

JUNEAU AREA HYDRO OPERATIONS



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Hydro Generation Sources



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Hydroelectric Project Type

- Run of the River
- Storage

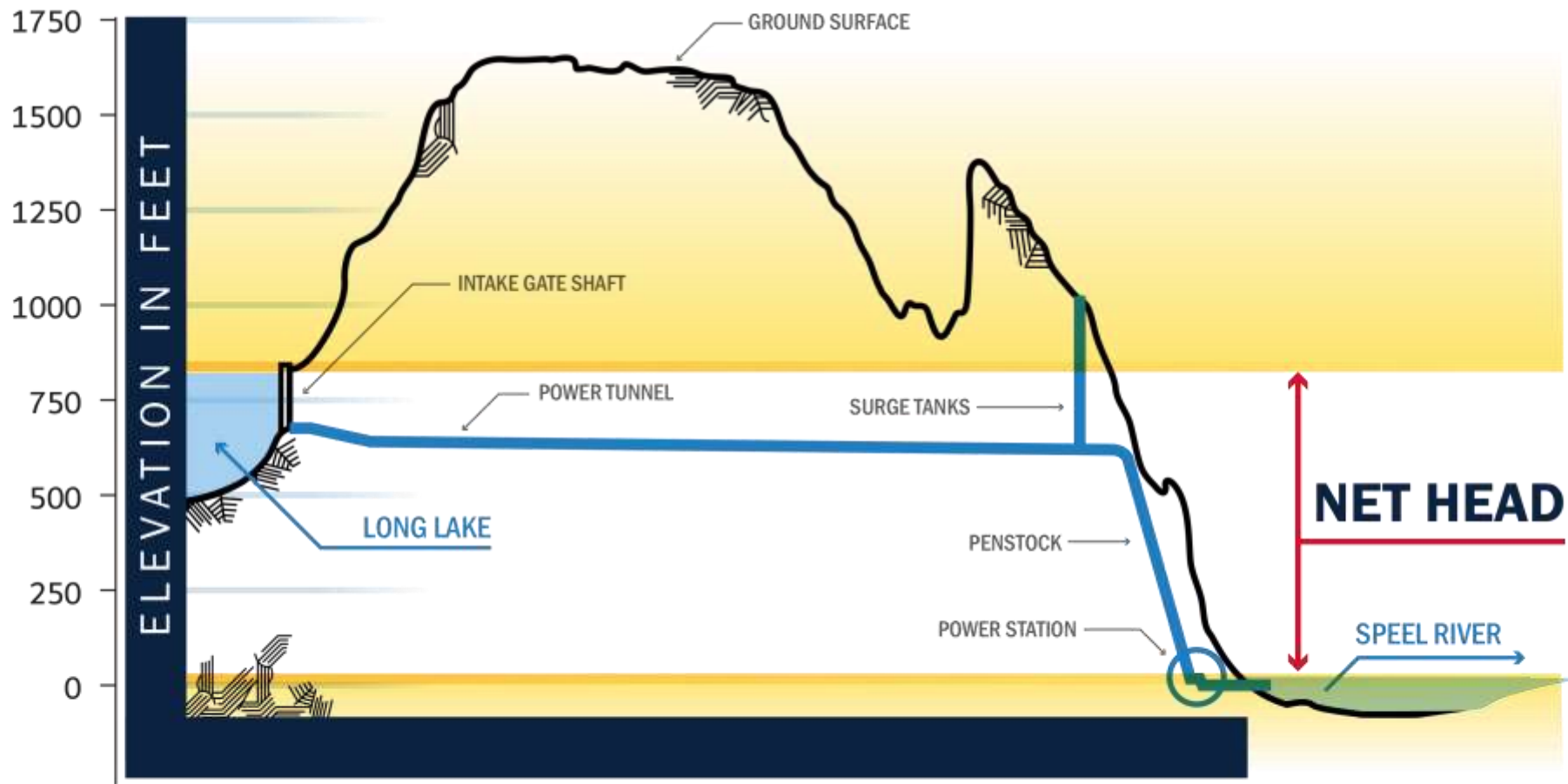




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$$\text{Flow} = \frac{\text{Precipitation} * \text{Watershed Area}}{8760 \text{ hours} * 60 \text{ minutes} * 60 \text{ seconds}}$$

