



**STATEMENT OF OREGON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION**

**COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM OPERATIONS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT**

*Oregon's electric cooperatives are pleased the DEIS recognizes the lower Snake River Dams are a critical part of the Northwest's clean energy future. The DEIS also concludes that breaching the dams would have adverse effects on power costs, particularly in rural counties, while putting the reliability of our electrical grid in jeopardy.*