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## Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Joins PNGC Power

**Portland, Oregon – September 27, 2017** – On October 1, 2017 PNGC Power, a Portland-based generation and transmission (G & T) cooperative, officially welcomes Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) as the newest member to its utility. OPALCO joins the other 14 rural electric cooperatives that comprise PNGC Power.

“PNGC is delighted to welcome OPALCO as a member/owner,” said Beth Looney, President and CEO of PNGC Power. “PNGC represents a diverse set of cooperatives across seven states. Adding OPALCO’s unique perspective will undoubtedly enhance our organization as we look to the future.”

OPALCO is also optimistic about the future. “OPALCO is energized to be with PNGC,” said Foster Hildreth, OPALCO’s General Manager. “We are committed to a shared vision of a resilient, robust, and healthy energy future for our Co-op and region.”

OPALCO’s service territory covers the San Juan Islands in Washington State. They serve over 15,000 meters, and had a system annual peak of 62,486 kW in 2016 (the most recent year with complete data.)

OPALCO is now PNGC Power’s second Washington based cooperative.

### *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](http://www.pngcpower.com).*

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