

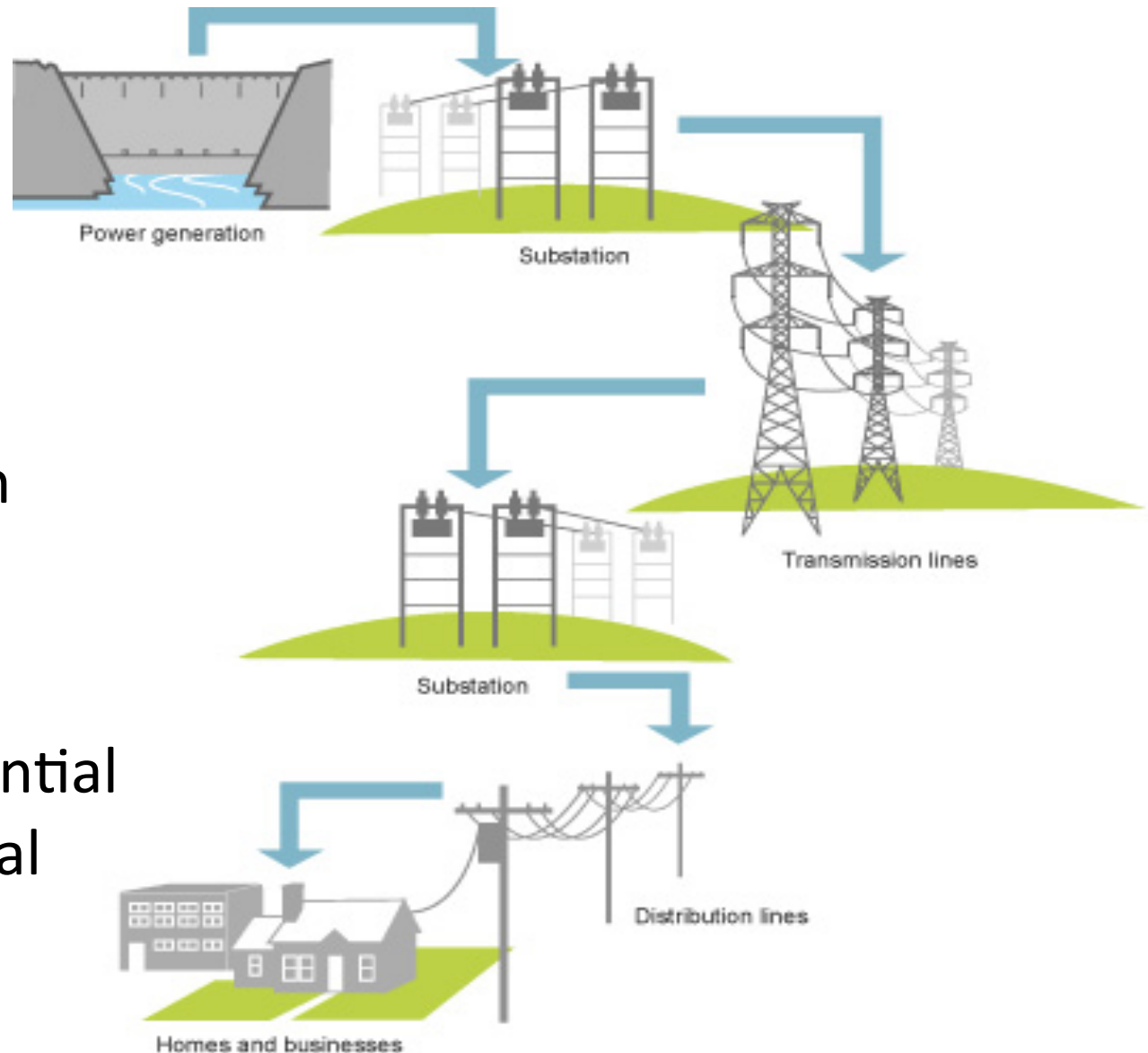


Introduction to Next Generation Hydro  
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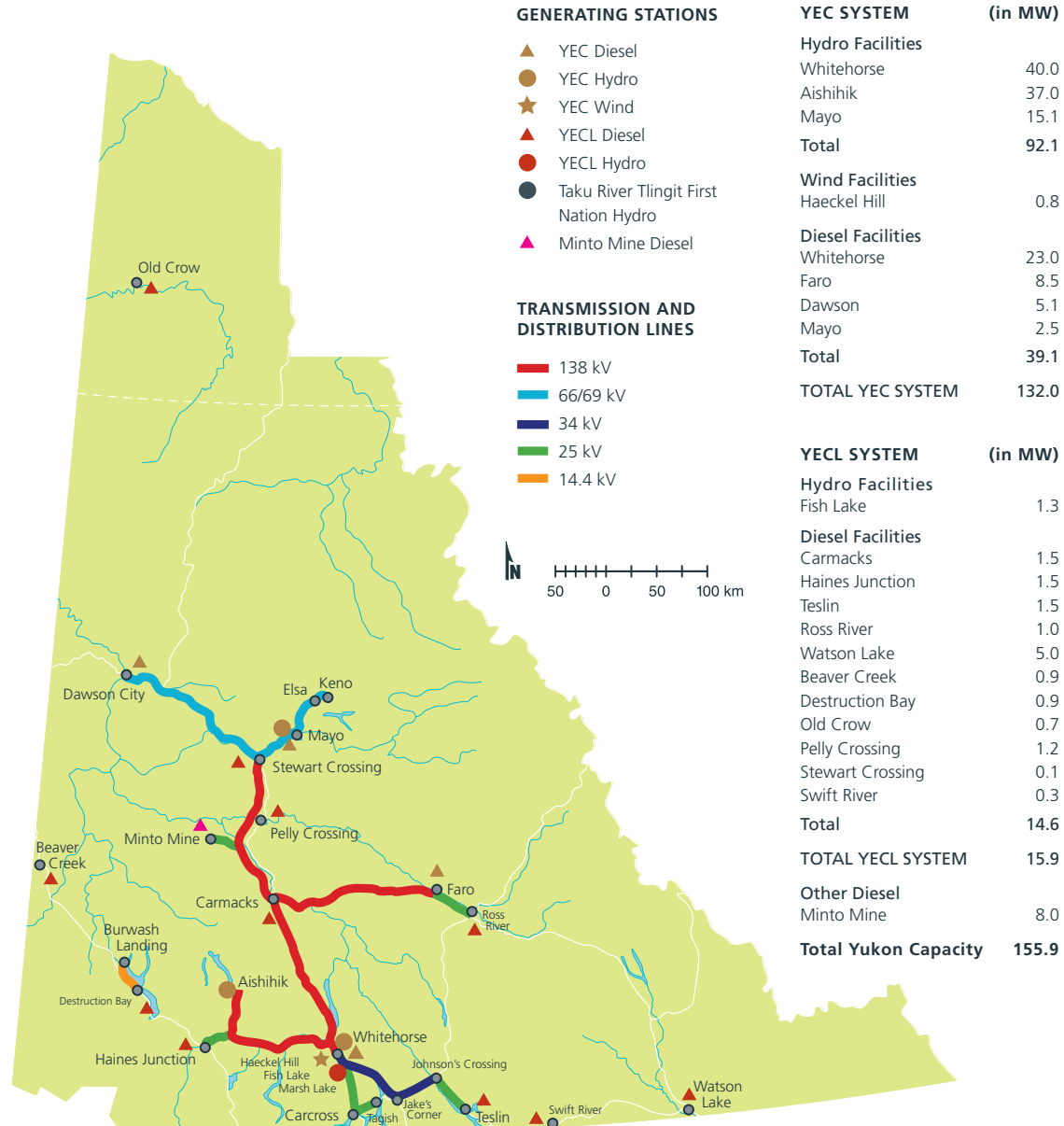
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# Elements of the Grid

1. Generation
2. Substation
3. Transmission
4. Substation
5. Distribution
6. Load: Residential & Commercial



# Yukon Grid



**Energy** is a measure of power used over time and represents work.

- A 1 MW plant that operates for 1 hour is said to have produced 1 megawatt-hour (“MWh”) of energy.

