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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.

AMEA Election Committee re-elects/elects board members

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) Election Committee, comprised of 11 representatives of AMEA's Member cities, met Tuesday, Aug. 11, to re-elect or replace directors whose terms expire at the end of the 2009 Annual Meeting, which will be held Aug. 27.

The committee re-elected Board Members Don McClellan of Alexander City and Paul Lee of Dothan, and elected Lee Young of Piedmont to the AMEA Board of Directors.

The Election Committee also confirmed the Board's appointment of Dale Baker of Sylacauga to the AMEA Board.

AMEA-Sylacauga Plant celebrates five years of operation

Happy Birthday, AMEA-Sylacauga Plant! It was five years ago this summer that AMEA and its Members collectively built and brought online a natural gas-fired peaking generation plant. The AMEA-Sylacauga Plant became operational in May 2004.

In 2004, AMEA became the first municipal organization in Alabama in more than 80 years to build a power generation plant.



"This plant offers significant opportunities to AMEA's Members," said Tim Foster, plant manager and AMEA's Manager of Operations. "Owning generating assets brings value to our Members through capping market energy prices, providing a known generating price and quantity for market sales or purchases, long-term fixed capacity costs that are currently less than comparable capacity available under our contract, and asset residual value

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after bond debt retirement.

The AMEA-Sylacauga Plant utilizes two state-of-the-art combustion turbine generating units fueled by natural gas, each with a generating capacity of 47,500 kilowatts, said Foster.

The plant is capable of being started and brought to full load operations in less than fifteen minutes. This capability makes the plant cost effective for peaking operations.



Three AMEA personnel operate and maintain the plant year round.

AMEA receives Hometown's 2009 Sales Affiliate of the Year Award

AMEA was recently honored at the Hometown Connections® Annual Meeting with the *2009 Sales Affiliate of the Year Award* for its marketing and sales efforts in Alabama and Mississippi. AMEA, which the first sales affiliate for Hometown Connections in 1998, received Hometown's *National Sales Affiliate Award* in 2001.

Hometown Connections is a utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association (APPA). Hometown Connections secures group discounts and special service arrangements from leading industry suppliers for members of APPA. Hometown is owned by public power organizations, and it negotiates lower purchase prices on innovative products and services for every APPA member in the U.S.

AMEA markets the Hometown Connections program and facilitates the sale of products and services to 36 electric cities in Alabama and 24 systems in Mississippi. *For more information on Hometown, see Page 4.*

Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, and a member of the Hometown Connections Board of Directors, was a speaker at the opening session of the Annual Meeting. Attendees at the meeting included representatives of the Hometown sales and marketing affiliates throughout the U.S., as well as vendors/partners.



AMEA received the Hometown Connections *2009 Sales Affiliate of the Year Award* recently during the organization's Annual Meeting Banquet. Shown receiving the award is Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communication and Marketing. Shown with her are (L to R): Jeff Tarbert, Senior Vice President, APPA, and Chairman of the Board for Hometown Connections; and Hometown staff, Walter McGrath, Tim Blodgett, Bill Smart, Steve VanderMeer, and Bill Moss.

AMEA, Members apply for stimulus funding for Smart Grid initiatives

AMEA and six of its Members, along with Survalent Technology, have applied for federal infrastructure funds to advance Smart Grid initiatives. The stimulus application was filed with the Department of Energy (DOE) on Aug. 5

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for DOE's 1306 Smart Grid Investment Program.

The joint application was submitted to DOE, which has allocated \$4.5 billion to award grants to

advanced infrastructure projects nationwide as

part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.



Survalent issued a Letter of Intent to DOE on behalf of AMEA and its Members July 16.

The application includes funding for Smart Grid initiatives, said Arthur Bishop, AMEA Senior System Engineer, who is coordinating the project on behalf of AMEA and the participating Members.

The project will create an integrated Smart Grid for AMEA and its participating Members through the deployment of Operational Data Management Systems (ODMS), Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Meter Data Management System (MDMS), System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Outage Management System (OMS), Engineering Analysis (EA), Substation Automation (SA), and Cyber Security.

Vendors participating in the project are Survalent, Aclara, Sensus, Milsoft Utility Solutions, and N-Dimension Solutions.

If awarded, the project is expected to be implemented in October 2009 and completed by December 2012.

AMEA Scholarship Program applications now available

AMEA Scholarship Program applications are now available at all schools within AMEA's Member cities. AMEA has also provided applications to each Member for use in utility offices.

AMEA will make available

22, \$2,500 scholarships

(two scholarships per Member city), and 11,

\$2,500 technical school

scholarships (one technical

school scholarship per

Member city).



To be eligible for either of AMEA's scholarships, a student's family must receive electric service from a Member's electric utility and the student must attend an Alabama college or university.

The program assists students in each of AMEA's 11 Member cities with their first-year tuition to a state university.

Scholarship application packets can also be downloaded from AMEA's web site, www.amea.com, Scholarship Program.

Applications are reviewed and selected by an independent panel of college guidance personnel. Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

For more information, contact Pamela Poole, AMEA's Scholarship Program Coordinator, (334) 387-3504, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 110, or pam@amea.com.

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