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PNGC Power Celebrates House Passage of Legislation to Protect the Value of our Dams

Portland, Oregon (April 25, 2018) – Today, the United States House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation, H.R. 3144 that would protect PNGC Power’s access to renewable, clean, and reliable federal hydropower while mitigating hydropower impacts and protecting Endangered Species Act listed salmon populations.

“Through the application of best available federal science, this commonsense legislation will shore-up the value and reliability of a carbon-free federal hydropower resource that is the backbone of our region’s economy,” **said Beth Looney, President and CEO of PNGC Power.** “PNGC and its 200,000 member homes, farms and businesses, including those in rural, underserved communities, applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for advancing legislation that balances the dual priorities of environmental stewardship and a universal desire for economic growth and prosperity. We believe that fish and dams can coexist and are excited to support practical proposals like H.R. 3144 that encourage compromise outside of the courtroom.”

“The Columbia River System is a cherished resource that provides the Northwest with the multipurpose benefits of affordable, reliable and carbon free energy, flood control, navigation and recreation,” **said Roman Gillen, PNGC Power Board Chair and President and CEO of Consumers Power, Inc.** “As stewards of this great asset, it is our responsibility to get off the sidelines and identify practical solutions to tough problems. Our region faces serious challenges posed by an ever-changing energy landscape and there is no silver-bullet fix, but I’m convinced the answer is not to be found in the courtroom. We applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for passing this important legislation and urge the U.S. Senate to follow suit.”

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. More information about PNGC Power can be found at www.pngcpower.com.

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