Snettisham Hydro Project

- Long Lake Watershed • 30.2 sq miles
- Crater Lake Watershed • 11.4 sq miles

Dorothy Lake Hydro Project

- Lake Dorothy & Bart Lake Watershed • 13.4 sq miles

Southern Hydro Generation Watersheds





Capacity vs. Energy

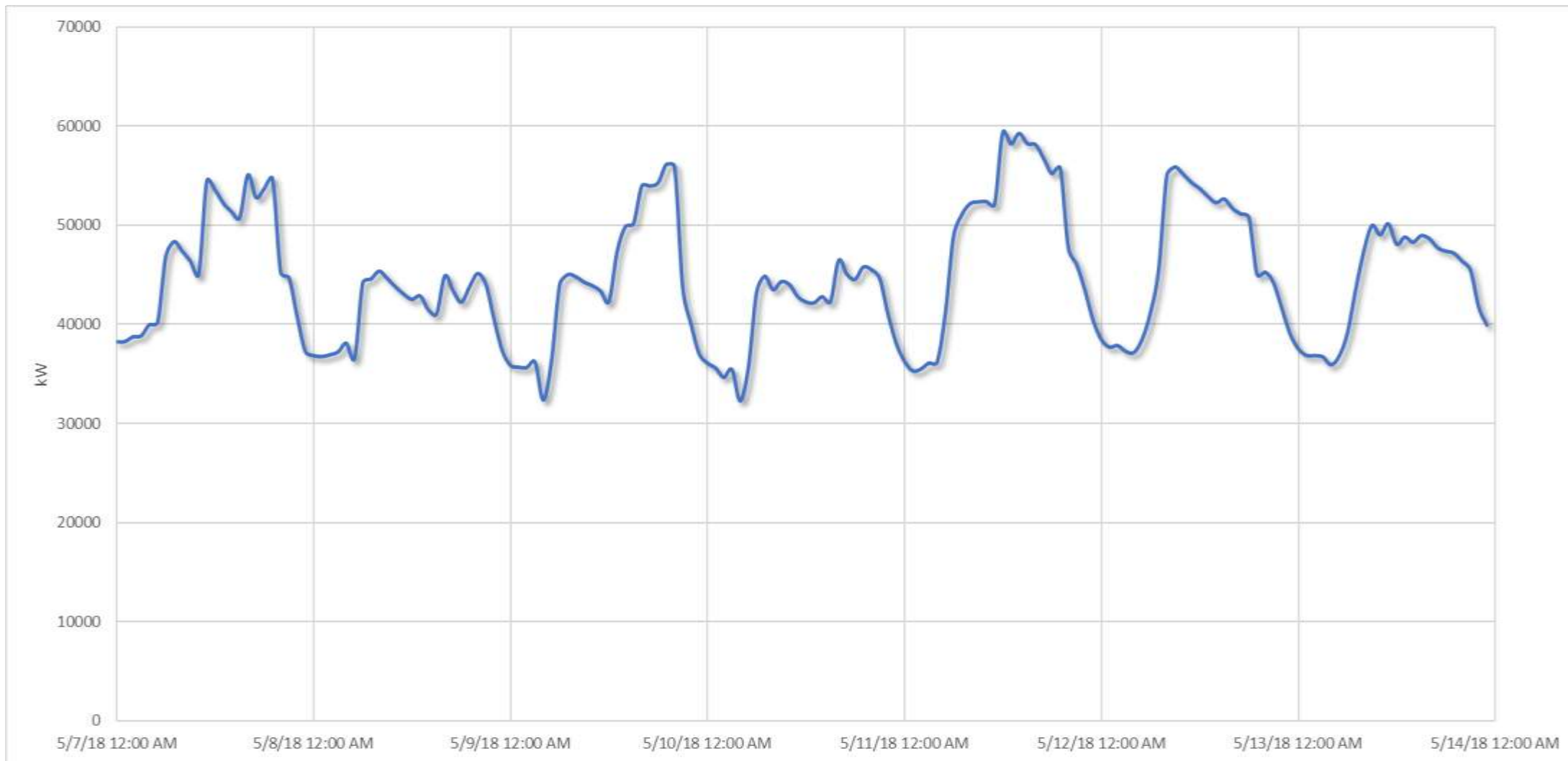
- Capacity is how many kilowatts (kW) you can generate at any instant
- Energy is how many kW-Hours (kWh) you can generate over a time period
- 1 kWh equals generating 1kW for one hour