**Capacity** is a measure of the instantaneous ability of a given power source to produce power

- Typically measured in watts (“W”), kilowatts (“kW”), or megawatts (“MW”).

So if both are important to an electrical grid, what do they really mean?

Electricity is important to our daily lives. It is an essential part of participating in the modern world

- Therefore, we want electricity to be available on demand

Two time frames for discussion today

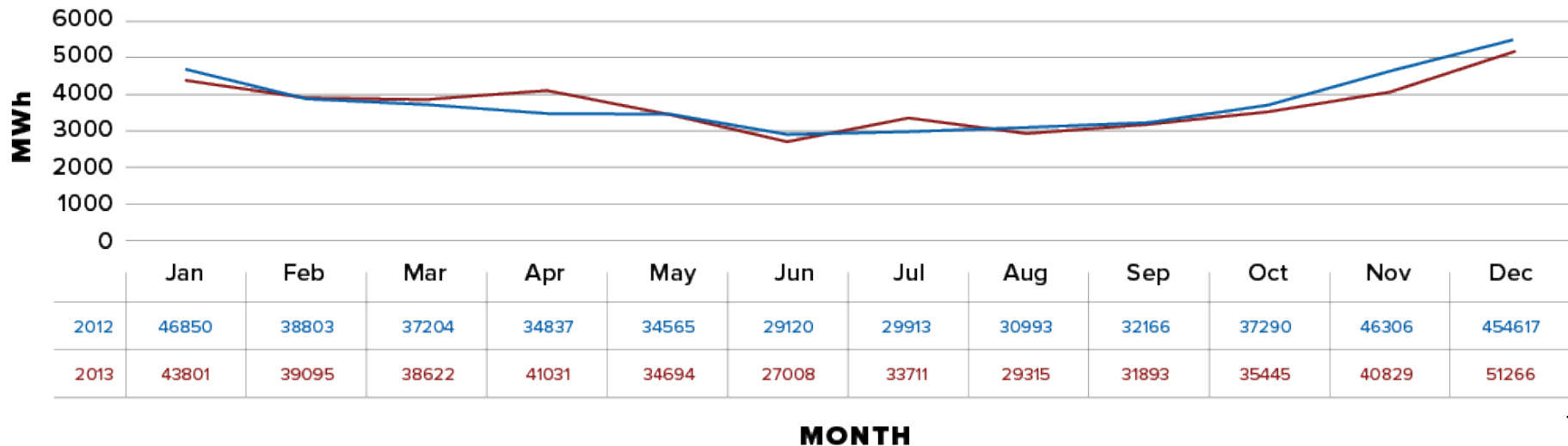
- Seasonal
- Daily/Hourly
  - NOTE: There are other time frames that matter when operating an electrical grid

Let's explore natural patterns across these time frames

## Seasonal

- Warm in summer, cold in winter
- Longer days in summer, shorter days in winter
- Snows accumulates in winter, snow melts in summer
- River flows higher in summer, lower in winter

