

Arizona's Cooperatives Summer Preparedness Report to the Arizona Corporation Commission

Presented by Arizona G&T Cooperatives

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Who are the Arizona G&T Cooperatives?

- Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) is the not-for-profit Generation and Transmission Owner & Provider for 3 All Requirements Member (ARM) and 3 Partial Requirements Member (PRM) Distribution Cooperatives.
- AEPCO and its Members serve a large geographical area—12 counties, numerous cities, and 8 tribes – 150,000 meters and 350,000 member-consumers.



- Arizona Electric Power Cooperative and Southwest Transmission Cooperative merged into a single entity in 2016. Arizona G&T (AZGT) refers to the collective of AEPCO's generation transmission functions, as well as Sierra Southwest Cooperative Services.

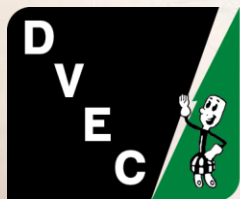
Distribution Cooperatives Represented by AZGT

- G&T *All* Requirement Members:


Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Anza, California




**Duncan Valley
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Duncan, Arizona



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Pima, Arizona

Distribution Cooperatives Represented by AZGT (Cont.)

- G&T *Partial* Requirement Members:




**Sulphur Springs Valley
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Sierra Vista & Wilcox, Arizona



TRICO
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.


A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Marana, Arizona

MOHAVE



electric cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Bullhead City, Arizona

Other AZ Cooperatives Included in AZGT's Report



Lakeside, Arizona

AZGT Member Cooperatives' Service Territories



Resource Providers' Services

- G&T Cooperatives
 - All Requirements Members receive all resource-related scheduling, trading and ancillary services under their All Requirements contracts.
 - PRMs need to contract for such services from G&T or third party providers.
 - For the summer of 2018, all PRMs will reside in the AZGT subsystem of Western Balancing Area with AEPCO as their Scheduling & Trading Agent.
 - Navopache receives all necessary resource-related services from TEP and is in the TEP Balancing Area.

