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NHA congratulates Connor on confirmation as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci

Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2014) – The following is a statement of Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the confirmation of Michael L. Connor to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior:

“NHA congratulates Michael Connor on his confirmation today by the Senate to take over as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Interior. His background at Interior to date demonstrates that he is keenly aware of the important role hydropower, both the federal and non-federal system, plays in meeting our nation’s need for reliable and affordable electricity.

“As commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Connor worked collaboratively with the hydropower industry and other stakeholders to maximize Reclamation’s hydropower assets, including instituting improvements to the lease of power privilege process to facilitate non-federal development of hydropower generation at Reclamation infrastructure.

“He has shown a depth of knowledge on energy and water issues and a commitment to public outreach and engagement that will serve him well in his new role as deputy secretary. NHA looks forward to working with him as the Interior Department continues to pursue the nation’s clean energy and environmental goals, in which hydropower has a large role to play.”

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