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NHA Presents Henwood Award to Brookfield's David Youlen

Award honors Youlen's leadership, vision, and contribution to hydro industry

Washington, D.C. (August 10, 2009) – National Hydropower Association is pleased to announce that it has presented David Youlen, senior vice president of Brookfield Renewable Power, with the prestigious Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award for individual achievement.

“Dave Youlen brings a passion and commitment to his work that has changed our industry and helped secure the benefits of hydropower resources for all Americans,” said Linda Church Ciocci, NHA’s executive director. “Through his leadership, NHA has evolved to serve member interests more broadly and meet today’s needs.”

Youlen served as president of NHA from 2006 to 2007 at a point when both industry leaders and policymakers were just beginning to understand the role hydropower must play in an integrated approach to energy, climate, and economic policy. In accepting the Henwood Award during a special ceremony at the Waterpower Conference last month in Spokane, Youlen referred to this period as a “crucial time of NHA’s realignment and achievement.”

“My NHA presidency introduced me to the converging national issues of energy independence, climate change, and environmental stewardship, while maintaining electric system reliability,” Youlen said. “Hydropower presents one compelling solution at the intersection of these needs. I believe we’ve made tremendous progress.”

A licensed professional engineer who received his bachelor of science in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Youlen has spent more than 35 years working on the development, management, and operation of hydropower facilities and other renewable energy resources. In his work at Brookfield Renewable Power, Youlen currently is focusing on the development of pumped storage facilities.

“Dave Youlen, with his passion for advancement and excellence in both the technical and policy sides of the hydropower industry, embodies exactly what we look for in a Henwood winner,” said Dan Jarvis, Henwood selection committee chairman. “Through his experience managing and operating hydropower plants, he learned firsthand what it means to be a good resource steward and a reliable electricity supplier. As a developer, he managed regulatory, financial, and legal issues and learned the industry’s challenges in all those arenas. As an NHA president and board member, he brought all of this experience to bear, along with his boundless enthusiasm and commitment to our industry.”

The Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award is the hydropower industry’s most prestigious individual achievement award. NHA established the award in 1990 in memory of Kenneth Henwood, an NHA

board member, engineer, and developer who died while working on a project in California. Henwood winners must show persistence in the face of institutional obstacles, exhibit fair dealing and plain speaking, and depict an appreciation of the relationships between project engineering, the environment, and economics.

“In honoring Dave Youlen with the Henwood award, the selection committee is recognizing something that we in the hydropower industry have observed for many years – Dave Youlen is one of our most accomplished and dedicated leaders,” said Church Ciocci. “On behalf of NHA and the entire industry, I’d like to congratulate Dave on this award and thank him for his unflagging support.”

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