

# PNGC Power Pulse

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## Charting the Course

The PNGC Board of Directors met at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington for their annual Strategic Planning session June 4-6, 2018. This intensive meeting is held in lieu of an official Board meeting during the month of June and gives the Board a chance to deep dive into the subjects that concern the future of PNGC.

“This year we had a chance to look out past 2028, when the new Bonneville contract will go into effect,” said Beth Looney, President and CEO of PNGC Power. “There is so much for us to consider, both internal and external factors, as we plan for the success of PNGC and its cooperatives moving forward. This meeting gives us the opportunity to talk about what we’ll look like post-2028, and also all the steps we need to be making between now and then.”

This year’s session included topics like Real World Scenario planning, long-term financial planning, and extensive discussion on PNGC’s Wholesale Power Contract. The Board also looked at the results from the survey they were given prior to the Strategic Planning session that asked for their appetite and opinions on various regional, legislative, and power related questions.

“I think we made great progress setting a path for PNGC’s continued success and growth into the future,” said Roman Gillen, PNGC Power Board Chair. “I am confident that the framework established by this year’s Strategic Planning session places us in the best position to meet the major challenges and uncertainties of the NW power market in the years ahead.”

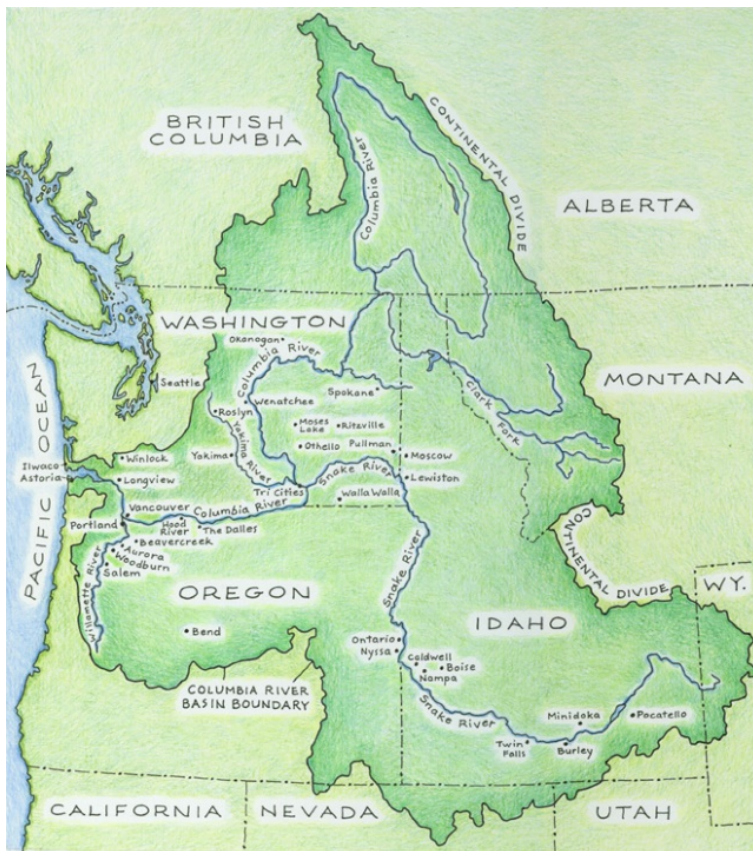


The view from Skamania Lodge

## A River Runs Through It

On May 22, 2018 the U.S. Department of State released a statement announcing the start of negotiations with Canada to modernize the Columbia River Treaty. This 1964 Treaty has provided flood risk and hydropower operations with benefits to millions of people living in both Canada and the Pacific Northwest of The United States. Modernizing the Treaty will ensure these benefits continue fairly into the future.

Talks between the United States and Canada began on May 29-30 in Washington, D.C. and by all accounts were productive in terms of laying out high-level objectives and re-affirming cooperation between the parties. This came before the G7 summit held in La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada June 8-9, and the ensuing tensions between our two allied countries caught the news cycle. What does this mean for Treaty negotiations moving forward? And what can we expect from our Canadian counterparts as the U.S. Department of State (along with The Bonneville Power Administration, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Department of Interior, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) looks to ensure the objectives of the United States?