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Juneau's Electrical Usage





Juneau's Hydroelectric Capacity

| Plant | Capacity (KW) |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Snettisham – Long Lake | 47,160 |
| Snettisham – Crater Lake | 31,050 |
| Lake Dorothy – Bart Lake | 14,300 |
| Salmon Creek | 5,000 |
| Annex Creek | 3,600 |
| Gold Creek | 1,600 |
| Total | 102,710 |

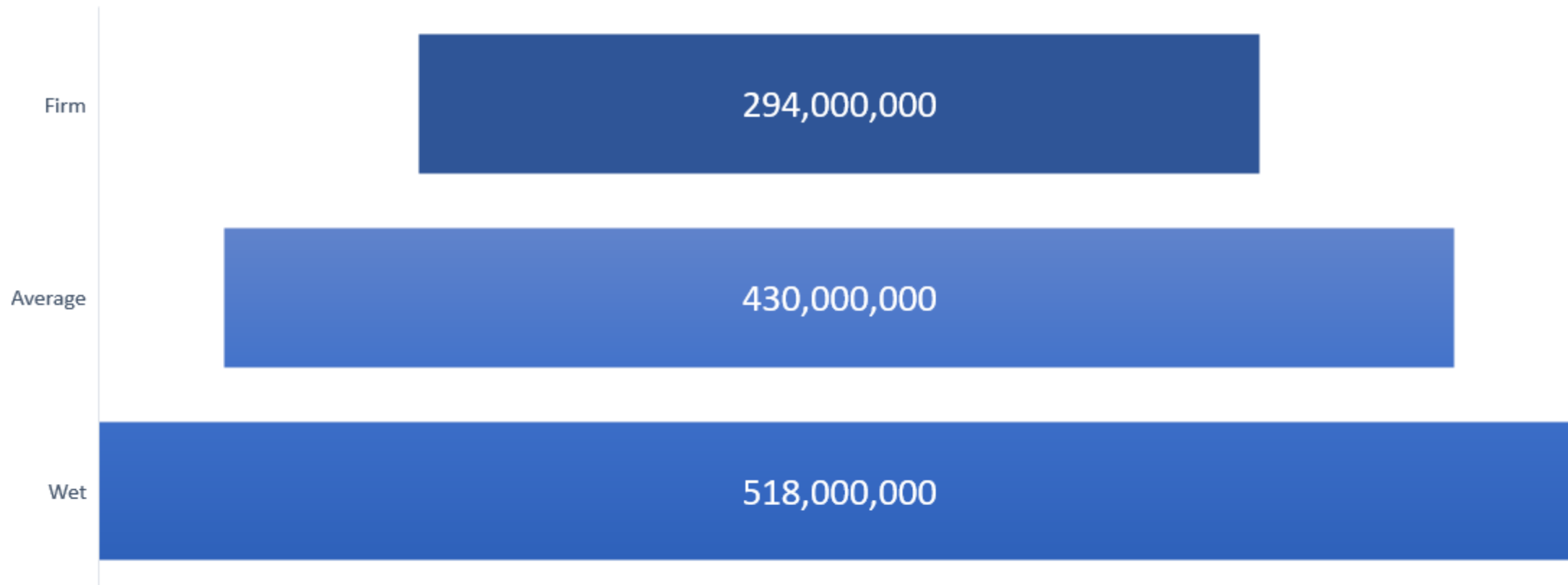


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Firm-Average-Wet Energy

kWhr

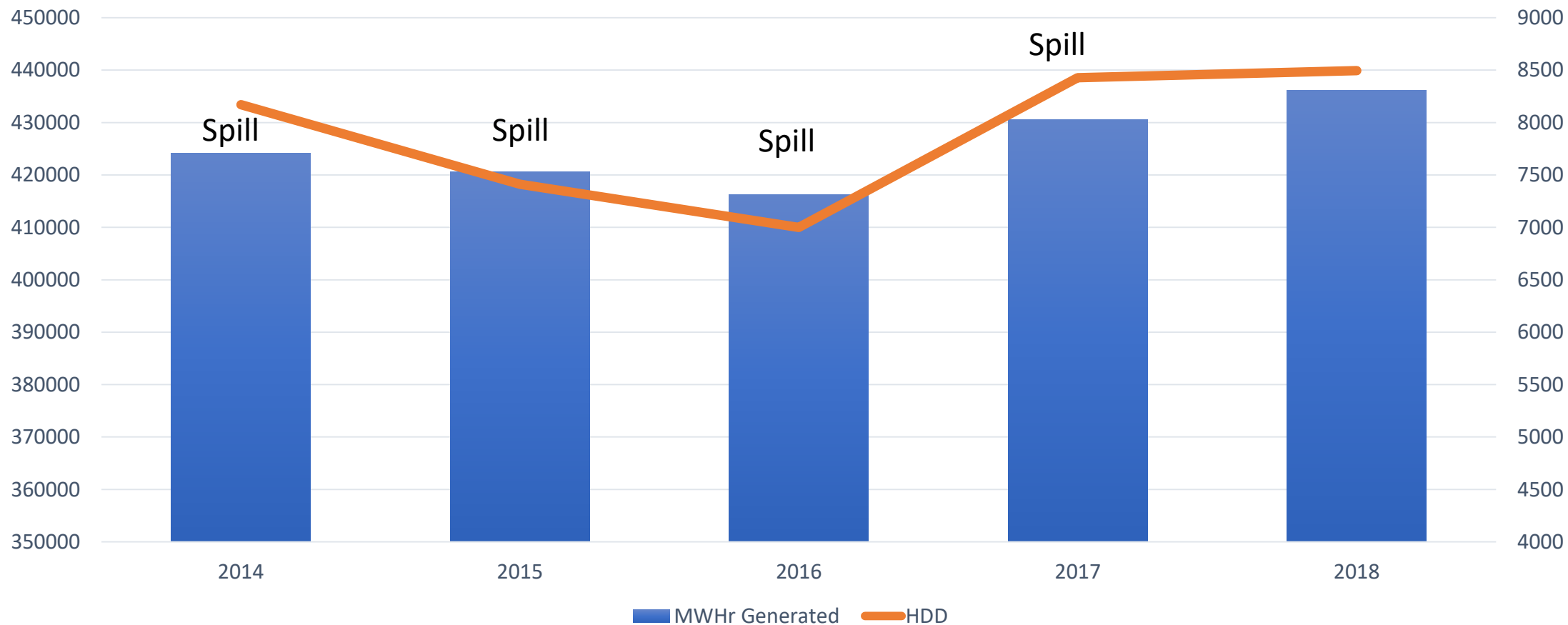




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Water Year Area Energy Generation (October 1 – September 30)