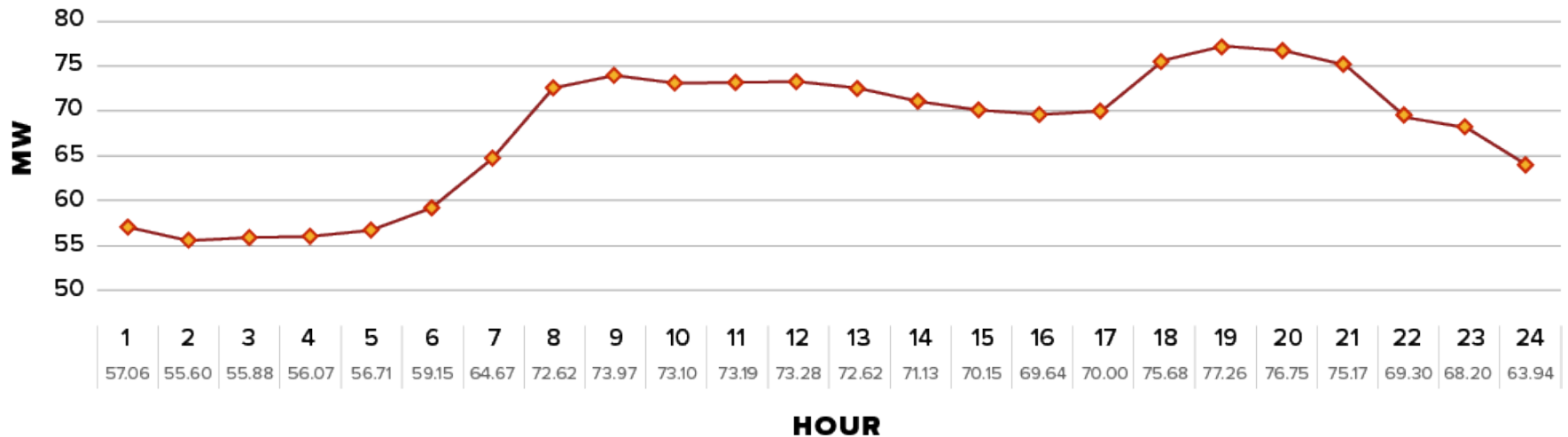
## MONTHLY ENERGY GENERATION 2012 AND 2013



## Daily

- Sleep at night, awake during the day
- Prepare & eat food each day (e.g. breakfast & dinner)
- Work during the day, home in evening (to chores & TV)
- Turn lights, heating, appliances on & off

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TOTAL electricity generation (energy & capacity) must match demand across all timeframes:

- Seasonal
- Daily (& Instantaneous)

Or else there will be brown out or black outs

Therefore:

- Seasonal: Generation must be winter peaking
- Daily: Track daily/instantaneous demand changes

A combination of hydro & diesel (soon to include natural gas) meets this need today

Generation Type	Fuel Storage Forms
Hydroelectricity	Water: Snow, Ice, Water Reservoir (Lake, Reservoirs)
Diesel	Diesel
Natural Gas	Compressed or Liquefied Natural Gas
Biomass	Green Matter (Trees, Garbage, Organic Waste)
Wind	<i>Fuel Cannot Be Stored</i>
Solar	<i>Fuel Cannot Be Stored</i>

**Dispatchable:** Energy when you want it, in the quantity you want (called “firm” energy)

- Storage Hydro, Diesel, Natural Gas

**Intermittent:** Energy when fuel is available, not necessarily when you want it (called “non-firm” energy)

- Run-Of-River Hydro, Wind, Solar

	<b>Dispatchable Generation</b>	<b>Intermittent Generation</b>
<b>Energy Source</b>	Good	Good
<b>Capacity Source</b>	Good	Poor

Electricity generation must match demand always, and across all timeframes:

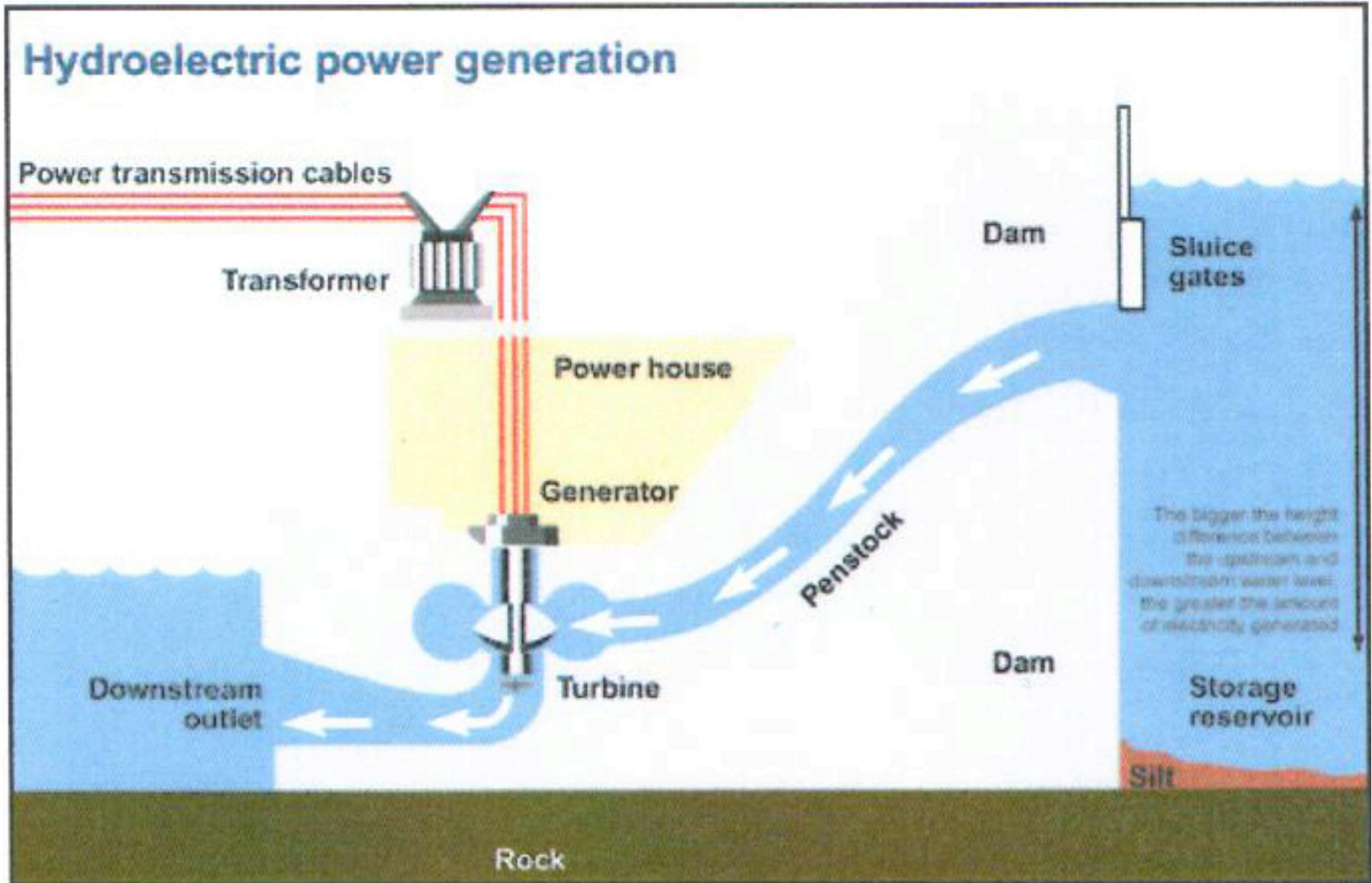
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