



The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20426

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar and Chairman Wellinghoff:

The National Hydropower Association (NHA) and the Hydropower Reform Coalition (HRC) applaud the recent announcement by your agencies on reaching a resolution to the jurisdictional dispute over the siting and licensing of ocean energy projects on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Our organizations believe that environmentally responsible development of ocean renewable energy technologies has the potential to increase the nation's clean energy portfolio. Now that the regulatory uncertainty created by the jurisdictional question between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Minerals Management Service will be resolved, we believe the full potential of this resource can be investigated and pursued.

Again, we commend your actions to work cooperatively to address this issue and look forward to working with both the Commission and the Department to advance the ocean energy industry in a manner that allows for increased energy production while minimizing environmental harm.

Sincerely,

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John Seebach
Chair
Hydropower Reform Coalition

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Linda Church Ciocci
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