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MISSION STATEMENT

AMEA's mission is to provide for our Member communities a reliable and economical source of electric power, enabling them to preserve and enhance the benefits of municipal utility ownership for their citizens and the electric customers they serve. We strive to offer services that our Members need and can adapt to provide the best value for their communities and customers.

You still have time to register for the AMEA 2011 Power Supply Conference

The AMEA 2011 Power Supply Conference is fast approaching. Are you registered? You still have time.

The conference is scheduled for this Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery. The attire for the conference is business casual.

Conference topics will include:

- ✓ How New Ethics Laws Impact Municipal Utilities
- ✓ Trends in Retail Rate Making
- ✓ Legislative Update
- ✓ EPA Actions Impact Power Supply
- ✓ SEPA Update
- ✓ Andrews Dam Preliminary License/Water Wars Update
- ✓ Hometown Connections® Review



AMEA will commemorate its 30th anniversary with a reception and dinner the evening of April 14 at the Renaissance Hotel. The reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Attire for the reception/dinner is business.

AMEA has secured a block of rooms for the evening of April 14. To reserve a room, please call (877) 545-0311 and mention the **Alabama Municipal Electric Authority** or **AMEA**.

For further information or to register, please contact Samantha Alexander, AMEA Executive Assistant, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, or samantha@amea.com.

JASWG considers training as its next service offering

With the Joint Action Services Working Group (JASWG) launching its first product offering in 2010, infrared cameras, the group has begun working on its next product/service offering.

During a JASWG meeting in April 2010, Members unanimously selected training as the next JASWG service that AMEA should provide. One-on-one visits with each JASWG Member near the end of 2010 re-confirmed that training was the selected service.

The group met at the AMEA office in Montgomery on March 24 to begin research on the various types of training; the various types of media for the training (hands-on, web-based, classroom, one-on-one, etc.); who can provide the training (public organizations, private organizations, individuals); where and how the training will be conducted; and the cost of the training.

During the March meeting, two training providers made presentations to the JASWG regarding the training providers' offerings. Daryl Ingram and Michelle Holbrook, Electric Cities of Georgia, and Mike Temple, Alabama Rural Electric Association, made the presentations.

Ray Phillips, Manager of Compliance and Special Projects, provided attendees information from a third training



Mike Temple (far left) of the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) discusses AREA's training program with JASWG Members.

provider, Continuum of Jackson Thornton & Co. Following the presentations, JASWG Members discussed the next steps regarding the training service to be offered by AMEA.

The group will meet again on Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. prior to the AMEA 2011 Power Supply Conference at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery to further discuss the training initiative.

Hurricane season 2011 expected to have more impact on U.S. coasts, AccuWeather says

The 2011 hurricane season, which starts June 1, should be active, with more impact on U.S. coastlines than the average season, the AccuWeather.com Hurricane Center predicts.



AccuWeather forecasts that there will be total of 15 named tropical storms, 8 of which will reach hurricane status and with 3 becoming major hurricanes. While a normal season averages 10 tropical storms, the prediction for 2011 still marks a decrease from the 2010 season, which was of historic proportions.

In 2010, there were 19 named storms and the season ranked as the third most-active season on record. Despite that distinction, many of the storms spiraled at sea and there was little impact on the United States.

AccuWeather says the early season threat will be to the western Gulf of Mexico and the southern Caribbean, with the higher concern for landfalls along the Texas and Louisiana coastlines. In mid- to late season, the eastern Gulf and Caribbean will be at higher risk.

AccuWeather's forecast is similar to the pre-season prediction made in December by the Colorado State University

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hurricane research team led by William Gray and Philip J. Klotzbach. In that forecast, the Colorado State team said, "We foresee an above-average Atlantic basin tropical cyclone season in 2011 and anticipate an above-average probability of U.S. and Caribbean major hurricane land-fall."

The Colorado State team, which will update its forecast closer to the start of hurricane season, predicted slightly higher numbers than AccuWeather: 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 5 major hurricanes.

The Colorado State predictions gave the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle west to Brownsville, Texas, a 48-percent chance of getting hit by at least one major hurricane (category 3 or above.) The average chance for the last century is 30 percent.

Source: *The Mobile Press-Register* (March 30, 2011)

AMEA and Riviera Utilities loses good friend in Sam Parker of Foley



Parker

Longtime Foley businessman and former AMEA Board of Director Samuel Francis "S.F." Parker Jr. died March 24. He was 86. Funeral services were held March 28 at Foley United Methodist Church. Burial followed at Pine Rest Memorial Park.

Parker, a practicing CPA for 37 years in Baldwin County, served on the AMEA Board of Directors and the Utilities Board of the City of Foley (Riviera Utilities).

Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years, Kathleen Parker; two sons, Samuel Lee Parker of Gulfport, Miss., and Richard Whitsett (Kathleen Roy) Parker of Mobile;

and twin grandsons, Wilson Knowles Parker and Jonathan O'Neal Parker of Mobile.

Legislators, electric cities turn out for ECA Legislative Meet & Greet in March

Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) held its annual Legislative Briefing and Legislative Meet & Greet on March 29 at the RSA Plaza Terrace in Montgomery.

The Legislative Meet & Greet, co-sponsored by AMEA and TVA, is held for the Alabama Legislature as well as the State's Constitutional Officers and Judiciary. This marks the 12th year ECA has hosted the event.



Alabama Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey attended the Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) Legislative Meet & Greet on March 29. She is shown with Jonathan Hand, ECA Executive Director. (Photo courtesy of Electric Cities of Alabama)

The ECA Legislative Briefing and Meet & Greet gives ECA mayors, city councils, utility board members and utility employees the opportunity to interact with state leaders and learn more about issues impacting public power in Alabama.

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