#### Summer 2020

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#### PNGC in the time of coronavirus

On Friday, March 13 PNGC staff made the collective decision to begin working from home, just days before the nation was asked to shelter in place as a way to combat COVID-19. While we still haven't found a "new normal" yet, PNGC staff continues to work and thrive under a new paradigm.

Teresa Skreen, PNGC's Vice President of Administration, shared her thoughts on working from home during the coronavirus. "Our employees are remarkable," Teresa said, "And everyone has embraced the challenge of creating new ways of being highly effective."

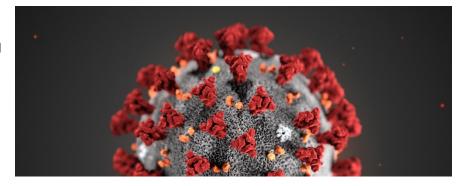
PNGC has embraced technology as a way to get around the fact that we cannot meet in the office. Our Monday morning staff meeting has become our Monday morning Zoom staff meeting, as everyone chimes in from their home offices to share what they are working on for the week. "We miss meeting face to

face, but our #1 concern is the well-being of our employees," Teresa said. She added that she doesn't know when office operations will be like they were before coronavirus. As it is, PNGC has created office protocols for when employees do visit the office—such as hand-washing upon entering the building, disinfecting used spaces and surfaces, physical distancing, using masks when appropriate, and of course, not coming into the office if one is ill.

Until then, PNGC will continue to use the tools we have to stay connected with our members. We successfully held two Board meetings, and a very productive Strategic Planning meeting over Webex. And while virtual meetings might not be ideal, we are making it work.

"I am proud of how the PNGC team in the office and at Coffin Butte adapted quickly and effectively to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Roger Gray, PNGC President & CEO. "Rightfully, our main focus is on the safety and well-being of employees and their families, but also making sure we continue to keep the business of PNGC going as effectively as possible. I think everyone has done a great job under challenging

circumstances. I think we all have a little cabin fever (aka "Zoom fatigue") and look forward to being with our team members again soon!" Until business resumes as normal in the office, PNGC remains fully functional, continuing the work of the cooperative.

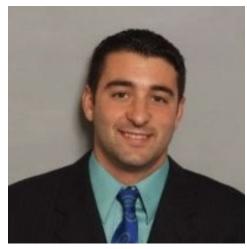


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## **Employee Spotlight: Alex Swerzbin**

Please welcome Alex Swerzbin, PNGC's new Director of Transmission and Markets. Alex comes to PNGC most recently from Avangrid Renewables, but has also worked at Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) and has a broad background in the energy world. Alex joined the PNGC team on June 1.

Alex says he's always wanted to work in energy. "I absolutely love being a part of this. The pace of change that is effecting a legacy industry creates a lot of excitement, challenges, and important work to be done." Alex says he is excited to be a part of something that is evolving and essential.



Beyond that, he is excited to join the cooperative world, finding the mission and business model to be of great value to people. "I am excited to help continue to provide reliable, diverse, and cost effective power supply service to these communities. Rural electrification has meant so much," Alex said. "I am excited to join in that family and continue that impactful work."

Outside of work, Alex describes himself as a family man. His wife Courtneigh, daughter Makenna, and son Atticus enjoy outdoor activities. They plan on exploring Oregon all summer with camping trips. Alex graduated from Willamette University with a MBA in finance, marketing, and leadership. He played college basketball during his undergraduate years, and he's even run with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

### **PNGC Annual Meeting & other news**

The PNGC Board has decided to hold its Annual Meeting virtually this year. Like so many of us in the industry, we're dealing with unraveling the plans we had to hold large gatherings and meet face to face due to COVID-19. PNGC has traditionally held its Annual Meetings in Portland, OR and as Multnomah County is the densest populated and the last Oregon county to begin to re-open, we expect a slow movement back to normal. In fact, large gatherings will likely be banned through September. Stay tuned for what PNGC comes up with in place of its normal Annual Meeting gathering.

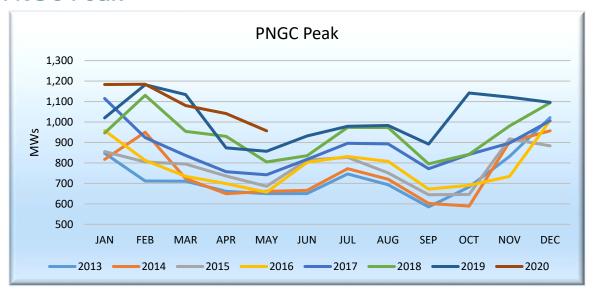
While we will not be hosting a reception at The Hotel Eastlund this year, they are planning



on reopening for business on July 6tth. Their new "Stay Safe" program contains procedures for best practices to ensure proper health safety, adapted from the American Hotel & Lodging Association guide. These programs will probably become ubiquitous as hotels begin to reopen. The Hotel Eastlund will continue to honor our preferred corporate program rates or better if the "best available rate" on their website falls below our contracted rate at the time of booking.

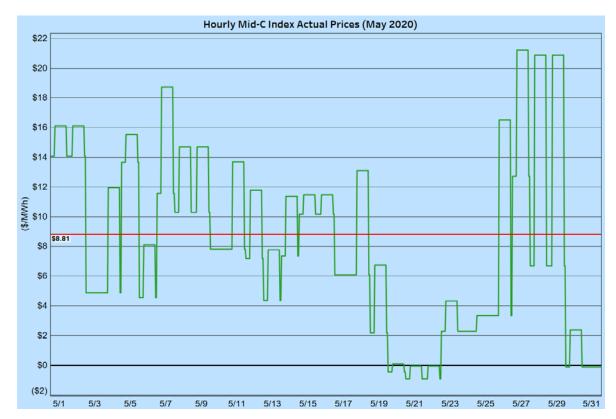
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### **PNGC Peak**



# **Mid-C Pricing**

The graph below shows Mid-C Pricing for the month of May 2020



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## **BPA Happenings**

June 16 & 17 BP-22 IPR Workshops

June 23 & 24 TC-22, BP-22 and EIM Phase III Workshop

### **Upcoming PNGC Events**

July 4 Fourth of July – Office Closed (observed July 3)

July 7 & 8 PNGC Board Meeting August 4 & 5 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.