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Dear Ms. Swaminathan,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Modernizing Energy Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities to Expanding Hydropower Generation."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Grace Appelbe, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Grace.Appelbe@mail.house.gov](mailto:Grace.Appelbe@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

### **Additional Questions for the Record**

#### **The Honorable Fred Upton**

1. In your testimony, you discussed some of the challenges that can occur post licensing that delay the start of construction of projects. Does the National Hydropower Association, as an organization, support an amendment to the Federal Power Act to allow FERC to extend construction deadlines beyond the time period currently allowed?
2. Does the National Hydropower Association support establishing FERC as the lead agency for the purposes of coordinating all Federal authorizations and for the purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act?
3. What does the National Hydropower Association believe should be the role for Federal and State agencies considering an aspect of an application for Federal authorization?