It's important to remember that discussions about The Columbia River Treaty have been ongoing for many years now among the Northwest's Tribes, states, key stakeholders, and both public and federal agencies. In 2013, consensus was reached by these groups around a 2013 Regional Recommendation, which will guide U.S. negotiators. Ashley Slater, PNGC Power's Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy said, "As members of the Columbia River Treaty Power Group (a coalition of 80 electric utilities, industry associations and other entities that depend on power produced by Columbia River hydropower generating plants) PNGC Power has taken a

leadership role to ensure that Treaty discussions prioritize the fundamental need to reestablish an equitable distribution of power benefits between the U.S. and Canada."

The key objectives of the Treaty negotiations, according to a press release issued by the U.S. Department of State, are careful management of flood risk, ensuring reliable and economic power supply, and better addressing ecosystem concerns. Sustaining these objectives far into the future is the goal; hopefully, current tensions will not have an effect. "Our primary objective is to ensure that these negotiations result in a net positive benefit for Northwest electric ratepayers," Slater stated, saying this will require a steadfast commitment to correcting the current inequity of the U.S. obligation under the Canadian Entitlement – a continuous power and energy delivery to the Canadian government

paid for by Northwest electricity customers. Slater said, "Without agreement, the Northwest region faces a loss of approximately \$1 million every two to three days, and the associated carbon-free energy."

PNGC Power has been at the table representing its members' interests in these discussions and will continue to monitor their development. The next round of negotiations will take place August 15-16 in British Columbia, Canada.

## Employee Spotlight: Teresa Skreen

Teresa Skreen has been with PNGC Power for 17 years. She began her career here when PNGC still shared the building with a bank. In fact, in her first role as Administrative Services Manager, the first project she undertook was to revamp the current PNGC building to get it ready for the Slice contract and a 24-hour trading floor. Teresa says she has seen and lived the changes of the building, the contracts, and leadership of PNGC. Teresa is the second-longest tenured employee of PNGC now (our CFO Jon Wissler has a few years on her.)

Teresa is the Vice President of Administration, which is a role that covers a multitude of areas. She oversees Human Resources and Benefits, IT, the building, administrative services, she supervises the marketing and communications department, and functions as counselor and all-around office Mom. "I see my main job as fostering the culture of the company," Teresa said. "I try to make a positive environment where people can be their best." Teresa went on to say that it's always been her job to deal with the little things, so that the little things don't become big things that distract people from PNGC's core mission.



Teresa and Flynn

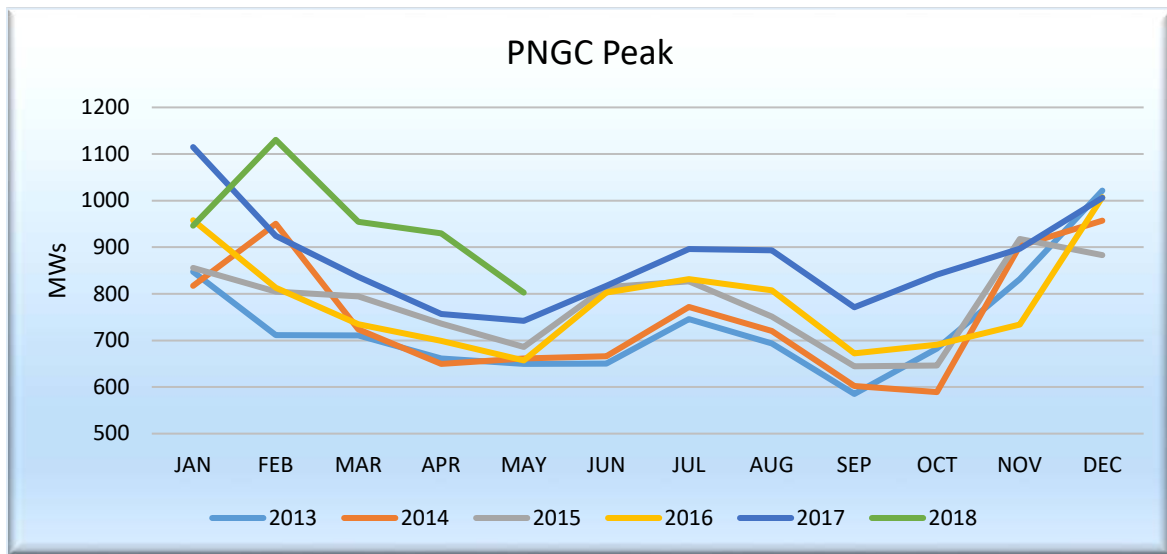
Teresa lives in Oregon City with her husband Mitch, and their lively animal companions, which include 4 Maine Coon cats that range between 20-30 lbs. each (named Bacco, Tino, Fuego, and Pippa), and two Boxers, Kipper who is a wise 12 years old, and their newest addition, Flynn, who is 6 months old. Teresa and Mitch have two grown daughters, and two granddaughters. In her free time, Teresa volunteers with organizations that make the world a better place.

