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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
United States Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Bingaman:

On behalf of Hydro Green Energy, I am writing to express our support for S. 2146, the Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012.

Hydro Green Energy (HGE) is a renewable energy development company with proprietary hydropower technology. The company, which maintains headquarters in Illinois, focuses on developing new hydropower generation at existing, non-powered dams in an environmentally-responsible manner.

HGE is currently developing 37 low-impact hydropower projects in 15 states with a total installed capacity of 350 MW. Our projects will provide enough annual power for nearly 200,000 homes and annually avoid 2.7 billion pounds of carbon emissions.

Based on our reading of S. 2146, as well as conversations with your staff, we understand that S. 2146 would qualify all of our projects and our energy output as “clean,” allowing for full participation in the Clean Energy Standard (CES). Federal policies such as the CES will ensure the most robust, economic development of America’s renewable energy resources.

While hydropower is the nation’s largest renewable resource, and it has long played an important role in providing millions of Americans with clean, reliable and predictable power, there is substantial growth potential for new, environmentally-responsible hydropower. S. 2146 properly recognizes hydropower’s critical role in meeting the goals of S. 2146, as well as its ability to robustly contribute to America’s clean energy economy.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the Senate to see that S. 2146’s recognition of hydropower remains unchanged and that the Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012 is enacted into law.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mark R. Stover, Hydro Green Energy’s Vice President of Corporate Affairs, at 877-556-6566 x-711.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO