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Hydropower regulatory improvements near finish line

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (May 8, 2013) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approval of bills to promote hydropower development in the United States.

“The momentum behind hydropower legislation on Capitol Hill continues to build with today’s unanimous Senate Energy Committee approval of H.R. 267, the *Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act*, its Senate companion S. 545, the *Hydropower Improvement Act*, and H.R. 678, the *Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act*, and its Senate companion S. 306.

“Over the past three years, leaders on Capitol Hill have been working in a bipartisan manner to advance these common sense solutions to the real challenges faced by developers who seek to maximize the benefits of water infrastructure.

“Action on hydropower legislation demonstrates that bipartisan solutions to our nation’s energy challenges exist and can be enacted by Congress. I urge Majority Leader Harry Reid to quickly move these bills through the Senate to President Obama’s desk and make them the first pieces of energy legislation to become law in the 113th Congress.”

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