INCREASING SUPPLIES OF HYDROPOWER IS WELCOME NEWS FOR NEW ENGLAND CONSUMERS

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BOSTON, March 28, 2018 – The New England Petroleum Council welcomed today’s announcement that the region will have access to increased supplies of hydropower through the New England Clean Energy Connect transmission project in Maine.

“Today’s announcement is great news for consumers across New England,” said New England Petroleum Council Executive Director Stephen Dodge. “Increasing New England’s supplies of electricity will benefit consumers with affordable energy and increase the reliability, diversity, and security of our region’s electric grid.

“While today’s announcement is a step in the right direction, New England shouldn’t be forced to import its electricity from Canada because we can’t get additional natural gas pipelines in the region. Moving forward, there’s no doubt that we need to embrace all forms of energy including renewables, hydropower and clean natural gas – whether it be importing LNG or increasing access to affordable natural gas supplies located just a few hundred miles away in Pennsylvania.”

The New England Petroleum Council is a division of API, which represents all segments of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation’s energy. The industry supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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