



House Approves Critical McMorris Rodgers Hydro Reform

Would speed up burdensome licensing of non-federal facilities

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, 2017 -- House lawmakers today approved a critical measure from Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) that would improve burdensome licensing and relicensing for non-federal hydropower facilities.

The *Hydropower Policy Modernization Act* aims to help the roughly 400 hydropower projects that will be up for relicensing by 2030, representing 18,000 megawatts of capacity. The bill would also clear the way for additions to domestic hydropower capacity, including generation to non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage.

“This is a strong part of a growing suite of Republican efforts to help clean, reliable hydropower,” ClearPath Action Executive Director Rich Powell said.

“The bill will encourage private-sector hydropower production by creating a more reasonable licensing process that balances clean energy development with environmental concerns,” ClearPath Action Policy Associate Justin Ong added.

McMorris Rodgers continues to be a leading promoter this Congress of [the significant potential for growth in hydropower](#).

House lawmakers this year also approved a bipartisan measure from Reps. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.) and Diana DeGette (D-Colo.) [that would cut in half federal reviews of small conduit \(or energy-recovery\) hydro projects](#).

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