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### Low Impact Hydropower Institute Welcomes New Talent to Governance and Program Teams

**March 21, 2019, Lexington, MA** – The Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) has announced new additions to its Governing Board and Hydropower Industry Advisory Panel, as well as new professional program staff to support the organization’s national Low Impact Certification program. LIHI is overseen by a Governing Board which is responsible for the overall direction of the organization, including setting Certification requirements and making Certification decisions. The Governing Board works closely with advisory boards, including the Hydropower Industry Advisory Panel and Renewable Markets Advisory Panel, to set policy and goals for the organization, which is implemented by LIHI’s professional program staff.

**Rick Glick, Brenda Pracheil and Lisa Zarek** have joined LIHI’s 13-member Governing Board for the first of three possible consecutive three-year terms.

Rick Glick is an Oregon-based lawyer with the firm of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP who focuses on environmental, water, and energy law, representing businesses and local governments in a wide range of environmental matters. He is a former staff counsel to the California State Water Resources Control Board and a former deputy city attorney for the City of Portland. Rick will serve as a member of the Governing Board and the Policy Committee.

Brenda Pracheil, Ph.D., is an Aquatic Ecologist in the Environmental Sciences Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory where she has worked on developing science-based environmental metrics for hydropower. Brenda is a respected fisheries expert who has published extensively on fish biology and management. She is on the Publications Oversight Committee of American Fisheries Society Publications and Associate Editor of *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. Brenda will serve as a member of the Governing Board and the Technical Committee.

Lisa Zarek is a Certified Public Accountant with over two decades of experience as a finance executive in the hydropower industry. She has worked on project and corporate financing and is an expert in overseeing complex audits. She worked as Chief Financial Officer for Brookfield Renewable and Vice President of Finance for Enel Green Power before becoming an independent contractor. Lisa will serve as a member of the Governing Board and the Finance Committee.

**Todd Wynn** has joined LIHI’s Hydropower Industry Advisory Board.

Todd Wynn is Chief Executive Officer of Hull Street Energy’s Portfolio Companies where he leads a senior team of executives and serves on the boards of companies that own and operate thermal and hydroelectric power generation assets throughout the United States. He has extensive renewable

energy industry experience having been on the operations and asset management teams at Brookfield Renewable and Enel Green Power prior to joining Hull Street Energy.

**Whitman Constantineau** has joined LIHI's staff as Program Coordinator.

As Program Coordinator, Whitman Constantineau will assist with LIHI's implementation of its Certification program, including interfacing with Certificate holders and applicants. Whitman brings his commitment and skills in the area of sustainability to LIHI. He most recently worked at the University of New Hampshire's Sustainability Institute where he implemented various sustainability-related programs designed to educate, inform and motivate students, faculty and staff to take action.

Executive Director, Shannon Ames said of the appointments, "We are pleased to be adding such diverse talent and perspective to our boards and staff. I am confident their contributions will strengthen our ability to make Low Impact Certified Hydropower an important part of our energy future."

Members of LIHI's Governing Board represent themselves, not necessarily their organizations.

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**About the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI)**

The Low Impact Hydropower Power Institute was established in 2000 by a coalition of environmental organizations, led by Green Mountain Energy Company and American Rivers, with assistance from the hydropower industry, renewable power market leaders and environmental stakeholders. The founders recognized that hydropower's non-emitting, renewable energy often comes with environmental risks to river ecosystems and users. In response, LIHI developed the nation's only independent certification and verification program for environmentally-responsible hydropower. Low Impact Certified hydropower facilities meet eight science-based criteria designed to provide environmental, cultural and recreational stewardship of rivers. LIHI Certification is recognized in various voluntary and statutory green energy programs, giving owners market-based opportunities to optimize their power sales while safeguarding the environment.