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House approves bill promoting Reclamation conduit hydropower development with overwhelming bipartisan support

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (April 10, 2013) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s passage of H.R. 678, The Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act:

“NHA applauds the House of Representatives for again passing legislation that promotes the further development of the nation’s most affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy resource: hydropower. Both Republicans and Democrats highlighted the need for increasing hydropower’s energy, environmental and job creation benefits during the debate on H.R. 678 and the final vote of 416-7 demonstrates the strong bipartisan support that hydropower enjoys from policy-makers on Capitol Hill.

“We greatly appreciate and commend the work of the bill’s bipartisan co-sponsors – Representatives Tipton (R-CO), Amodei (R-NV), Coffman (R-CO), Costa (D-CA), Cramer (R-ND), Daines (R-MT), Gardner (R-CO), LaMalfa (R-CA), Lumis (R-WY), Gosar (R-AZ), McClintock (R-CA) and Smith (R-NE) – and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Hastings (R-WA) for his leadership in highlighting the tremendous growth potential of these low impact conduit hydropower resources.

“NHA looks forward to working with the Senate to secure final passage and the president’s signature this year.”

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