



AMEA *Communiqué*

Power That Works For You[®]

Vol. 20 No. 1

January 2011

The **AMEA Communiqué** is a monthly publication of the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority
P.O. Box 5220
Montgomery, AL 36103-5220

804 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

www.amea.com

(334) 262-1126
(334) 262-2267 (Fax)

AMEA Board of Directors

Chairman	Don McClellan
Vice Chairman	Gary Fuller
Secretary/Treasurer	Tim Kant

Dale Baker	Henry Osborne
Taylor Barbaree	Morris Tate
Mike Dugger	Lee Young

Fred D. Clark, Jr.

President & Chief Executive Officer

Lisa M. Miller

Editor

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.

FERC approves AMEA preliminary permit to study Andrews Dam Hydro Project

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved AMEA's preliminary permit to study the feasibility of constructing a hydro-electric generating plant at the George W. Andrews Lock and Dam on the Chattahoochee River.



**George W. Andrews Lock and Dam
Hydroelectric Project**

The project is estimated to generate 25 MWs, according to Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. Clark said FERC approved the preliminary permit Dec. 21. The permit allows for a 36-month period of study.

AMEA Board of Directors approve new 50 MW purchase power agreement with Santee Cooper



The AMEA Board of Directors has approved a new purchase power agreement with Santee Cooper in Moncks Corner, SC, for 50 MWs. The contract, which was approved by the AMEA Board of Directors on Dec. 9 and the Santee Cooper Board on Dec. 13, begins Jan. 1, 2014 and runs through Dec. 31, 2023. This purchase power contract takes advantage of resource substitution flexibility within AMEA's primary power supply contract.

Santee Cooper is South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility, and the state's largest power producer, supplying electricity to more than 163,000, as well as to 31 large industrial facilities, the cities of Bamberg and Georgetown, and the Charleston Air Force Base. Santee Cooper also generates the power distributed by the state's 20 electric cooperatives to more than 685,000 customers in all 46 counties. Approximately 2 million South Carolinians receive their power directly or indirectly from Santee Cooper.

2011 AMEA Power Supply Conference is scheduled for April in Montgomery

2011 will mark AMEA's 30 years of service and innovation to its 11 Members.

AMEA's 30-year history will be highlighted at the 2011 AMEA Power Supply Conference, which is scheduled for April 14 and 15 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery. Further conference details are forthcoming.



Hometown Connections® experiences one of its best years in 2010

Hometown Connections® experienced one of its best years in 2010, according to Tim Blodgett, Hometown's President & CEO.

That's what Blodgett told the AMEA Board of Directors at its regular meeting in December. Blodgett provided a 2010 update to the AMEA Board, citing several accomplishments in 2010, as well as expectations for 2011.

Blodgett said the Hometown 2011 and 2012 forecast indicates similar experience. He also commended AMEA, the Hometown Connections Sales Affiliate for Alabama and Mississippi, for its marketing and sales of Hometown products and services.

Blodgett said AMEA ranks high in Hometown's national comparison since 1998, and that the joint action agency is #1 in the number of Hometown product sales.

Blodgett added that Hometown added a new service to its

suite of products and services in 2010. Mycoff, Fry & Prouse is the premier executive search firm in public power. These resources include retired and other industry experts seeking interim employment.

For more information about Hometown products and services, contact Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

AMEA supports energy innovation through DEED Program

For the past 30 years, AMEA has supported the efforts of the

American Public Power

Association's (APPA) DEED

Program, which provides public

power members, including AMEA's

11 Members, a research program dedicated to increasing efficiency, reducing costs, investigating new technologies and services and improving processes and practices to better serve customers.

Begun in 1980, APPA's Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments Program, or DEED, is the only research and development program funded by and for public power utilities. DEED pools its members' resources to invest in the future technologies and best practices of the electric utility industry.

How does DEED help?

- Encourages and promotes energy innovation and efficiency.
- Funds innovative projects focused on the needs and research interests of its members.



DEED

Continued from Page 2

- Provides funding to students for utility internships or to conduct energy-related research.
- Provides a forum for the dissemination and discussion of information resulting from the program.
- Recognizes significant achievements by DEED members in energy innovation and efficiency.

DEED members are encouraged to apply for DEED grants (up to \$75,000) to help finance innovative projects at their utilities. DEED grants can support pilot projects, new technology demonstrations, early commercialization projects, and the development of best practices guidelines. Any issue encountered by members (such as reliability, safety, security, energy-efficiency, telecommunications, and the environment) is an appropriate topic for a grant.

Since its inception, DEED has provided over \$7 million in grants and scholarships to advance the technology, efficiency and best practices of public power.

"As a member of APPA and the DEED Program, we continue to support innovative initiatives which provide our Members direct, tangible and transferable benefits," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "DEED celebrates a 30-year commitment to energy innovation and efficiency, and cutting-edge technologies and research for public power utilities."

For more information about DEED, visit the APPA web site, www.publicpower.org, Research & Development (DEED), or go to the Members Only section of the AMEA web site, www.amea.com. Members have password-protected access to the Members Only section. If you need

assistance, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

2011 AMEA Scholarship Program deadline is fast approaching

The Feb. 7 deadline for the 2011 AMEA Scholarship Program is fast approaching.



Thanks to AMEA and its Members, 33 high school seniors will enroll in a four-year university or two-year college this year through the AMEA Scholarship Program. Approximately \$82,500 was awarded in the 2010 program.

For the past 18 years, AMEA has assisted deserving students in each of its 11 Member cities with their first-year tuition to a state university. Recognizing that many high school seniors seek training in a technical or trade program, AMEA added the Technical School Scholarship in 2004.

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

Applications are currently available from school counselors and Member utility offices, and on the AMEA web site, www.amea.com, Scholarship Program.

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