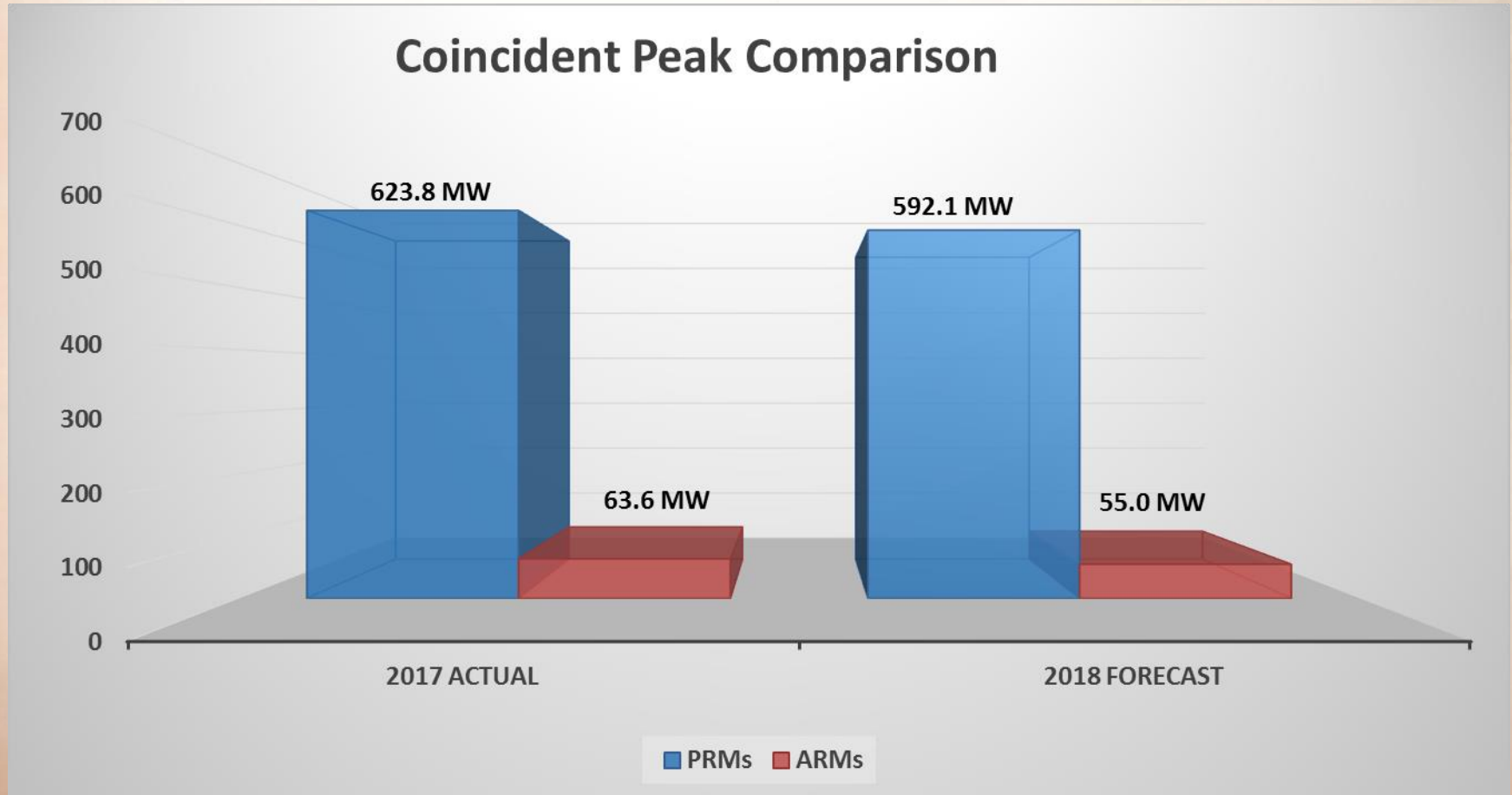
Peak Demand Summary

AEPCO has secured sufficient resources to meet the coincident peak demand for its ARMs and its allocated capacity obligation to each of its PRMs.

- Summer peak demand for AEPCO's ARMs for 2018 is projected to be 55.0 MW, in comparison with 2017's actual peak of 63.6 MW.
- Summer peak demand for AEPCO's PRMs for 2018 is projected to be 592.1 MW, in comparison with 2017's actual peak of 623.8 MW.
- PRMs supplement their Allocated Capacity (AC) in AEPCO resources in order to satisfy their summer peak load requirements. Additional resources and firm purchased power transactions are scheduled to fully meet PRM peak load requirements.

Navopache's projected summer peak load of 74 MW will be met by its 8 MW of federal hydroelectric capacity and the balance will be supplied by TEP as firm energy from TEP resources.

2018 Peak Forecast vs. 2017 Actual



Loads represented are as seen by AEPCCO at the transmission meter, and implicitly include resources behind that meter.

