

2017 NHA Policy Priorities Highlights

Increasing Hydro's Profile Before Congress

- **Multiple congressional hearings on hydro licensing.**
 - Senate Energy Committee – Leahey. Clay Koplín (Cordova Electric).
 - House Energy Committee – Ramya Swaminathan (Rye Development) on behalf of NHA.
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 - House Nat. Resources Committee – Herbie Johnson on behalf of NHA. Randy Howard, NCPA; and Bob Gallo, Voith.
- **Multiple congressional hearings on other issues.**
 - House Energy Committee – Steve Wright (Chelan PUD) on behalf of NHA on grid benefits
 - Senate Energy Committee – Christopher Wynn (Brookfield) on Sen. King's (I-ME) hydro bills
 - House Natural Resources Committee on FERC/BPA pumped storage project coordination
 - House Republican Policy Committee on hydro and millennials (HRF and others)

Advancing Key Policy Goals

- **40 bills introduced with impacts on hydro – 21 in House; 19 Senate**
 - Key NHA bills include: Rep. McMorris Rodger's (R-WA) hydro bill; Sens. Murkowski (R-AK) and Cantwell (D-WA) energy bill; Rep. Stefanik (R-NY) PTC/ITC bill; Sen. Hatch (R-UT) tax extenders bill
- **Licensing improvements – several bills passed House**
 - Rep. McMorris Rodgers' bill
 - Several bills supporting pumped storage development, non-powered dams and conduits
 - Bill to fix preliminary permits and start of construction
 - Several bills for individual project start construction deadlines

2017 Policy Highlights Continued

- **Licensing improvements – Senate actions**
 - Senate comprehensive energy bill moved straight to floor bypassing Committee process
 - Several bills extending construction deadlines passed out of Committee and moved to floor
- **Tax** – 1-year retroactive PTC/ITC extension through 2017 adopted as part of budget bill
- **Appropriations**
 - Strong funding levels in House and Senate for DOE WPTO despite big cuts for other renewables
 - Strong bipartisan support for WPTO – House floor voice vote on WPTO amendment, bipartisan support letter with 33 signatories

Building Hydro's Profile w/ Administration, Agencies and States

- **Administrative outreach**
 - Outreach to the President-elect and Vice President-elect and transition team
 - Outreach to CEQ re: administrative actions for hydro
 - Outreach to Department of Interior on administrative actions in response to Executive Orders
 - Several positive comments from the President on hydro
- **Regulatory Policy**
 - FERC issues final rule on license terms
 - DOE includes hydro in grid resiliency report
 - FERC issues licensing improvement recommendations as part of review under the EOs
 - NHA responds to state activities in WA (energy storage/PS) and CA (2030 vision)