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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 studies alternative electric resources, including renewable hydropower projects

AMEA has made application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a permit to study the feasibility of constructing a hydroelectric generating plant at the George W. Andrews Lock and Dam on the Chattahoochee River. The project is estimated to generate some 24 MWs, according to Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

"AMEA has long been an innovator in exploring electric generation options so as to keep our generation costs as low as possible," Clark said. "We are committed to identifying electric generation options which provide our Members low-cost, reliable electric power, and the Andrews Hydro Project is a good environmental option worth studying."

"The Andrews Hydro Project permit will provide us time to consider congressional mandates, as well as the economic feasibility of this project, as compared to other electric generation options," he added.

Clark said AMEA hopes to know the outcome of the application by the end of 2011.



George W. Andrews Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project

Paul Lee, Dothan City Commissioner, elected to Alabama House, District 86

Former AMEA Board Member

Paul Lee of Dothan was elected to the Alabama House of

Representatives, District 86, in November. Lee, who has served as the District 3 Commissioner

with the City of Dothan for the

past five years, resigned from his

current duties as City Commissioner the day after his election to the Alabama House.



Paul Lee

The District 86 House seat, which Lee now fills, was left vacant after Benjamin Lewis was appointed to fill a district judgeship in Houston County by Governor Bob Riley earlier this year.

“Although we are very proud of Paul’s election to the Alabama House of Representatives, we will miss his dedication and desire to serve the electric customers of the City of Dothan and all AMEA Members on the Board of Directors,” said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. “We wish him the very best in his new leadership role.”

Taylor Barbaree of Dothan replaces Paul Lee on AMEA Board of Directors

Taylor Barbaree of Dothan has been appointed to the AMEA Board of Directors, replacing Dothan’s Paul Lee, who was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, District 86, on Nov. 2.

Barbaree, who serves as Dothan City Commissioner, District 5, is no newcomer to AMEA. He has served on the AMEA Election Committee since August 2006.

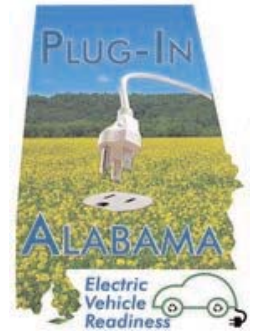
“We are delighted to have Taylor join the AMEA Board. He is very familiar with the organization having served the past four years as Dothan’s representative on the AMEA Election Committee,” said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

AMEA supports Plug-In-Alabama Readiness Kickoff this month in Prattville

AMEA, along with Alabama Power Company, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, TVA, Nissan and General Motors, sponsored the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition’s

Plug-In-Alabama Readiness

Kickoff on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Marriott Legends at Capitol Hill in Prattville. More than 130 people from across the state were on hand for the free event.



The purpose of the kickoff was to formulate a plan of action to facilitate a successful introduction of Plug-In Electric Vehicles (PEVs) in Alabama.

By 2012, there will be 47 models of Electric Vehicles (EVs) offered by major car manufacturers, and Nissan has selected Alabama as one of the first 11 states where the all-electric Nissan Leaf will be available, beginning in Alabama in April 2011.

EVs offer a cleaner and cheaper alternative to foreign oil and more than 1 million EVs are projected to be on America’s roads by 2015.

“It is a reality that electric vehicles are headed for Alabama, and they will be coming fast,” said Mark Bentley,

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Kickoff

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Chevrolet Volt

Executive Director, Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition. "In order to respond to the influx of EVs as

they roll out of factories and into showrooms and drive-ways across Alabama, the state must have a plan of action in place. That's what this event was all about...laying the groundwork for a plan of action that will ensure Alabama is ready when the flood of EVs comes to our state."

Bentley added, "The two most important ways that we can address that influx is to lay out a plan that will increase access to public EV chargers, and create a mechanism that will streamline the inspection and permit processes for EV owners who wish to install advanced EV chargers in their homes or businesses."

The Plug-In-Alabama Readiness Kickoff brought together representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, members of the Alabama Legislature, state and local government officials, electrical contractors, and state and national leaders from the power supply and automobile manufacture industries to begin planning for infrastructure needs that will arise as the demand for additional PEV charging station locations increases. Working groups were established to determine the most cost-effective ways to address infrastructure planning and implementation in Alabama, to foster EV education and outreach, and to develop EV-related public policy initiatives.

The event also hosted inspectors from across the state who inspect and provide permits for electric work in homes and businesses to discuss ways to standardize the permit-

ting requirements and streamline the inspection process for Alabamians who purchase PEVs and choose to install upgraded charging stations (standard 120V outlets will charge most PEVs, but 240V outlet installation cuts charging time in half).



Nissan Leaf

Several Plug-In Electric Vehicles were on-site and available for viewing

at the event, including the Chevrolet Volt and the Tesla Roadster Sport.

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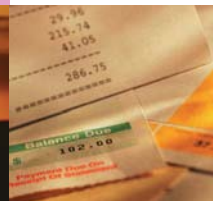
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