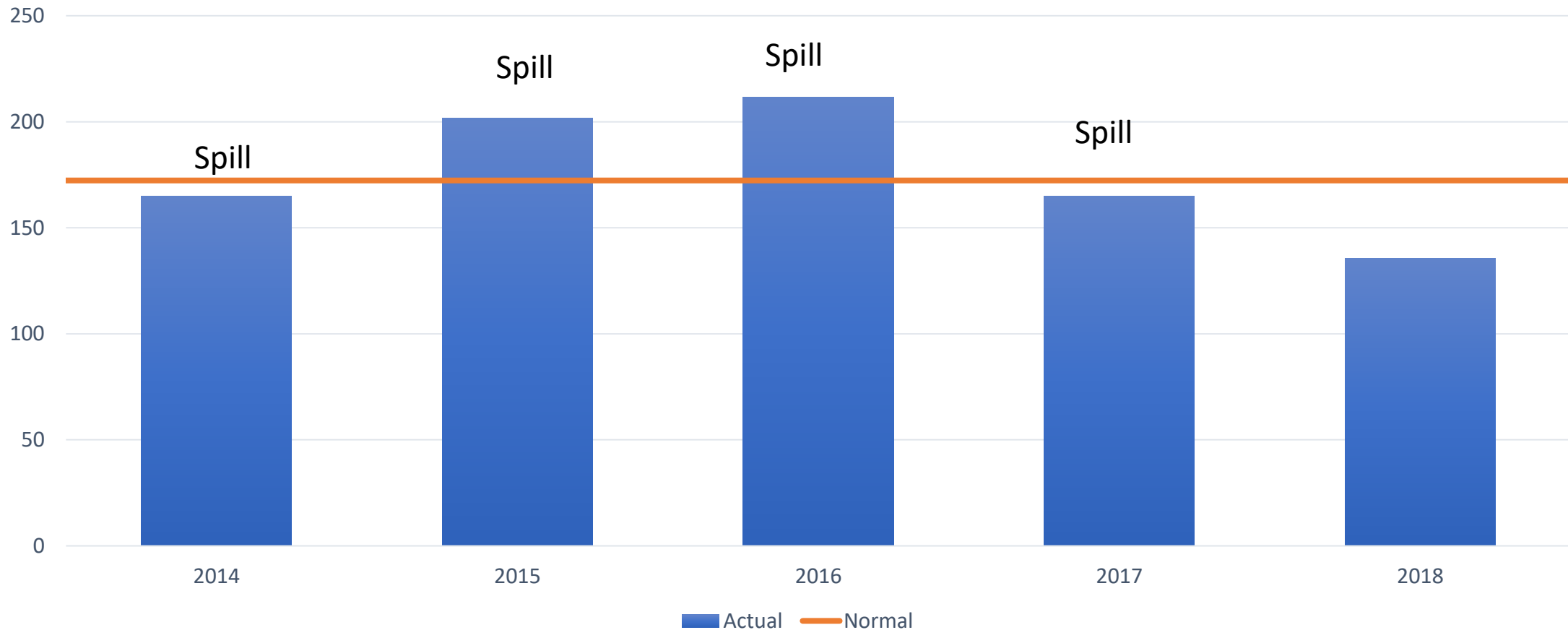




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Snettisham Water Year Precipitation (October 1 – September 30)

