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### Hydropower makes data centers cleaner, more affordable

Washington, D.C. (October 10, 2012) – The following letter to the editor was submitted to the *New York Times* on Oct. 1 by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, regarding an article that appeared Sept. 23 on data centers:

“Data Barns’ (Data Barns in a Farm Town, Gobbling Power and Flexing Muscle, Sept. 23) highlighted the growing energy needs of large data centers that service Americans’ demands for cloud computing and social media offered by Yahoo!, Google, Facebook and others.

“These services require tremendous energy, demonstrating why companies are moving to areas that provide affordable, reliable hydropower generation, like Lockport, NY and Grant County, WA. They should be applauded for locating operations in areas providing access to clean, renewable electricity, which improves their environmental profile.

“Hydropower is the nation’s largest renewable electricity resource, but it can do more. Estimates are that the U.S. can nearly double its current hydropower capacity and create over a million cumulative jobs -- with the right policies in place.

“Bipartisan bills that would stimulate hydropower deployment await Congressional approval – now is the time to pass legislation and put more hydropower and Americans to work.”

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