AZGT Resource Portfolio - 2018

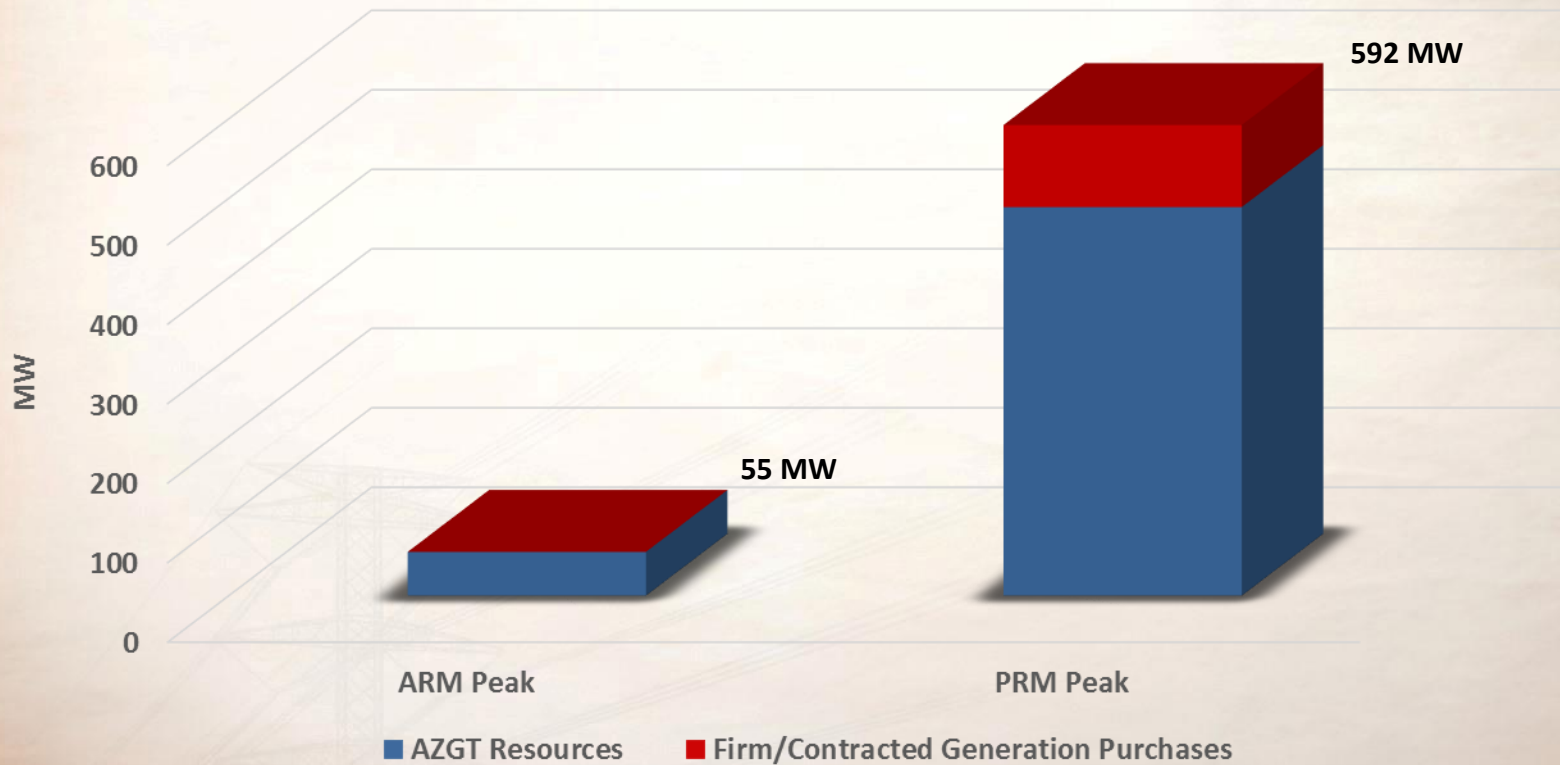
AEPCO Owned/Contracted Resources* (Net Available Capacity - MW)

Apache Coal Generation	175
Apache Natural Gas Generation	380
Hydroelectric Purchase Capacity	30
Other Power Purchase Agreements	15
Apache Solar	17
Total:	617 MW

*Excludes MW designated for losses and contingency reserves, as well as renewables located behind the transmission meter or contracted to an outside entity. Chart includes only resources/renewables owned by AZGT.