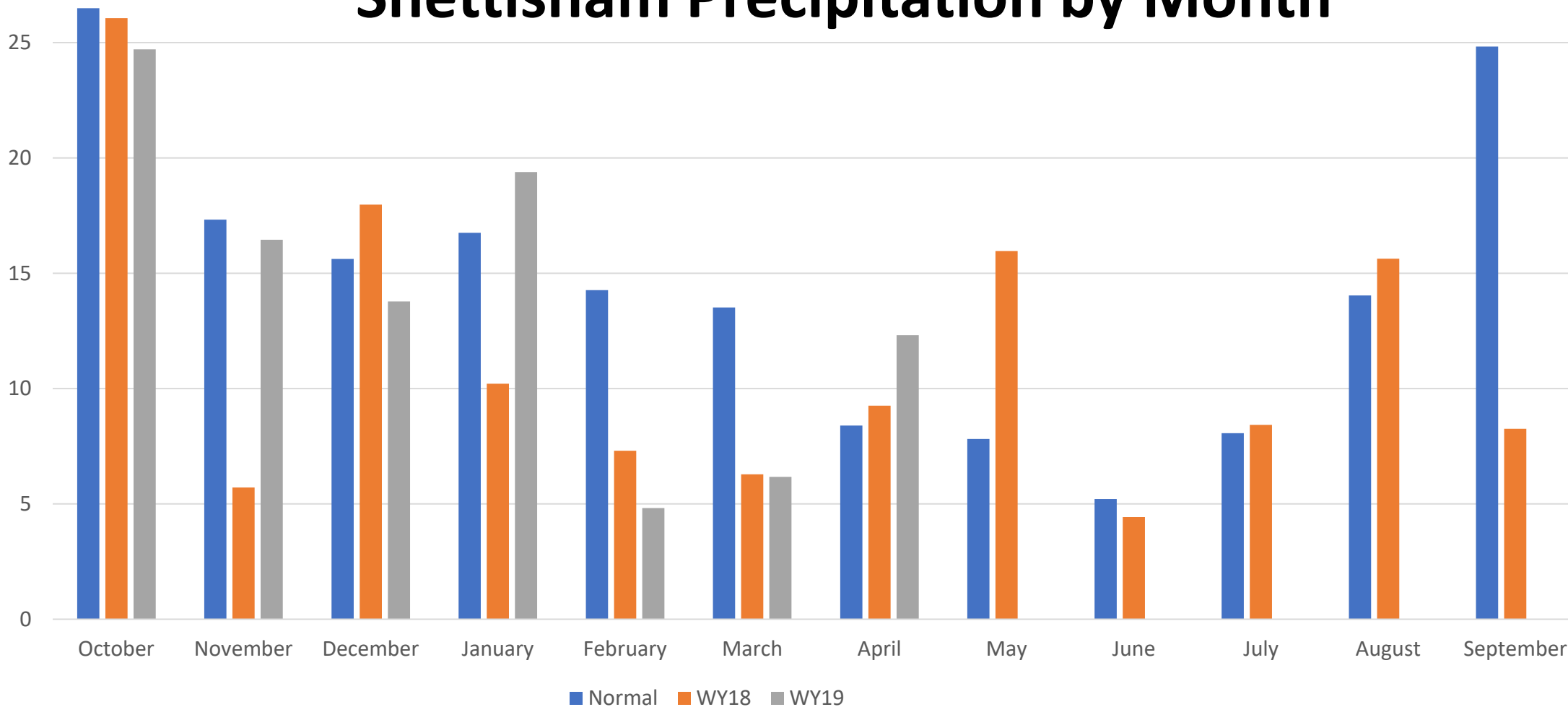




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Snettisham Precipitation by Month

