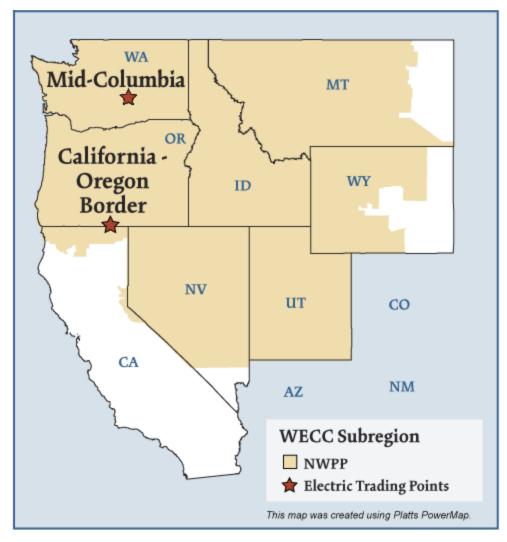
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Overview

Geography

States covered: All or most of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and part of California.

Reliability region: Northwest Power Pool Area (NWPP) sub-region of the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC).

Balancing authorities: See page 5.

Hubs: California-Oregon Border (COB), Mid-Columbia (Mid-C)

RTO/ISO

None

Generation/Supply

Marginal fuel type: Hydro and natural gas

Generating capacity (winter 2005): 57,120 MW

Capacity reserve (winter 2005): 16,822 MW

Reserve margin (winter 2005): 42%

When taken together, hydro, fossil fuels, nuclear energy, and renewable resources, were adequate to provide electricity in excess of in-region needs.

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Demand

All time peak demand (2005): 40,298 MW

Peak demand growth: 1.5% (2004–2005)

Prices

Index Annual Average of Daily Bilateral Day Ahead On-Peak Prices:

Platts California-Oregon Border (COB) Hub:

2004: \$49.02/MWh 2005: \$66.95/MWh 2006: \$55.58/MWh 2007: \$62.14/MWh

Platts Mid-Columbia (Mid-C) Hub:

2004: \$44.50/MWh 2005: \$62.95/MWh 2006: \$50.18/MWh 2007: \$56.57/MWh

Physical and financial electricity products are traded through brokers using the Mid-Columbia (Mid-C) and California-Oregon Border (COB) hubs as pricing points.

Interconnections/Seams

The region relies on hydroelectric production for approximately two thirds of its electricity needs. In most years, Northwest sells surplus power into California and the Southwest.

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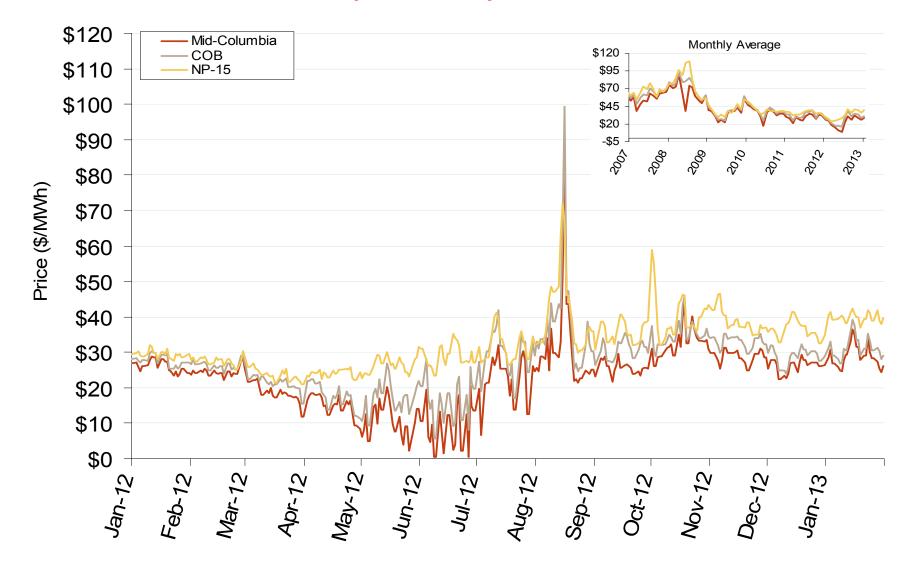
Balancing Authorities in the Northwest Electric Market

