

# PNGC Power Pulse

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## 'Tis the Season

It's springtime, and for the majority of PNGC Power cooperatives, that means it's annual meeting time.

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Annual meetings provide the opportunity for cooperatives to bring a community together. "Annual meetings not only allow our members to hear industry updates and connect one-on-one with our leadership and employees, but they also give members the opportunity to see the connection between their co-op and the community," said Heather Anderson, Central Electric Cooperative's Executive Assistant, who plans their annual event. "The meeting also gives the cooperative a chance to educate members about important topics like safety, legislative issues, and advances in technology."

A lot of work goes into the planning and execution of annual meetings. From the logistics of where and when, to the content of the meeting itself, each cooperative seeks to bring value to their membership.

"While we kid about members showing up at the annual meeting for the door prizes and the food, it's a great opportunity to educate them looking back over the previous year as well as into the future," said Todd Munsey, Douglas Electric Cooperative's Director of Member Services. Douglas' service territory was recently hit with a major weather event, leaving some members without power for weeks as crews worked tirelessly to restore power. "On the heels of this storm, members appeared a little more interested in the financial picture, and that's a good story for us to tell," Munsey said. "It's also an opportunity for members to interact with their directors, and praise our crews and staff."

Beyond talking about the immediate issues of the cooperative, like major snow and subsequent outages, Munsey sees annual meetings as a possible way to bridge the gap in changing cooperative demographics. "Like everyone else, we have a tough time reaching the 24-44 year-old demographic. Before I retire, I would love to



**Meeting with a view:** OPALCO holds their annual meeting on the interisland Washington State Ferry, picking up members from around the various San Juan Islands, holding the meeting on board, and dropping members off along the way back home. Here's a shot from aboard the boat looking back at the ferry landing on Orcas Island.

transition this meeting into a family event where we can educate those younger members on the benefits of belonging to an electric cooperative.”

Greg Mendonca, PNGC Power’s Vice President of Power Supply, reflected on why he likes to visit a few cooperative annual meetings each year, “It’s always nice to get out to our cooperatives and experience their community through their annual meetings. We get a real sense of what is driving our cooperatives back home.”

Not all annual meetings happen in the spring. Some PNGC cooperatives have their annual meetings later in the year. PNGC’s own annual meeting will be held September 30 and October 1, 2019 in Portland, Oregon.

## Employee Spotlight: Scott Russell

Scott Russell, PNGC Power’s Vice President of Transmission, joined the team in August of 2016. In his role he covers all aspects of BPA Transmission Service, which is no small feat. “As BPA’s largest Network Transmission Customer, with approximately 150 points of delivery with BPA, we can see significant bottom line impacts from seemingly minor changes to BPA’s Open Access Transmission Tariff and/or Business Practices. As such, I pay special attention to what is happening in the policy arena.”

In addition to policy, Russell also wears an operational hat and helps other PNGC staff with energy purchases to make sure that they have access to as many generation resources as possible. And he finds some of his most rewarding work to be when he works directly with members on operational issues that face individual utilities, like facilitating new interconnect requests for new large loads, or integrating community renewable projects.

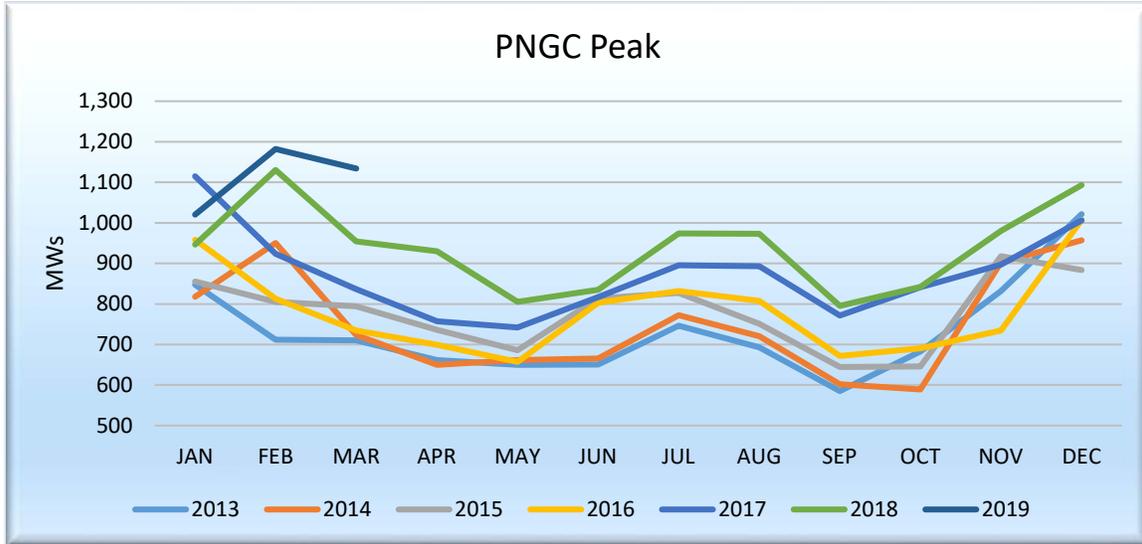
Russell previously worked for Portland General Electric in various capacities like financial analysis, corporate planning, power operations, and contract negotiation, and he enjoys the move from the investor owned utility to the cooperative world. “I really enjoy working in the energy industry and having been in the cooperative world for the past two years, believe that it is perhaps the best business model for what we are trying to achieve,” Russell said. “The cooperative model of banding together and providing essential services ‘at cost’ to our members feels good at the end of the day. Being ranked the number one low cost wholesale provider out of all G&Ts is something I am professionally proud of.”

