Clean Currents 2027 Exhibitor Terms & Conditions

These Exhibitor Terms & Conditions (the "Terms") govern participation in the Clean Currents 2027 exhibition and conference (the "Event") organized by the National Hydropower Association ("NHA," "we," or "us"). By booking, paying for, or occupying exhibit space at the Event (an "Exhibit Space"), the exhibiting company ("Exhibitor") agrees to be bound by these Terms, the Event prospectus, the Exhibitor Services website, and all venue rules and applicable laws. No separate signature is required.

1. Event Management & Venue Rules

The Event is organized and managed by NHA. NHA may interpret, amend, and enforce these Terms to support a safe, fair, and professional marketplace. Exhibitors must comply with all policies of the Georgia World Congress Center and with all applicable laws and regulations. NHA will provide notice of material amendments in a commercially reasonable manner.

2. Dates, Location & Schedule

Event venue: Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

- Installation: Tuesday, August 31, 2027
- Exhibit Days: Wednesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 2, 2027
- Dismantle Begins: Thursday, September 2, 2027, following the close of exhibits
- Dismantle Ends: Friday, September 3, 2027, 10 AM

Specific hours will be provided on the Exhibitor Services website. Exhibitors must plan travel accordingly.

3. Space Selection & Floor Plan

Initial selection follows a priority points process based on a combination of NHA membership, total spend (inclusive of membership and sponsorship during the fiscal year), Clean Currents exhibitor tenure, and size of exhibit space, followed by first come, first served. The floor plan and specific locations may change to optimize traffic flow and safety. NHA may assign, reassign, or adjust space as needed.

4. Rates & Payment

Exhibit Space rates are as follows:

Exhibit Space size	Sq ft	Member	Standard
10x10	100	$4,275	$5,900
10x20	200	$8,550	$11,800
20x20	400	$17,100	$23,600

A corner Exhibit Space fee of $225 applies to each corner. Full payment is due by March 31, 2027. Payments are accepted via bank transfer, wire transfer, credit card, or USD check payable to "National Hydropower Association." Exhibitor is responsible for its banking fees.

Exhibit Spaces that remain unpaid after a 10 business day grace period following the payment deadline will no longer be held, and NHA may release the space to another exhibitor.

5. Cancellations & Downsizes (Exhibitor)

Cancellations and downsizes must be submitted in writing to events@hydro.org.

- Received by March 31, 2027: no charge.
- Received after March 31, 2027: Exhibitor is responsible for 100% of the Exhibit Space fee.

For downsizes, the same terms apply to any space removed, and complimentary registrations adjust to the final Exhibit Space size. If an Exhibit Space is cancelled, all complimentary full-conference registrations are forfeited. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., natural disasters, serious medical emergencies), NHA may, at its sole discretion, review a written waiver request.

6. Event Cancellation, Postponement, or Relocation (Organizer)

If NHA cancels the Event, Exhibitor's sole and exclusive remedy is a refund of exhibit rental fees actually paid. If NHA postpones or relocates the Event, Exhibitor may request a refund of exhibit rental fees; such refund is the limit of NHA's liability. In each case, NHA will have no liability for Exhibitor's incidental or consequential costs (e.g., travel, shipping, build, or promotional expenses).

7. Installation, Operation & Dismantle

NHA sets installation and dismantle windows. Setup is not permitted before installation hours open on Tuesday, August 31, 2027. NHA may arrange build at Exhibitor's expense if installation has not begun by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2027. No part of a display may be installed or removed during open exhibit hours. All exhibits must remain intact until close of the Event. Materials must be removed by 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 3, 2027; uncollected freight may be reconsigned at Exhibitor's expense via the official drayage contractor.

8. Children & Access Control

No one under 18 is permitted on the exhibit floor during installation and dismantle. Badges must be worn at all times in exhibit areas.

9. Contractors & Drayage Services

Freeman is the official general services contractor. Shipping, material handling, labor, electrical, furnishings, and other services are detailed on the Exhibitor Services website. Advance freight must be consigned per the instructions on the Exhibitor Services website. The venue and NHA are not responsible for loss or damage in transit or storage.