Balancing Authority	NERC Acronym
Alberta Electric System Operator	AESO
Avista Corp.	AVA
Bonneville Power Administration	BPAT
British Columbia Transmission Corporation	BCHA
Idaho Power Company	IPCO
NorthWestern Energy	NWMT
PacifiCorp-East	PACE
PacifiCorp-West	PACW
Portland General Electric Company	PGE
PUD No. 1 of Chelan County	CHPD
PUD No. 1 of Douglas County	DOPD
PUD No. 2 of Grant County	GCPD
Puget Sound Energy	PSEI
Seattle Department of Lighting	SCL
Sierra Pacific Power Company	SPPC
Tacoma Power	TPWR
Western Area Power Administration - Upper Great Plains West	WAUW

Northwest Annual Average Bilateral Prices

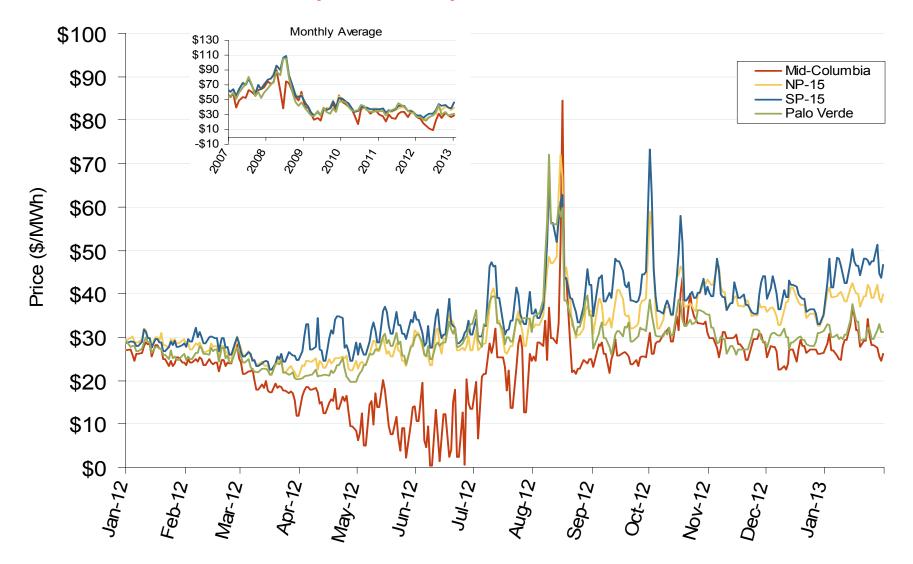
Annual Average Day Ahead On Peak Prices (\$/MWh)							
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5-Year Avg	
Mid-Columbia (Mid-C)	\$65.00	\$35.66	\$35.90	\$29.10	\$22.54	\$37.66	
California-Oregon Border (COB)	\$73.86	\$38.02	\$38.84	\$32.55	\$26.79	\$42.03	

Northwestern Daily Index Day-Ahead On-Peak Prices



Source: Derived from *Platts* data

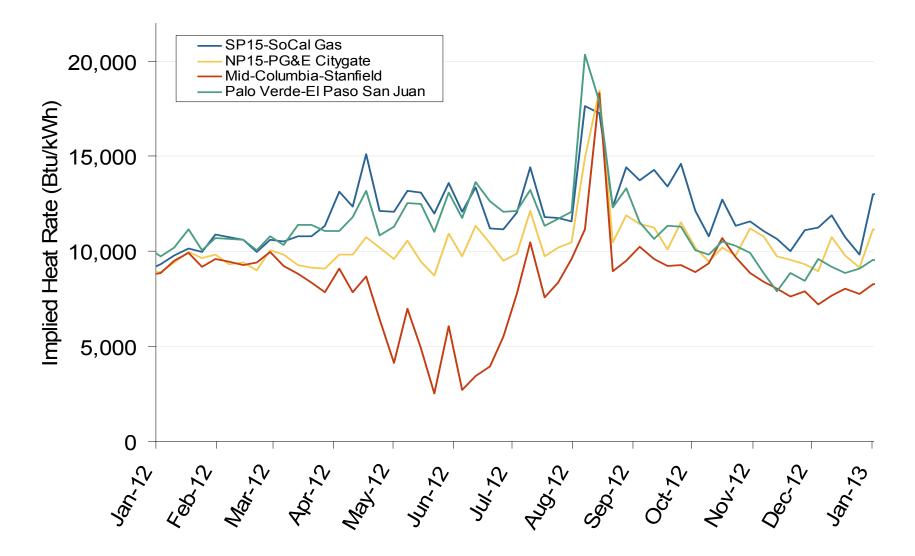
Western Daily Index Day-Ahead On-Peak Prices