Russell was born and raised in the Northwest, growing up in Boardman, Oregon. And after obtaining both his Bachelor of Science in Economics, and his Master of Science in Economics, from Oregon State University, he moved to the Portland area in 2005. He and his wife Cassie have been married for 13 years, and have two four-year-old twins, Abe and Nora. When he’s not at work Russell enjoys family time in the great outdoors, and he and Cassie take the kids camping, fishing, and hiking every opportunity they get.



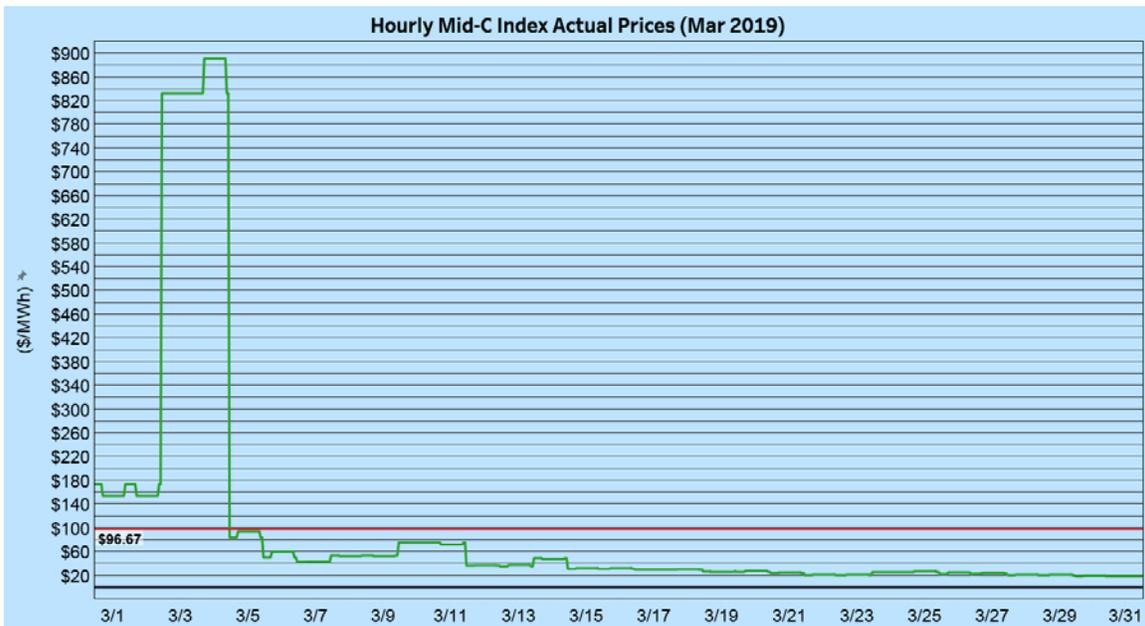
## PNGC Peak

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 March 2019



## BPA Happenings

- April 30      FY 2019 Q2 Quarterly Business Review
- May 1        Limited Hourly Firm Preparation Workshop
- May 3        May Finance Workshop
- May 6        Hourly Firm Customer Update
- May 15      Energy Imbalance Market Stakeholder Meeting
- May 17      Hourly Firm Webinar

## Upcoming PNGC Events

May 7	PNGC Board Meeting
May 8	PNGC Education Session
May 11	Northern Lights Annual Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day – PNGC Office Closed
May 28	Lane Annual Meeting
June 3-5	PNGC Strategic Planning Meeting – Eureka, Montana



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