2017 NHA Policy Priorities Highlights

**Increasing Hydro’s Profile Before Congress**

- **Multiple congressional hearings on hydro licensing.**
  - Senate Energy Committee – Leahey. Clay Koplin (Cordova Electric).
  - House Energy Committee – Ramya Swaminathan (Rye Development) on behalf of NHA.
  - House Energy Committee – Leahey.
  - 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)