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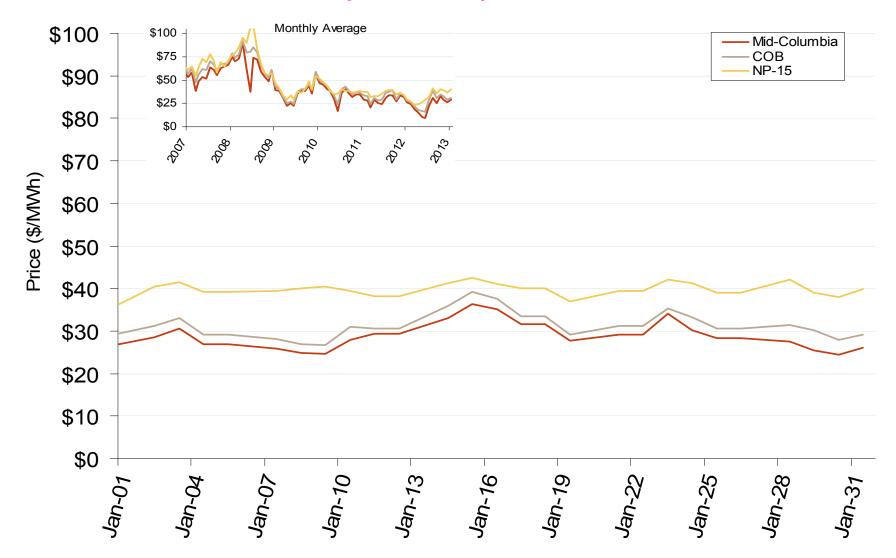
Implied Heat Rates at Western Trading Points - Weekly Avgs.



