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Riverbank breaks ground on Oregon small hydropower project

Washington, D.C. (August 24, 2012) – The following is a statement from Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association, on the groundbreaking of Riverbank Power’s Dorena Lake Hydroelectric Project in Oregon:

“NHA congratulates our member company Riverbank Power on this momentous occasion in breaking ground on the Dorena Lake project earlier this week.

“With only about 3 percent of the nation’s 80,000 dams generating electricity, this project demonstrates how hydropower can successfully be developed on our country’s existing infrastructure.

“Originally built for flood control and recreation, Dorena Dam will now be a source of over \$25 million in new economic activity and thousands of megawatt-hours of clean energy for over a thousand Oregonians. The project will also improve the environment it is a part of by funding fish habitat enhancement along the Row River watershed.

“This is a story we hope to see repeated around the country. NHA will continue its work with federal policymakers telling the success stories of projects like Riverbank’s and advocating for policies that will help us tap the over 60,000 MW of capacity that we could reach by 2025.”

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