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Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocchi on the ruling by Judge Redden regarding salmon protection at federal hydroelectric dams

Washington, D.C. (August 3, 2011) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocchi, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the decision by U.S. District Judge James Redden:

“While we are still reviewing the decision, NHA is disappointed that the Pacific Northwest will continue to be distracted by litigation for several more years as a result of this latest ruling by Judge Redden regarding the federal hydroelectric dams along the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

“NHA believes restoring salmon runs in the Pacific Northwest is best served by pursuing the science-based, cost-effective methods proposed by the past two presidential administrations and approved by well respected members of the scientific and environmental communities. The plan should be given the opportunity to succeed.

“Hydropower, including the federal system, is the largest renewable electricity resource in the nation. The industry takes seriously its role in habitat preservation and remains committed to innovation of environmentally-friendly technologies.”

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