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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: SWPA Celebrates National Hydropower Day

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Tulsa, OK – Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern or SWPA) is celebrating National Hydropower Day today, August 24, 2021, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the National Hydropower Association (NHA), the other Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs), and hydropower stakeholders across the country.

There are several activities planned, and Southwestern is proud to be involved directly with two of them. The first activity is the launch of a video at 10:30 am Central Prevailing Time showcasing the value of Federal hydropower to the Nation, entitled: “Federal Hydropower: The Bedrock of a Clean Energy Future.”

The video is the product of a collaboration among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the International Boundary and Water Commission, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the PMAs and was produced by Western Area Power Administration.

The link to the video is available on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/Zt09yCZjlrw>

The second activity is a panel hosted by DOE and NHA consisting of the Administrators of the PMAs, including Southwestern’s own Administrator Mike Wech, scheduled for 1:00 pm Central Prevailing Time.

The panel is designed to answer common questions about hydropower, such as what technologies are used to produce and deliver hydropower; hydropower support for the integration of other renewable resources; use of hydropower during extreme weather events; and how hydropower can help support the modernization of the Nation’s electrical grid to provide clean, secure, resilient, and reliable energy for the future.

The link to the panel is available on the DOE Office of Electricity web site at:

<https://www.energy.gov/oe/national-hydropower-day-2021>

Southwestern Administrator Mike Wech says he is glad to be part of the nationwide celebration of hydropower.

“Southwestern is proud to participate in National Hydropower Day and honored to be asked to be part of such an illustrious panel. Hydropower can be considered to be the very first renewable energy resource, and we look forward to continuing to provide this valuable resource to support the Nation’s clean energy infrastructure for many years to come.”

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