

PNGC Power Pulse

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A Collaborative Effort

The Energy Efficiency Collaborative group met March 20 and 21 at the PNGC Offices. The EE Collaborative group is made up of the energy efficiency experts from PNGC’s 15 cooperatives. Participants joined in person and by phone to go over a range of topics that affect the energy efficiency programs at cooperatives back home. The group meets a few times throughout the year.

“It’s our opportunity to come together as the people who are directly working with these EE measures. We get to bring BPA managers in to help explain programs and program changes and also share our direct experiences with them,” said Brandy Neff, PNGC Power’s Conservation Services Coordinator. “The face to face time is invaluable.”

Jess Kincaid, BPA Residential Program Manager, met with the group to go over upcoming changes to the Implementation Manual that will be released on April 1, as well as programmatic changes that are coming in October. Kincaid spent considerable time going over weatherization and window programs, since those areas interested PNGC participants the most. Margaret Lewis, BPA’s EE Representative for PNGC, was also on hand to answer questions.

Participants were able to share with the group what they are doing at their own cooperatives as well. Connie Shrum and Travis Wood from Umatilla Electric Cooperative presented on their energy savings loan and bill financing program, and Ryan Davies from Central Electric Cooperative led the group in a discussion of Commercial sector programs.

“I appreciated this meeting,” said Sonya Billington, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative’s new Billing and Energy Services Supervisor. “Just as an opportunity to meet people and find out that some of our EE problems are universal.”

The EE Collaborative will meet informally at the Energy Efficiency Summit in May, and have another in-person meeting at PNGC in the fall.



Oregon Legislative Days

Ted Case, ORECA’s statewide manager, planned an exceptional program for this year’s co-op lobbying days in Salem. ORECA Legislative Days are a chance for Oregon’s cooperatives to come together and focus on shared policy priorities. The two-day program started on March 19 with an ORECA Board of Directors meeting and an issue advocacy prep session, and followed on March 20 with individual legislator visits.

PNGC’s Ashley Slater, Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy, attended and was able to give a federal legislative update at the ORECA Board meeting, and also spoke with decision makers the following day. “It’s so important to get quality face time with our legislators and their staff about the issues that affect our cooperatives back home,” Slater said. “We were able to talk about our shared cooperative priorities for the proposed Oregon cap and trade legislation and highlight the federal hydropower system’s carbon free attributes.

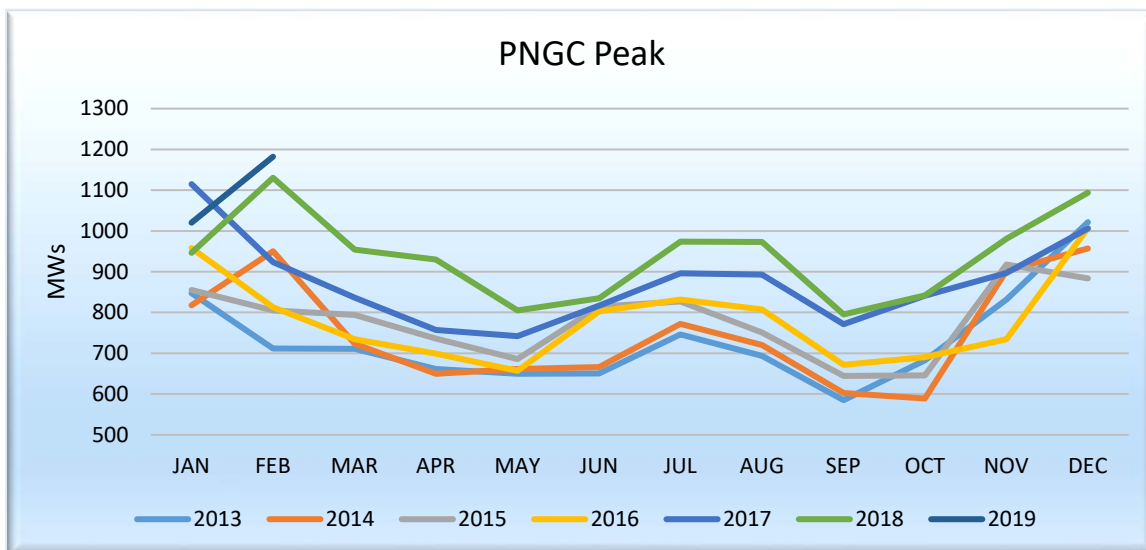
Finally, it’s an opportunity to get the cooperative story out in front of decision makers, which is always worthwhile.”