Each Exhibitor must declare in its Exhibit Space set up plan, by July 1, 2027, whether it is using Freeman, another exhibitor appointed contractor (EAC), or no contractor. NHA provides no insurance coverage for EACs other than Freeman.

10. Exhibit Space Design & Display Rules

NHA follows IAEE Display Rules & Regulations. End-cap Exhibit Spaces are not permitted. Linear Exhibit Space height is limited to 8 ft in the rear 5 ft of the space; remaining frontage to aisle is limited to 4 ft in height, except as allowed for multi-Exhibit Space configurations per IAEE rules. Island Exhibit Spaces (20'×20' min) may use the cubic content up to 20 ft in height; hanging signs must not exceed 20 ft to top and must remain within Exhibit Space boundaries. Exhibitors are responsible for verifying on-site conditions (e.g., columns, utilities).

Exhibitors that do not follow Exhibit Space design and build-out guidelines may be required to modify their Exhibit Space at their own expense and risk losing eligibility to exhibit at the following year's Event.

11. Lighting, Sound & Special Effects

Direct lighting inward; no spill into aisles or neighboring Exhibit Spaces. Lasers, UV, and special effects require prior written approval and must meet venue rules. Sound must be contained within the Exhibit Space and not disrupt adjacent exhibits or aisles. Music (live or recorded) is prohibited in CC Central.

12. Exhibit Space Presentation & Housekeeping

Exhibits must not obstruct sightlines or encroach beyond contracted boundaries. NHA may require drape or other remedies at Exhibitor's expense to mask unsightly areas. Only fire-retardant materials may be used; no combustible storage in or around Exhibit Spaces. All Exhibit Spaces must be carpeted and ADA accessible; raised floors must be ramped.

13. Use of Space; Exhibit Space Sharing; Conduct

All activity must occur within the contracted Exhibit Space. Exhibits must be conducted in a professional manner consistent with the Event's educational purpose. NHA may restrict products, services, or conduct deemed inappropriate, unsafe, or competitive with NHA's own offerings (including education or events) at NHA's discretion.

Exhibitor may share its Exhibit Space with other companies ("Sharing Companies"), subject to the following:

- **One agreement.** The company that reserves the Exhibit Space is the Exhibitor of record. All fees, deadlines, and communications go through the Exhibitor. NHA does not contract with, invoice, or provide portal access to Sharing Companies.
- **Full responsibility.** The Exhibitor is responsible for ensuring that Sharing Companies and their staff comply with these Terms, including insurance (Section 19), indemnification (Section 20), and conduct requirements. Any act or omission of a Sharing Company is treated as an act or omission of the Exhibitor.
- **No separate recognition.** The Exhibit Space is listed under the Exhibitor's name only. Sharing Companies will not receive a separate Exhibit Space number or listing on the floor plan, website, mobile app, or event signage. Badges display the company name each attendee enters at registration.
- **No added benefits.** Complimentary and discounted registrations are based on Exhibit Space size and are not increased by sharing. The Exhibitor decides how its allotment is used.
- **Private arrangements.** Any agreement or payment between the Exhibitor and a Sharing Company is solely between those parties. NHA is not a party to it. If a Sharing Company withdraws, the Exhibitor's payment and cancellation terms (Section 5) still apply.

14. Sales, Marketing & Off-Floor Promotion

Retail or over-the-counter sales and delivery are prohibited; order taking for future delivery is permitted. Giveaways and prize drawings are allowed subject to applicable laws and good taste. Use of NHA or venue names, logos, or marks requires prior written approval. Unauthorized promotion outside the Exhibit Space (e.g., parking lots, lobbies, hotel spaces) is prohibited without written approval.

15. Hospitality & Functions

Hospitality events, focus groups, tours, or meetings involving Event attendees during official Event hours require prior written approval and may not conflict with NHA programming. If exhibit space is canceled, NHA may request the venue to cancel related room blocks or function space booked under Exhibitor's name; Exhibitor remains liable for hotel charges.

16. Canvassing & Solicitation

Non-exhibiting companies may not canvass or distribute materials in the exhibit area and may be removed. Solicitation of exhibitors (e.g., for advertising or competing events) requires NHA's written permission.

