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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 board members

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) Election Committee, comprised of 11 representatives of AMEA's Member cities, met Thursday, Aug. 4, to elect, re-elect or replace directors whose terms expire at the end of the 2011 Annual Meeting, which will be held Aug. 25.

The committee re-elected the following members to the AMEA Board of Directors: Gary Fuller, City of Opelika; Tim Kant, City of Fairhope; and, Mike Dugger, Riviera Utilities-Foley. These members will serve a three-year term.

The Election Committee also confirmed the Board's appointment of Taylor Barbaree of Dothan to the AMEA Board.

House Republicans press EPA on economic impact of proposed ozone standards

House Energy and Commerce leaders are pressing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its decision to propose new standards for ozone.



In a July 28 letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Committee Chairman Fred Upton, R-Mich., Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chairman Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., objected to the agency's decision to voluntarily revisit and reissue the standards.

"If finalized, these standards will impose unprecedented costs, ranging from \$19 billion to \$90 billion annually by your agency's own estimates, and result in new regulatory burdens for employers, businesses and already cash-strapped states and communities struggling to

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grow their local economies and create jobs," they said. These would be the single most expensive environmental standards ever to be imposed by any administration on the U.S. economy."

Since stringent ozone ambient air quality standards are in place, EPA's "choice to promulgate alternate costly new standards outside of the Clean Air Act's normal five-year review cycle defies common sense," the House members said. "The appropriate approach for the agency would be to follow the Clean Air Act's normal five-year review process."

A strong economy is essential for continued progress on environmental protection, they said. That requires "appropriate consideration of the economic and employment impacts of regulations."

The House members asked the agency to provide written responses to a series of questions concerning the development of the proposed ozone standards. The committee plans to hold hearings sometime after August on the proposed ozone standards.

AMEA 2012 Scholarship Program applications now available

Thanks to the AMEA Scholarship Program, 33 high school graduates will enroll in a two-year or four-year college in Alabama in 2011. Approximately \$82,500 was awarded in the 2011 program.



AMEA and its Members will kickoff the 2012 Scholarship

Program this month. Scholarship applications will be sent to schools within AMEA's Member cities during August, as well as to each Member for use in utility offices.

AMEA and its Members 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.

Scholarship applications can also be downloaded from AMEA's web site, www.amea.com, Scholarship Program. Application deadline is **Monday, Feb. 6, 2012**. For more information, contact Pamela Poole, AMEA's Scholarship Program Coordinator, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 110, or pam@amea.com.

AMEA Board Member Dugger elected new Electric Cities Chairman

Mike Dugger, General Manager/CEO, Riviera Utilities, and a member of the AMEA Board of Directors, was elected the new Chairman of the Board for Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) during the organization's board meeting in July.



Dugger

The meeting was held in conjunction with the ECA Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference in Orange Beach.

Dugger, who has been employed with Riviera Utilities for the past 22 years, has served on the AMEA Board of Directors since June 2007.