Slater will join PNGC Managers and Directors on a trip to Washington, D.C. in April to attend the NRECA Legislative Conference, and highlight several regional policy priorities on a national level.



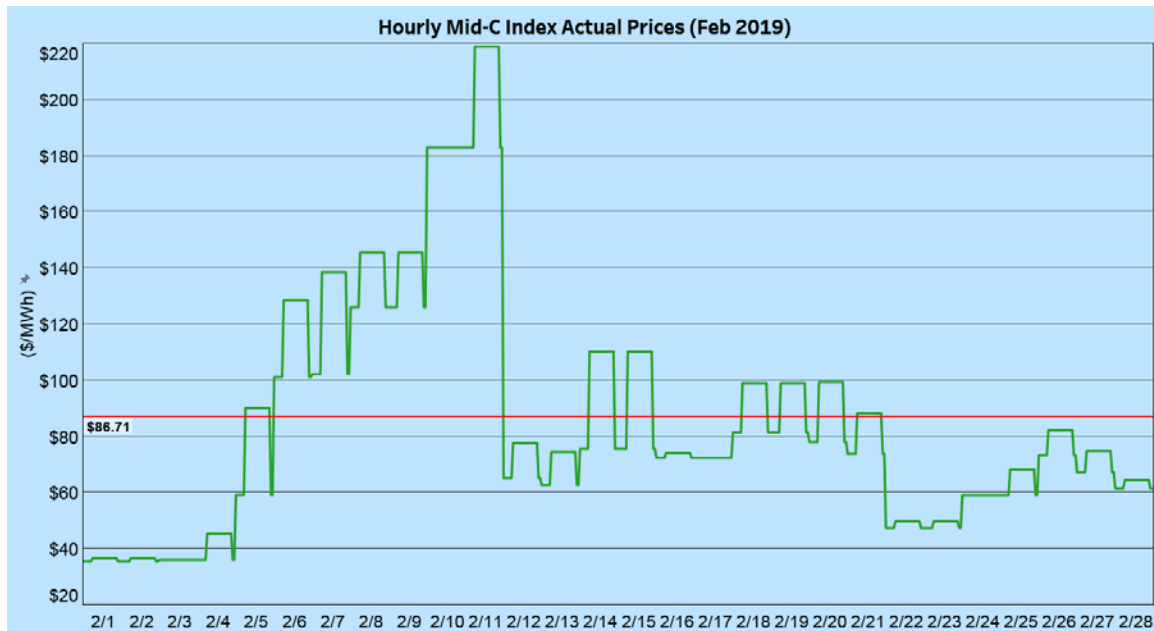
PNGC Peak

The graph below shows PNGC Peak for the past 5 years



Mid-C Pricing

The graph below shows Mid-C Pricing for the month of February 2019



BPA Happenings

- April 9 Hourly Firm Customer Update
- April 16 Hourly Firm Webinar
- April 24 Hourly Firm Webinar
- April 30 FY 2019 Q2 Quarterly Business Review

Upcoming PNGC Events

- April 2 PNGC Board Meeting
- April 3 PNGC Education Session
- April 6 Douglas Electric Annual Meeting
- April 9 Utility Sounding Board Meeting at PNGC
- April 12 Central Electric Annual Meeting
- April 13 OPALCO Annual Meeting
- April 15 Okanogan Electric Annual Meeting
- April 20 Umatilla Electric Annual Meeting
- April 27 Blachly-Lane Electric Annual Meeting



About PNGC Power:

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.

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