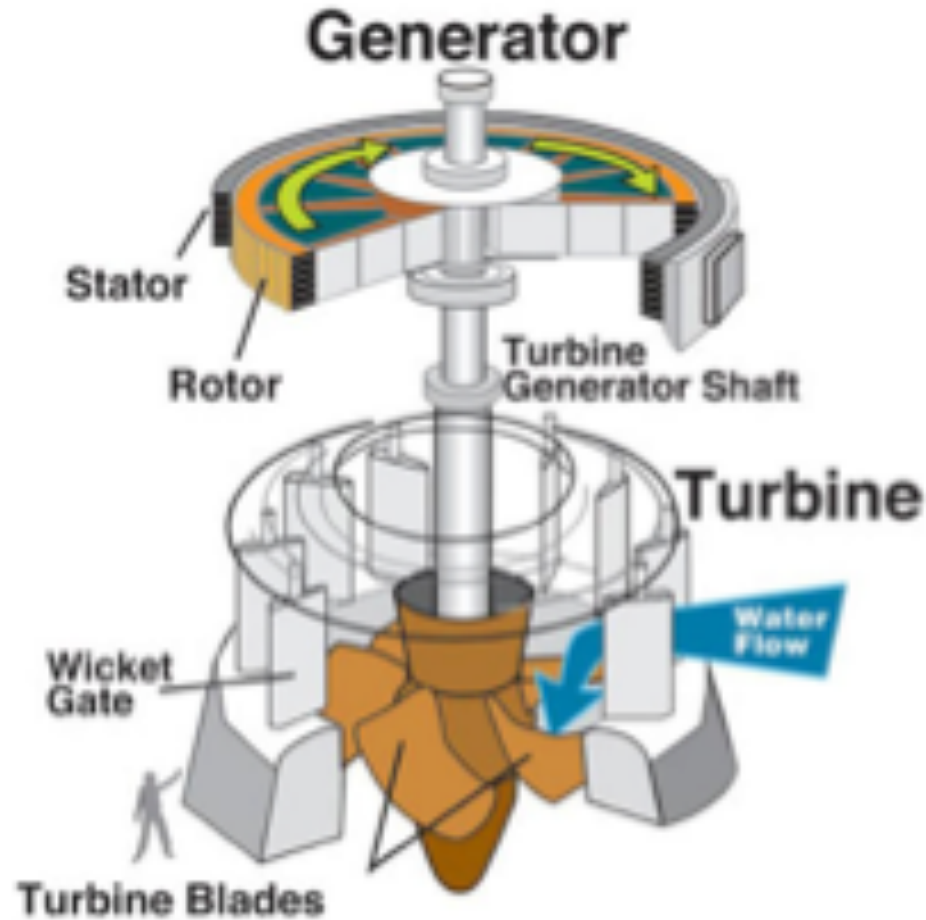
Therefore:

Combination of generation assets required to meet demand

- Energy: Dispatchable & Intermittent
- Capacity (“Firm Energy”): Dispatchable

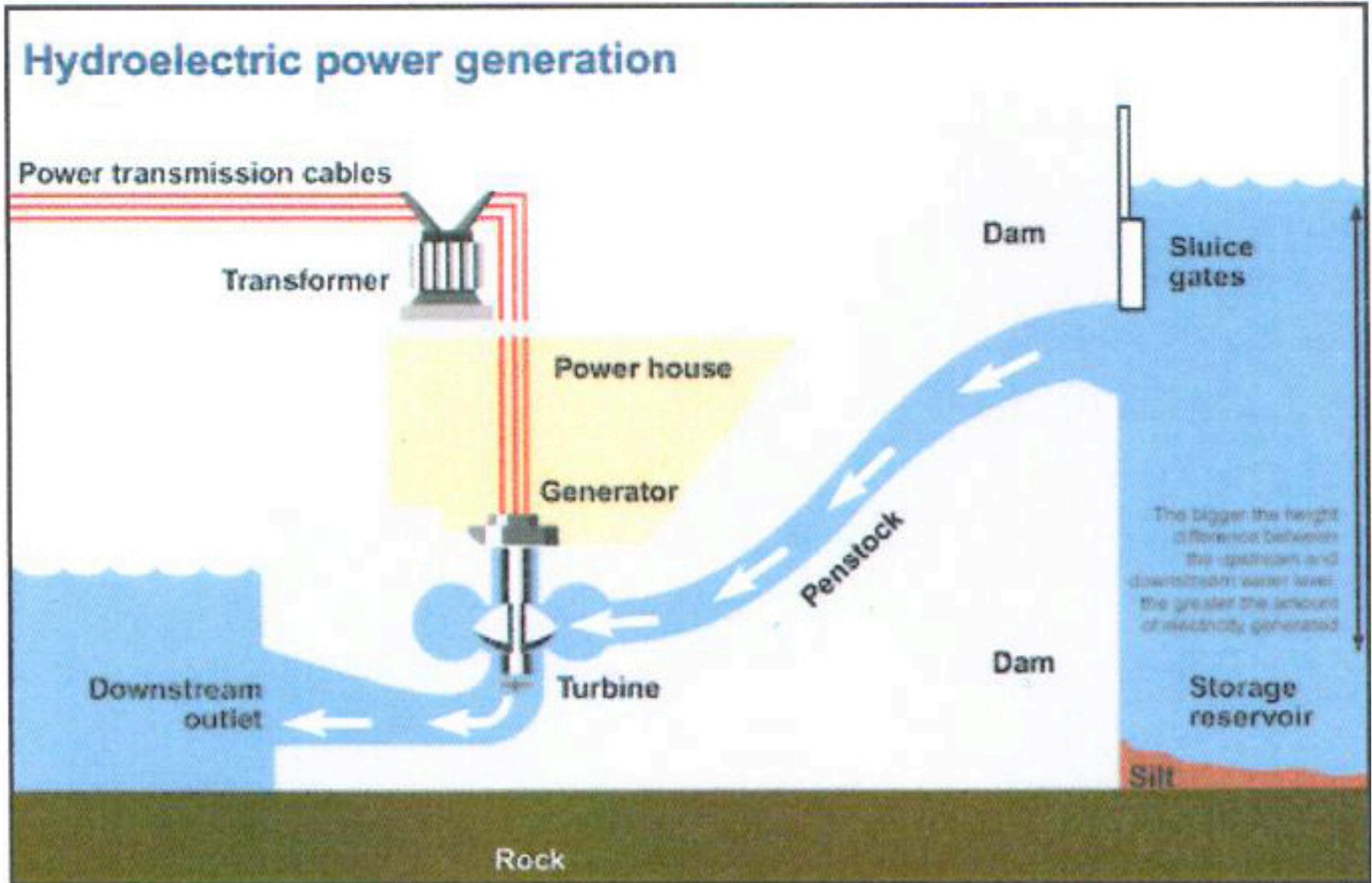
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2. Hydro Turbine & Generator
3. Run-Of-River (Low Head)
4. Run-Of-River (High Head)
5. Hydro's Fit with Yukon





