

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Columbia River People's Utility District Annexation**

Columbia River People's Utility District (CRPUD) has been providing electrical service to residents within the Columbia County since 1984. In 2000, the CRPUD entered into an agreement with Portland General Electric (PGE) to purchase the PGE facilities within St. Helens, Scappoose and Columbia City, as well as the northern end of Multnomah County. As a result of this purchase, CRPUD has been providing electrical service to these Columbia County customers who reside inside its allocated service territory but are outside its political boundaries. Because these Columbia County customers are outside CRPUD's political boundaries, they are not represented or allowed to vote on CRPUD matters as are other customers. The CRPUD Board passed a resolution on January 17, 2017 recommending annexation of the territory described below if customers within Columbia County approve the annexation.

The measure would annex the territory described below to CRPUD and allow presently excluded Columbia County customers to be represented and vote in CRPUD matters.

### **Columbia County – Legal Description**

Beginning at the point of intersection of the South line of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Columbia County, Oregon, and the centerline of the Multnomah Channel, thence running Northerly along the centerline of the Multnomah Channel to a fork in the main channel at the South end of Coon Island, thence continuing Northeasterly along the centerline of the East fork of said channel to a point where the East and West channel forks intersect at the North end of said island, thence Northeasterly along the centerline of the main channel to the point of intersection between said channel and the centerline of the channel commonly known as Santosh Slough, said point being in the NW Quarter of the NW Quarter of Section 28 Township 4 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Columbia County, Oregon, thence in a general Southwesterly direction to a point on the West bank of the Multnomah Channel also known as the low water line of said channel, thence Southeasterly along the low water line to a point where said line intersects the South section line of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Columbia County, Oregon, thence Easterly along the South section line Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Columbia County, Oregon to the point of beginning.