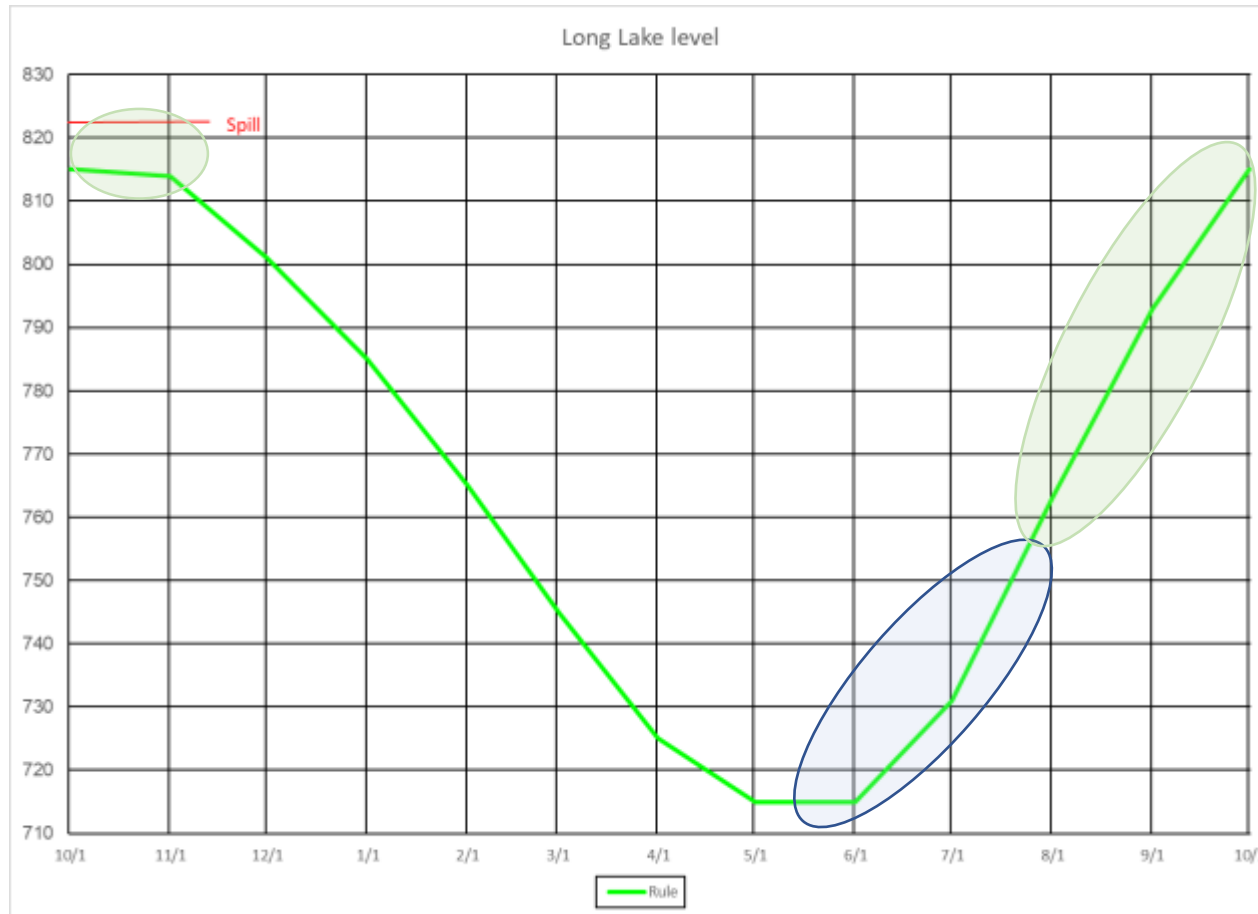




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Storage Project in SE Alaska



Rule Curve – Operating Guidelines for Maximum Firm Flow

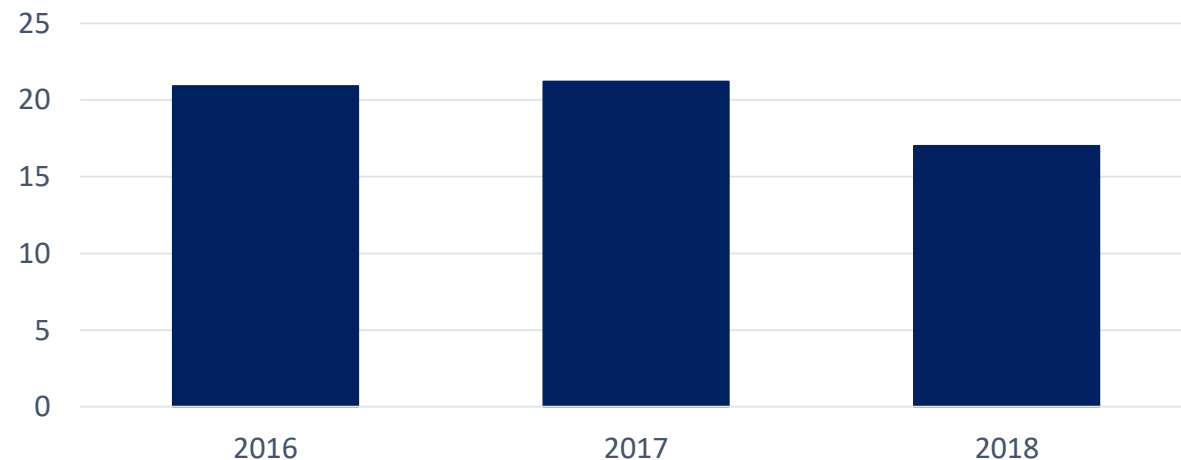
- Region 1 - Fill Due to Snow Melt in the Spring and early summer
- Region 2 - Fill Due to Rain in the late summer and fall



AEL&P Has Minimized Effect of Dry Water Years

- Surplus power sales
 - Customers with two heating systems receive discounted electric power but can be interrupted during a dry year.
 - Dual Fuel Program
 - Customers who have their own electrical generation can be interrupted during a dry year.
 - Princess Cruise Lines
 - Greens Creek Mine

Interruptible % of Total Sales





A Drought Without Interruptible Load

- Run diesel generation
 - Cons
 - Air Emissions
 - High fuel cost per kWh
 - Pros
 - Can match your generation to your load (minimize short term costs)
- Build more hydro
 - Cons
 - High cost of construction, fixed generation output
 - High cost per kWh, lasting impact to electric rates
 - Pros
 - Long lifetime renewable energy