Summer 2018 Demand Forecast

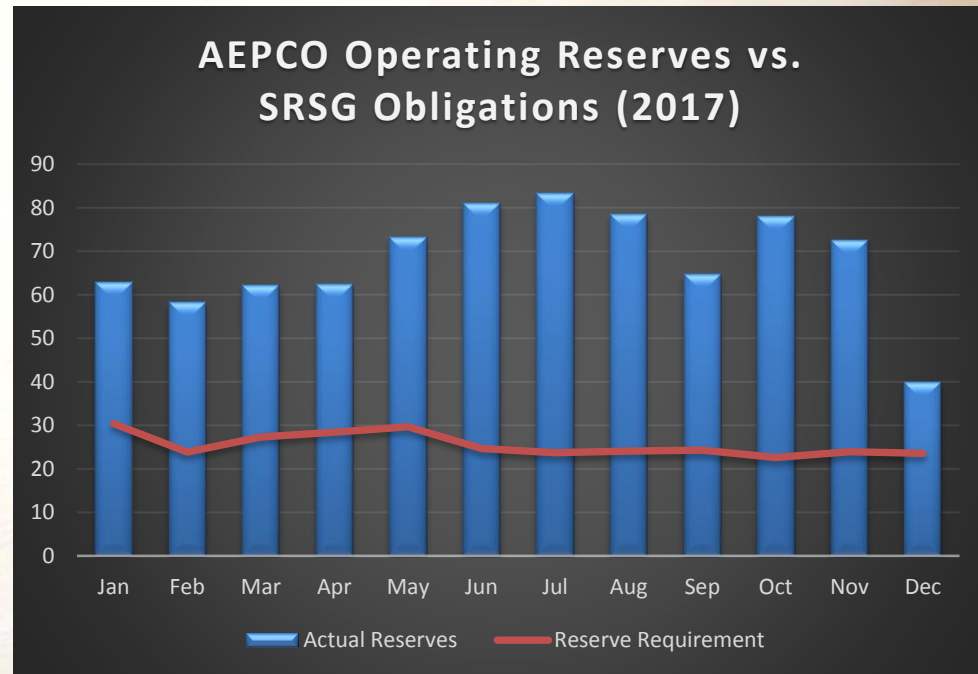
Meeting 2018 Summer Peak Demand*



*Represents possible capacity mix for peak load service under normal operating conditions. Reported demand is as seen by AZGT, and is net of distribution cooperative solar, which is behind the transmission meter.

AZGT Operating Reserves

- The Cooperative maintains an annually updated plan in case of the loss of its single largest generator under peak load conditions.
 - For immediate response, AEPCO continues membership in the Southwest Reserve Sharing Group (SRSB).
 - For the event of an extended outage, AEPCO maintains:
 - Additional generation capacity used for operating reserves under normal conditions
 - Transmission Capacity to cover the largest unit outage
 - Additional arrangements with transmission counterparties for emergency market access
- These arrangements are sufficient to respond to forced generation outages or other potential service disruptions.



AZGT Fuel Summary

- **Coal**

- Guidelines are in place to maintain adequate fuel supply for full-load, prolonged operation.
- Coal inventory is currently and is expected to be at adequate levels per Cooperative guidelines.
- Coal supply and rail transportation contracts are in place to meet full requirements.

- **Natural Gas**

- AEPCO has contracted with El Paso natural gas pipeline for firm gas transportation to supply its Apache Station units.
- Transportation has been secured for both hourly peak usage and daily burn requirements.

AZGT Generation Preparedness

- Regular Unit Maintenance & Testing
 - Large steam units have a regular maintenance cycle of both major and minor overhauls, and are monitored on an ongoing basis for any operational irregularity.
 - Peaking gas units have been recently tested to ensure startup capability and readiness for operational and reserve obligations.
- Major Maintenance Activities
 - Apache Steam Unit 3 underwent a major overhaul in the Spring of 2017 to install low-NOx retrofits, as well as a complete inspection and maintenance of the steam cycle.
 - In Fall of 2017, Steam Unit 2 was converted from coal to natural-gas fired operations in conjunction with a settlement under Regional Haze. This included low-NOx retrofits and a complete steam-turbine inspection.
 - In the first quarter of 2018, all gas turbines at Apache were thoroughly inspected. Resultant preventative maintenance activities are currently underway.



AZGT Transmission Overview



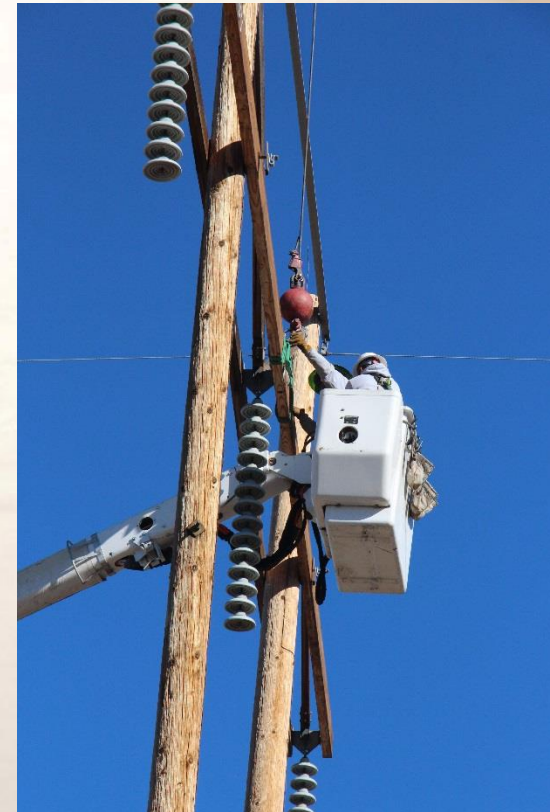
- 622 Miles of Transmission Line
- 26 Substations
- Transmission service agreements in place to meet all members load requirements:

Direct Load Service	Market Purchasing
WAPA	SRP
APS	EPE
SCE	
TEP	

- Backup and Contingency Agreements
 - APS
 - TEP

AZGT Transmission System Summer Preparation

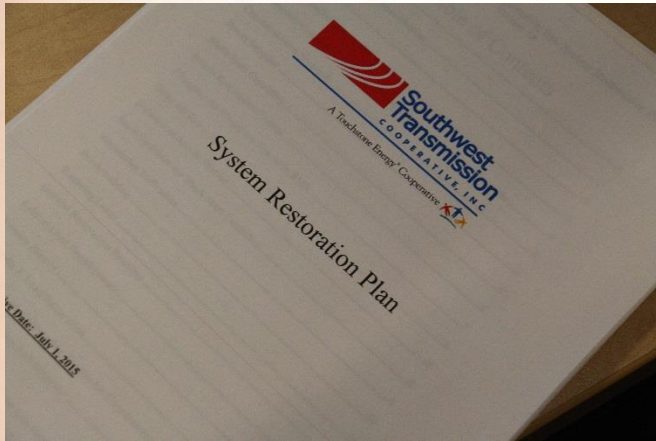
- Transmission and substation maintenance and assessment activities include:
 - Scheduled preventative maintenance prior to summer loads
 - All power circuit breakers are tested on an annual basis to ensure functioning.
 - Transformer setting adjusted for optimal voltage levels.
 - Every substation is serviced every 90 days in conjunction with a preventative maintenance schedule.
 - Focused infrastructure inspection and vegetation management activities
 - Inspection of all transmission lines performed biannually with focus on opportunities for predictive maintenance.
 - In Winter and Spring, special attention is given to high vegetation areas to avoid contact with transmission infrastructure.
 - In 2016, AEPCO completed a five year transmission wood pole ground line inspection program- testing pole strength and durability. Identified damaged poles were replaced before the start of each summer season.
 - Partnership amongst cooperatives and other utilities
 - Sharing of replacement transmission inventory for summer storm damage.
 - Participation in joint-planning and reliability working groups.



Recent AZGT Transmission System Upgrades

Upgrade/Improvement	Substation	System Benefit
Capacitor Bank Installation	Three Points San Rafael Butterfield Dos Condados	Voltage Stability
Breaker & Relay Upgrades	Marana SaddleBrooke Ranch Round Valley (<i>ongoing</i>)	System & Fault Reliability
Rebuilt Grounding Transformer	Greenlee Substation	System Reliability
RTU Installations/Smart Relays	All AZGT Substations	Grid Intelligence & Control

AZGT Operational Preparedness



- In June of 2017, AEPCO participated in the Reliability Assurance Initiative, a joint WECC/NERC project to assess and improve reliability areas across the Western Interconnection.
- Updated G&T Joint Generation Contingency Reserve Plan for outage of largest generator.

Major Operational Improvements

- 2016**
 - Added System State Estimator to EMS System.
 - Upgraded Remote Terminal Units at substations.
- 2017**
 - Added Real-Time Contingency Analysis (RTCA) to EMS System.
- 2018**
 - Completed WECC Audit of operations/control practices with *zero* violations.
 - Enhancement of fault analysis system (*in progress*)

Summary of 2018 Summer Preparedness

- Existing resources, supplemented by firm purchases, will be sufficient to meet forecasted demand and energy needs.
- Fuel supply and transmission are in place to meet AEPCO's peak obligation.
- Operationally, AEPCO is well prepared and contingency plans and more than adequate reserves are in place for emergencies.
- Transmission system is well-maintained and ready to serve the load of ARM and PRM Members.





Questions?