17. Safety, Security & Prohibited Items

Exhibitor is responsible for compliance with all fire, safety, and health codes. Weapons of any type, functional or replica, are prohibited. NHA may implement reasonable security measures but makes no warranty of security. Exhibitor must safeguard its own property at all times.

18. Labor Rules & Freight Storage

Exhibitor will follow local labor rules and official contractor guidance. On-site labor can be ordered via the official contractor. Empty crates and packing materials must be tagged and stored per contractor instructions; NHA is not responsible for their loss or damage.

19. Insurance

Each Exhibitor must obtain and upload a certificate of insurance (COI) in the exhibitor portal by June 1, 2027. Coverage must include: (a) Workers' compensation as required by Georgia law; (b) Commercial General Liability of at least US $1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including products/completed operations and contractual liability, covering the period from at least August 31, 2027 through close of move-out; and (c) Property insurance sufficient to cover Exhibitor's own property. Certificates must name as additional insureds: National Hydropower Association and Georgia World Congress Center Authority.

20. Indemnification

Exhibitor will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NHA, its officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, and the venue and its owner/operator from and against any third-party claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of Exhibitor's occupancy or use of the venue, its products or services, or the acts or omissions of Exhibitor or its employees, contractors, or invitees.

21. Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, NHA will not be liable for lost profits, loss of business, incidental, special, exemplary, indirect, or consequential damages. NHA's aggregate liability relating to the Event will not exceed the exhibit rental fees actually paid by Exhibitor to NHA for Clean Currents 2027. The foregoing limitations apply regardless of theory of liability and even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

22. Force Majeure

NHA will not be liable for any delay or failure to perform due to events beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, weather, fire, flood, earthquake, labor disputes, civil disturbances, war, terrorism, public health emergencies, governmental orders, or utility interruptions. If a force majeure event materially impacts the Event, NHA may modify the Event (including dates and hours), relocate, postpone, or cancel, and the remedies in Section 6 will apply.

23. Intellectual Property & Photography

Exhibitor warrants it owns or has rights to display all materials and will not infringe any third-party IP. Venue or NHA marks may not be used without written permission. During exhibit hours, NHA's official

photographer or videographer may capture images or video from public aisles; Exhibitor will not unreasonably withhold permission for such exterior shots. Exhibitor controls recording within its Exhibit Space and may deny competitor access. No cameras are permitted during setup, dismantle, or non-exhibit hours except by NHA and the official contractor.

24. Data & Privacy

Exhibitor will comply with applicable data protection laws when collecting personal information (e.g., via lead retrieval). Exhibitor must provide its own privacy disclosures and obtain any required consents.

25. Compliance & Code of Conduct

Exhibitor must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including anti-bribery and anti-corruption, trade controls, and health and safety rules. Harassment or discrimination of any kind is prohibited. NHA may remove any person violating this policy without refund.

26. Remedies for Violations

If Exhibitor violates these Terms, NHA may, without refund, (i) close or dismantle the exhibit at Exhibitor's expense; (ii) revoke badges; and/or (iii) deny future exhibiting privileges, including at the following year's Event. These remedies are cumulative and in addition to other rights at law or in equity.

27. Governing Law & Dispute Resolution

These Terms are governed by the laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. The parties will negotiate in good faith to resolve disputes. Any unresolved dispute will be brought exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Fulton County, Georgia, and the parties consent to personal jurisdiction and venue there. Each party waives any right to a jury trial to the extent permitted by law.

28. Entire Agreement; Order of Precedence; Severability

These Terms, together with the Exhibitor Services website and the Event prospectus, form the entire agreement regarding the subject matter and supersede prior discussions. In the event of conflict, these Terms control, then the Exhibitor Services website, then the prospectus. If any provision is unenforceable, it will be modified to the minimum extent necessary to be enforceable, and the remainder will continue in effect.

29. Acceptance of Terms

Booking exhibit space constitutes Exhibitor's acceptance of these Terms. The individual booking on behalf of Exhibitor represents that they are authorized to do so. These Terms are available on the Clean Currents website and floor plan and are included in exhibitor confirmation communications.