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Hydropower Association applauds Senate hearing on conduit hydropower legislation

Senate has opportunity to enact package of hydro policies before end-of-year

Washington, D.C. (September 19, 2012) – The following is a statement from Jeff Leahey, Director of Government Affairs of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing:

“Today the Senate Energy Committee heard testimony on important legislation, Rep. Tipton’s H.R. 2842, that expands the generation of reliable hydropower on our nation’s conduits and canals. Bringing this power online could provide affordable, renewable energy to more than 30,000 American homes every year.

“We applaud the Committee for holding this hearing before Congress recesses until after the election. We urge the Senate to enact this and other key pieces of hydropower legislation that have advanced this Congress.

“Sen. Murkowski’s Hydropower Improvement Act (S.629) and the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act (H.R. 5892) introduced by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Diana DeGette increases regulatory certainty for small hydropower and expedites the licensing process for low-impact projects such as adding energy generation to existing non-powered infrastructure.

“These bills have little or no-cost, have bipartisan support and will move our country closer to accessing 60,000 MW of untapped hydropower potential.”

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