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## For Immediate Release

### Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci on North American Clean Power Generation Target

Washington, D.C. (June 30, 2016) – NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci today issued the following statement on the agreement by the United States, Mexico and Canada to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by relying on clean energy sources for 50 percent of electricity generation by 2025.

“NHA is pleased to see hydropower recognized by President Obama, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau and Mexican President Nieto as one of the clean and renewable energy resources that will help North America address climate change and increase our clean electricity profile.

“U.S. hydropower has the potential to grow significantly with only 3 percent of the nation’s existing dams equipped to generate power. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, we could add up to 12 gigawatts of new clean renewable capacity to these non-powered dams alone. In addition, there are opportunities for new pumped storage projects, capacity additions and efficiency improvements at existing hydropower facilities, new small hydropower projects, as well as marine energy and instream hydrokinetics.

“As all three countries move forward, we believe the growth of domestic hydropower will be critical to securing our clean energy future.”

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