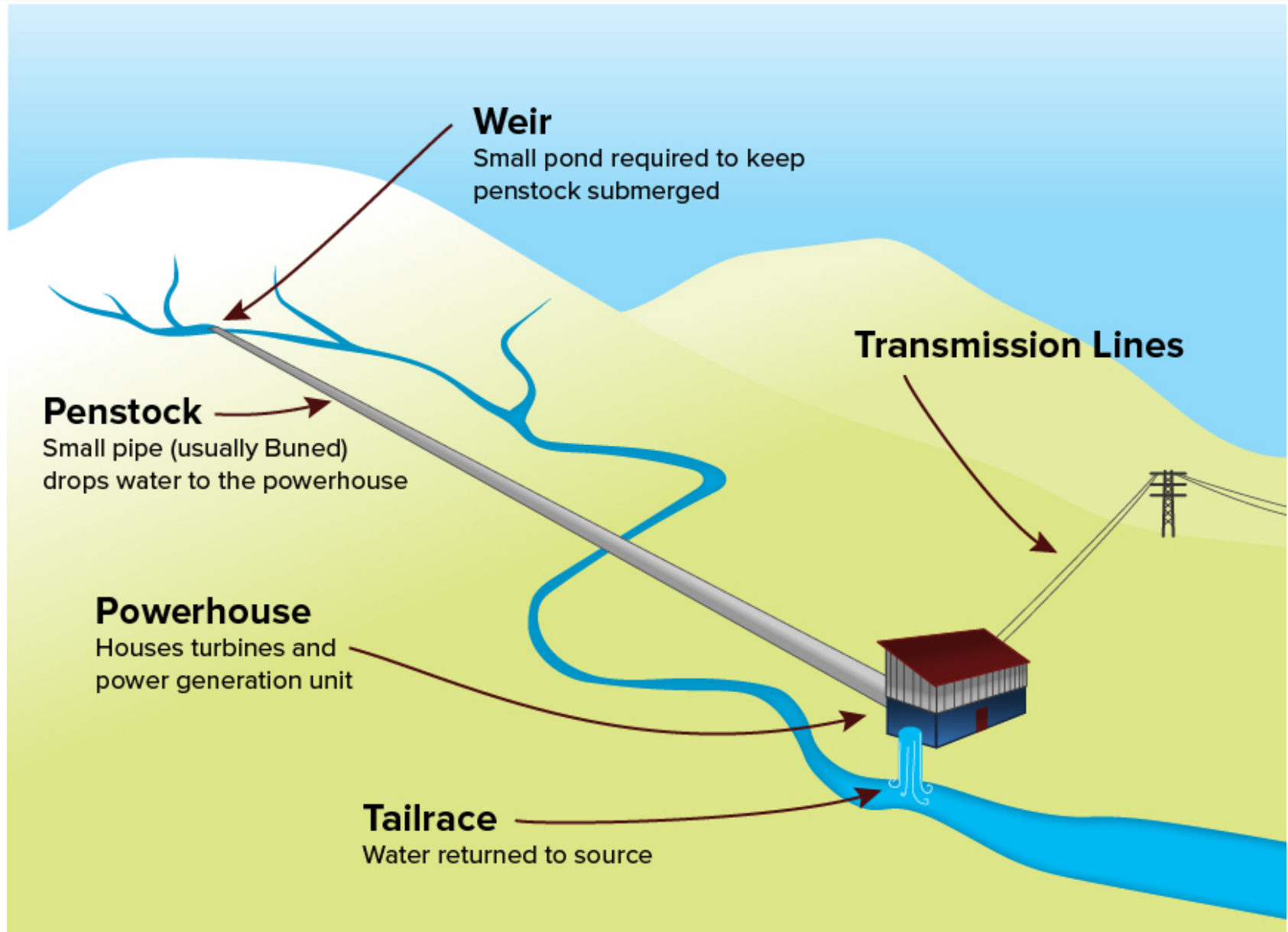


# Hydro – Run-Of-River (Low Head)





# Hydro – Run-Of-River (Higher Head)



The seasonal pattern ...

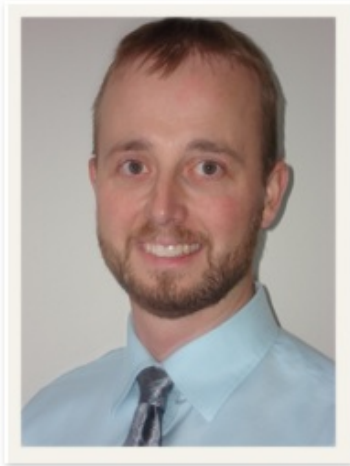
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This means ...

- Yukon electricity is winter peaking, BUT
- Fuel (Water): Available in summer, less in winter

Therefore ...

- Energy: Desire to store summer fuel (water) for winter use
- Capacity: Stored fuel provides dispatchable “firm” energy



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