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## **PNGC Power Statement on Federal Columbia River Power System Spill Operation Agreement**

**Portland, Oregon – December 18, 2018** – PNGC Power appreciates the recent collaborative efforts of the States of Oregon and Washington, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the federal action agencies to get out of the courtroom and design an operational solution for spring and summer river operations that could be good for both salmon and the multiple users of the river system.

This is potentially a step in the right direction, but ideally the settlement would include the States of Idaho and Montana, as well as other parties of the endless litigation. In part, because a partial settlement may not be a lasting settlement.

Additionally, given the lack of a public process, PNGC will need more information before making a judgement on:

- how the agreement impacts power rates;
- how increased/unprecedented spill levels insisted on by Oregon (up to 125 TDG) impact ESA listed salmon; and
- the extent to which the increases in spill exacerbate carbon emissions associated with energy consumption in the Western United States.

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### *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 cooperative 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 and became the first electric cooperative in the country to receive a power marketing license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. More information about PNGC Power can be found at [www.pngcpower.com](http://www.pngcpower.com).*