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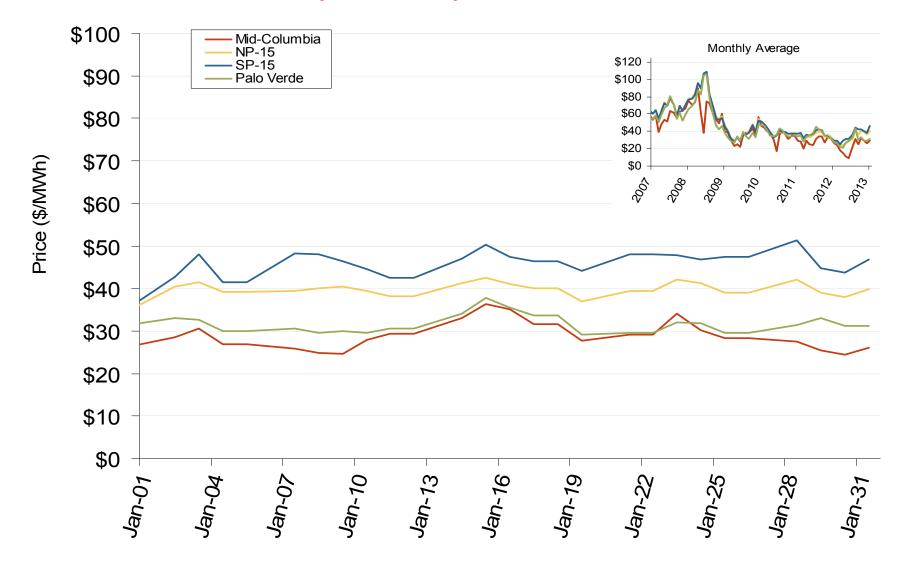
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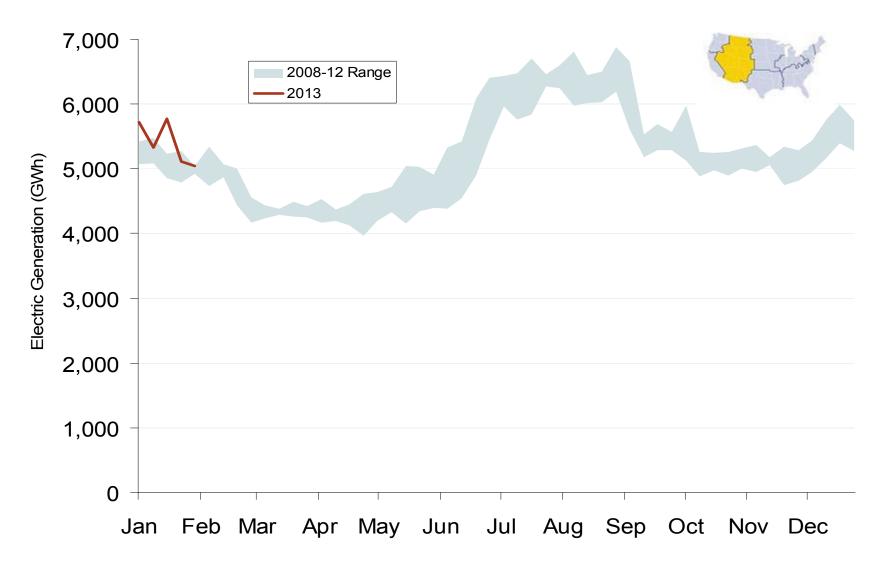
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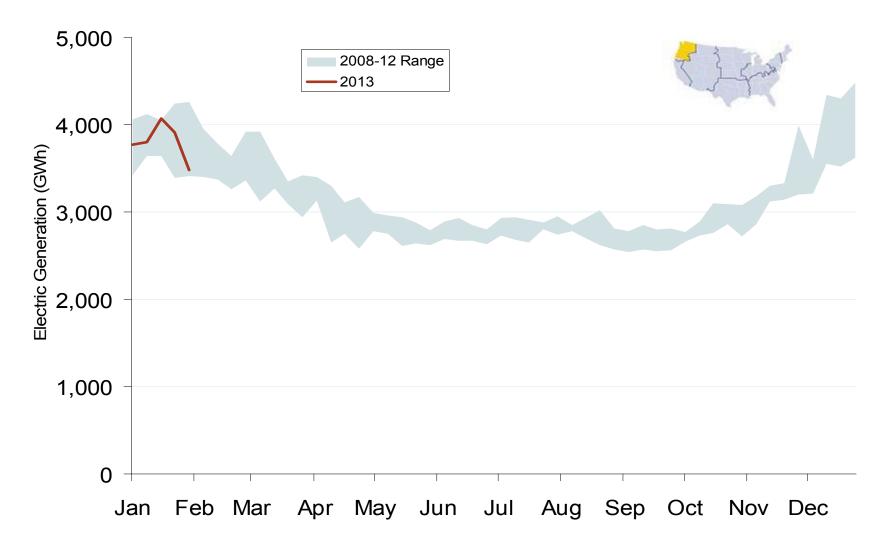
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Weekly Generation Output - Rocky Mountains



Weekly Generation Output - Pacific Northwest



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Pacific/Northwest Hydro and Snowpack Levels

	Hydro Generation		Snow Water Equivalent ³			
	In-State	Additional	One Month Ago	Current	Change from	
	Capacity (MW ¹)	Capacity	(12/1/2012)	(1/1/2013)	One Year Ago	
		Created	(% of historical	(% of historical		
		Downstream	median)	median)		
		(MW ²)				
Washington	21,500	0	95%	148%	51%	
Oregon	9,100	0	45%	111%	63%	
California	10,400	0	192%	181%	164%	
Idaho	2,700	19,700	91%	103%	22%	
Montana	2,700	16,200	86%	103%	20%	

