to further the contributions of water-based energy resources and ensure these contributions are recognized as a valuable component of the nation’s energy portfolio. NHA is focused on improving the hydropower licensing process, securing incentives for new growth opportunities, securing a role for hydropower in renewable and sustainable energy policies and educating policymakers and the American public about hydropower, its benefits, its role as a steward, and the issues facing the resource.

“To realize the full potential of water-based energy resources we need to pursue emerging technologies and, at the same time, take full advantage of established, conventional resources,” Church Ciocci said. “It’s imperative we establish policies suitable to facilitating and supporting development activities, projects, and programs. The 2008 conference provides a forum in which to build beneficial relationships among policymakers, stakeholders, industry members, and the media.”

For more information regarding the 2008 Annual Conference or NHA, contact HCI Publications, the Conference organizer, at (816) 931-1311, ext. 108, or visit the NHA website at www.hydro.org.

The National Hydropower Association is the only trade association in the United States dedicated exclusively to promoting the nation’s largest renewable resource and advancing the interests of hydropower energy in North America. NHA, with more than 140 members throughout the industry, works to secure hydropower’s place as a climate-friendly, domestic, reliable energy source that serves national environmental and energy policy objectives. NHA recently launched its Ocean, Tidal and New Technologies Council, consisting of 30 of its member companies that are exploring development of ocean, tidal or hydrokinetic projects. Council members include manufacturers, developers, public and investor-owned utilities, and engineering and consulting firms with projects proposed from California to New York.

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