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Joseph T. Kelliher
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Kelliher:

The National Hydropower Association (NHA) writes to express our support of the City of Hastings, MN License Amendment Application for FERC Project No. 4306. The proposed addition of hydrokinetic turbines to the existing hydropower facility represents a tremendous step forward on the path to commercializing the nascent instream hydrokinetic power industry.

A 2007 report issued by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) estimates that 13,000 MW of potential is ripe for development by 2025 utilizing new advanced technologies in the ocean, tidal and instream hydrokinetic sector. However, NHA believes, and EPRI acknowledges, that this potential will not be fully realized until the U.S. adopts the necessary economic, regulatory and R&D policies to support this growth.

Commission approval of the Hastings project provides a timely opportunity to support the hydrokinetic industry. In water demonstration of this technology in a real world setting is critical to gain needed information on the environmental performance of instream hydrokinetic technologies. Information gained from the project, the first of its kind in the nation, will allow regulators, stakeholders and the industry itself to better evaluate future projects and development opportunities.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the License Amendment Application and the promise of this cutting edge project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Church Ciocci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being particularly prominent.

Linda Church Ciocci
Executive Director

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