Notes:

1 Net summer capacity in megawatts by state (EIA)

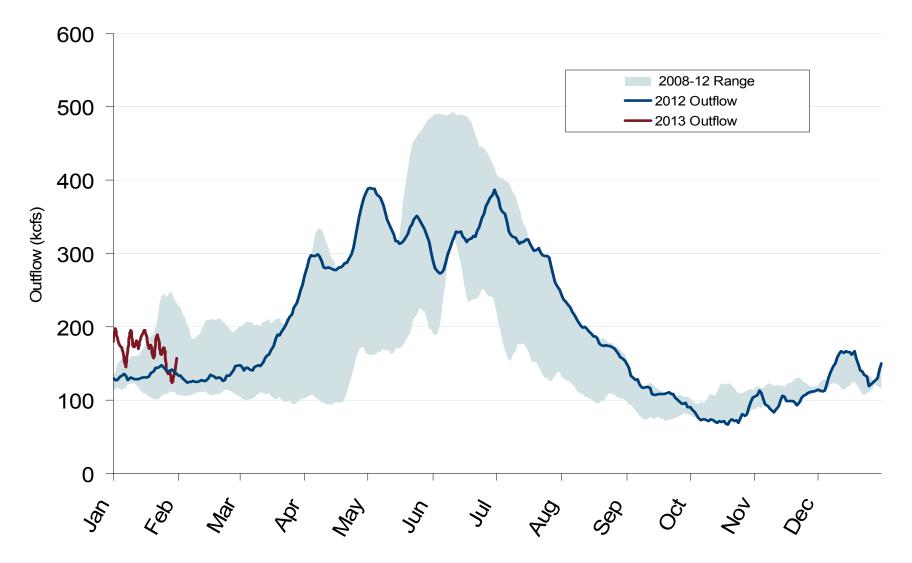
2 Approximate electric capacity created by water flow through downstream states (EIA and BPA). The capacity estimates reflect water flow patterns of the series of hydro facilities on the Snake and Columbia rivers.

3 Snow Water Equivalent represents the depth of water in the snowpack, if the snowpack were melted, expressed in inches. The percentage of median is the ratio of current snow water equivalents compared to the median for the same day f 1981-2010. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

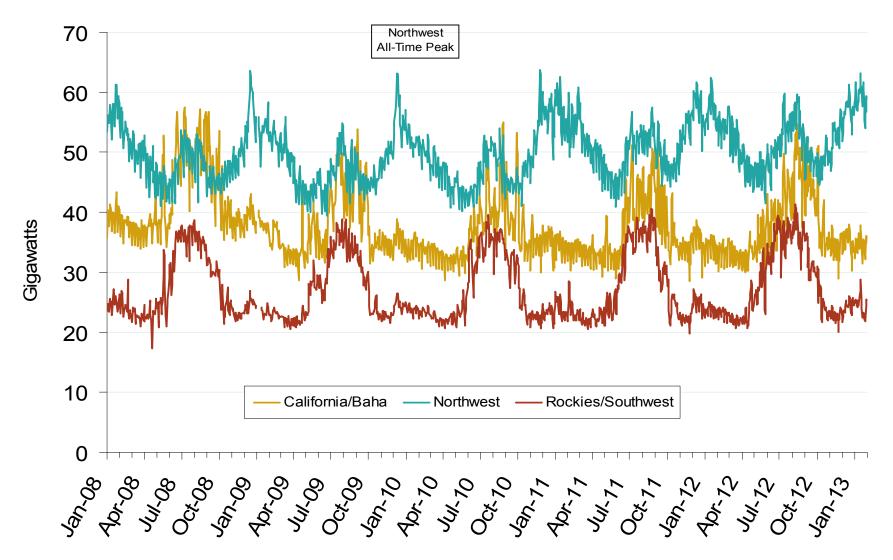
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Stream Flows at the Dalles Dam



Western Daily Actual Peak Demand



Notes: Data does not include weekends and holidays. Some data for 12/31/2008 - 1/9/2009 are not available from WECC

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