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President Obama includes hydropower in plan to address climate change *Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci*

Washington, D.C. (June 25, 2013) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on today’s release of President Barack Obama’s Climate Action Plan, announced at Georgetown University.

“The National Hydropower Association praises President Barack Obama’s inclusion of hydropower as a key tool in meeting his administration’s clean energy and environmental goals as outlined in the Climate Action Plan released today.

Hydropower already plays a critical role in the nation’s energy portfolio. In 2011, hydropower constituted two-thirds of our renewable electricity generation, helping the United States avoid over 225 million metric tons of carbon emissions – the equivalent of taking nearly 50 million cars off the road.

But our industry’s full contributions remain untapped. Hydropower can continue to grow and we applaud the president’s recognition of the opportunity to expand hydropower at the nation’s existing infrastructure.

The plan seeks to reduce regulatory barriers for these types of hydro projects, unlocking tens of thousands of megawatts of available capacity identified at the nation’s non-powered dams and existing hydropower plants. With this type of development comes the creation of thousands of new jobs across the country and expanded access to low-cost clean energy for millions of additional American households.

Further improvements to the hydropower licensing process are primed and ready for Senate passage after receiving overwhelming bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. We urge Senate leaders to quickly send these bills to the president’s desk.”

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