## BPA Happenings

June 20-21	2018 Integrated Program Review Workshop
June 26	TC-20 Tariff Customer Workshop
July 11	TPIP Review
July 17	2018 Integrated Program Review Workshop
July 18	BP-20 Rate Case Workshop
July 23	TC-20 Tariff Customer Workshop

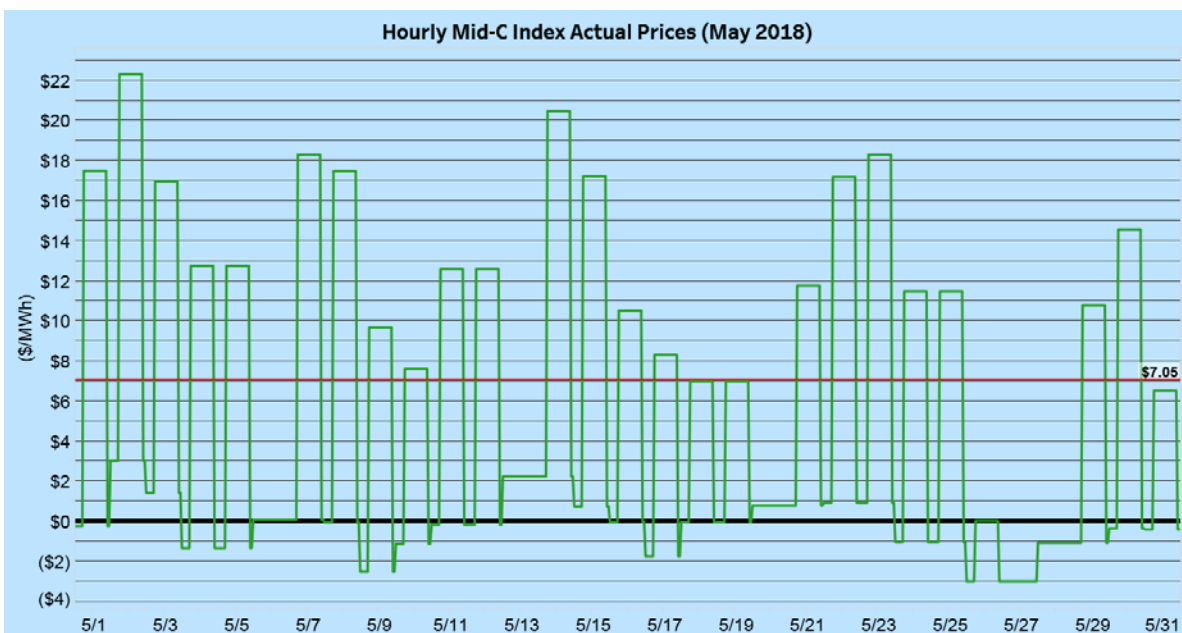
## PNGC Peak by Month & Year

The graph below compares PNGC Power’s peak demand by month for the last 5 years.



## Mid-C Pricing

The graph below shows Mid-C Pricing for the month of May 2018



## Upcoming PNGC Events

June 21	Coos-Curry Annual Meeting
July 3	PNGC Board Meeting
July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July – PNGC Office closed
July 10-12	ORECA Mid-year Meeting
July 12	EE Collaborative Meeting



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*PNGC Power is a Portland-based electric generation and transmission (G & T) cooperative owned by 15 Northwest electric distribution cooperative utilities with service territory in seven western states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming). The company creates value for its member systems by providing power supply, transmission, and other management services. PNGC Power is an aggregator of geographically diverse loads in the region.*