

# PNGC Power Pulse

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## Markham Goes to Washington

PNGC Board Chair, Dave Markham testified before two subcommittees of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, at a hearing that examined the impact of wildfires on the domestic power sector and the environment. The hearing took place on Tuesday, January 28.

In his testimony, Dave discussed ways Oregon electric cooperatives are proactively addressing increased wildfire risk by instituting Wildfire Mitigation Plans, and outlined the challenges of working with federal land management agencies to reduce wildfire risks in an efficient and meaningful way. Dave stressed a need for consistent implementation of laws that govern utility management of energy infrastructure on federal lands. He made his case by describing frustrating first-hand examples of unpredictable permitting timelines related to the removal of dead trees on federal land in Central Electric’s service territory.

Ultimately, Dave stressed that cooperatives are voluntarily doing the work that needs to be done in addressing the wildfire issues in their communities. In March, Dave noted that Oregon electric cooperatives will convene a workshop with state, regional, and district land management agencies to develop methods by which *all* stakeholders can take increased actions to reduce wildfire risk.

“I would like to reiterate,” Dave said in his testimony, “that while significant challenges remain, there is great opportunity to work collaboratively to better understand the practical risks and devise workable policy solutions that enable the steps electric cooperatives are already taking voluntarily to mitigate for wildfires.” Dave has been both a regional and national leader in this policy space, using his platform to represent our shared co-op interests in Washington, D.C.



Dave Markham, PNGC Board Chair, testifies in Washington, D.C.

## New PNGC Officers

The PNGC Board elected new PNGC Officers for 2020. Dave Markham stepped up as the new Board Chair, with Annie Terracciano stepping into the role of Vice-Chair. Bryan Case was voted in as the new Secretary/Treasurer.

"I am excited to be part of PNGC and involved in setting the strategic direction of the organization," said Dave Markham. "We have a diverse Board with a combination of tenured directors that bring strong industry knowledge, leadership and experience as well as new directors that have fresh ideas and bring great energy to our meetings. I look forward to Chairing the PNGC Board during this time of change within our organization and the industry."



Left to Right: Dave Markham, PNGC Chair, Annie Terracciano, PNGC Vice-Chair, Bryan Case, PNGC Secretary/Treasurer

## Farewell & Hello

In January, the PNGC Board bid a grateful and heartfelt farewell to Ray Ellis for his service on the Board and years of dedication to public power. Ray retired from Lincoln Electric Cooperative, and he and his wife will enjoy some time traveling and upgrading their home. Ray served as Director on the PNGC Board for Lincoln Electric since 2011, but he previously sat on the PNGC Board for Okanogan County Electric Cooperative for several years as their General Manager.

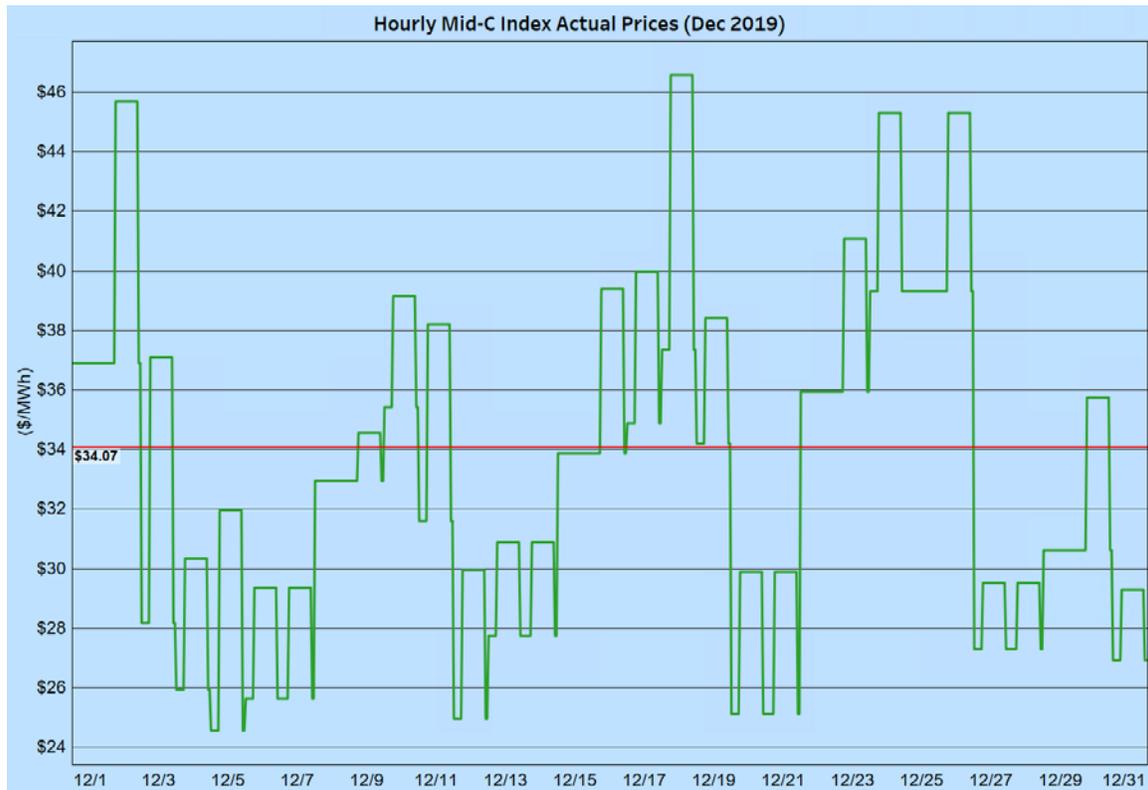
The Board welcomed Telly Stanger, who will replace Ray Ellis. Telly began his leadership at Lincoln Electric Cooperative as the General Manager this January. Over the past 15 years, Telly has gained electric cooperative experience with Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative in Willcox, Arizona and Southeast Colorado Power Association in La Junta, Colorado.



Telly Stanger, General Manager, Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Mid-C Pricing

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



## BPA Happenings

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| February 4  | Quarterly Business Review               |
| February 11 | Quarterly Business Review Workshop      |
| February 25 | TC-22, BP-22 and EIM Phase III Workshop |

## Upcoming PNGC Events

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| February 4 & 5 | PNGC Board Meeting                   |
| February 17    | President's Day – PNGC Office Closed |
| March 10 & 11  | PNGC Board 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.