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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.

11th Circuit hands Georgia victory in tri-state water wars case

The federal appeals court in Atlanta handed Georgia an enormous victory in the tri-state water litigation last week, overturning decisions by a federal judge that could have had catastrophic consequences for the metro area. The court threw out a 2009 ruling by Senior U.S. District Judge Paul

Magnuson, who had found it was illegal for the Corps of

Engineers to draw water from Lake Lanier to meet the needs of 3 million metro residents.

In its decision, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that one of the purposes of the man-made reservoir about 45 miles upstream of Atlanta was to supply water to the metro region. Alabama will appeal the ruling to the full Circuit Court.



Lake Lanier

Magnuson had also set a doomsday clock ticking for Georgia, Alabama and Florida to arrive at a water-sharing agreement. If the states could not reach a settlement by July 2012, Magnuson said, metro Atlanta would only be allowed to take the same amount of water it received in the mid-1970s -- when the population was less than one-third its current size. That deadline is no longer in effect. Instead, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals set a new deadline. It gave the Corps one year to make a final determination over water allocation from Lake Lanier. The court reminded the Corps that the water litigation has already been going on for more than two decades. **Source: *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution***

AMEA continues to support economic development initiatives to help create jobs in Member cities

In conjunction with the upcoming 2013-2015 Strategic Planning process, AMEA staff continue to explore economic development initiatives in support of the efforts of AMEA's Member city economic developers. The joint action agency is conducting a survey of local economic developers on AMEA's current efforts, as well as how AMEA can assist them on future

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economic development initiatives and programs. Currently, AMEA's Economic Development Program works with and supports the efforts of our Members by enhancing existing industries and bringing in new industry. AMEA provides no interest loans through the Capital Fund Program.

Grants to assist with special economic development projects and events, including the Special Projects Grant and the Community Support Projects Grant, are available to AMEA Members each fiscal year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30).

AMEA also plays a vital role in supporting statewide recruiting events and continues to build relationships with other utilities and groups to provide opportunities for AMEA's Members and the state.

For more information on AMEA's economic development support efforts, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

APPA National Conference focuses on challenging issues for electric industry

The APPA 2011 National Conference, held in Washington, D.C., in June featured some of our nation's best political, economic, business and public policy thinkers providing insights on how Washington really works; forecasts on the economy; and political, societal, and industry trends.

Some of conference topics included: New Environmental Regulations Affecting Public Power; Getting Consumer Buy-In of Smart Grid Applications; Hydro Power: Current Issues, Developments and Opportunities; Broadband and Economic Development; Generation Resources; Advanced

Metering Infrastructure; Social Media; Selling Energy Efficiency During a Period of Slow Load Growth; and the Reality of Wind Power, just to name a few.

Members encouraged to register for ECA Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference

You still have time to register for the Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) 2011 Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference, scheduled for July 10-12 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach.

Some of the conference speakers will include: Alabama Lt. Governor Kay Ivey; Fred Clark, AMEA; Bob Balzar, TVA; Ken Smith, Alabama League of Municipalities; and Wendell Cauley, ECA Legal Counsel.

To register, go to www.electriccities.org and click on the Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference link on the home page, or call the ECA office at (334) 954-3221.

AMEA Members eligible to participate in RP3 program

As members of the American Public Power Association (APPA), AMEA Members are eligible to participate in the Reliable Public Power Provider



(RP3) program. APPA's RP3 program encourages public power systems to demonstrate basic proficiency in four important disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. The RP3 program shines a light on your utility for the excellent service it provides to your customers. Utilities submit an application to the RP3 program for a peer evaluation of your utility's reliability,

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safety, workforce development and system improvement. Of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities, 176 have earned RP3 recognition from APPA for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

APPA will offer a **FREE** webinar about the RP3 program on Wednesday, July 6. The session is part of a series on the RP3 program. The webinar will begin at 12 p.m. Eastern time. The speakers will be Michael Hyland, APPA's Senior Vice President of Engineering Services, and Puesh Kumar, APPA's Manager of Engineering and Operations. More webinars later this summer will focus on other aspects of the RP3 program, including: RP3 Webinar Series, Reliability – July 13; RP3 Webinar Series, System Improvement – July 20; and, RP3 Webinar Series, Workforce Development – July 27.

For more information about the RP3 program, visit www.publicpower.org, Special Utility Programs, Reliable Public Power (RP3). This information can also be found in the Members Only section of the AMEA web site, www.amea.com. Members will need their username and password to access information from this area of the site.

Hometown and ElectSolve to market meter data management services

To help public power electric, gas and water utilities maximize the return on their technology investments, Hometown Connections® and ElectSolve will jointly market meter data management services that integrate utility data collected from disparate information sources, including AMR/AMI, SCADA, CIS, OMS, demand response, and distribution line loss management systems. ElectSolve's



strengths include in-depth expertise and experience in data integration, process development, and solutions implementation, with a proven track record of enabling advanced utility systems to communicate successfully today and prepare to migrate toward the Smart Grid systems of the future.

ElectSolve's uCentra™ Operational Data Management System is a next-generation meter data management (MDM) system for operational data management, analysis, and reporting. It provides a full 360-degree view of all customer and operational data. The MDM is fully interoperable with all collection systems, allowing the MDM portal and dashboards to provide not only summary information, but the ability of the stakeholder to access granular information, such as a specific register value from a smart meter.

Tim Blodgett, President and CEO of Hometown Connections, said, "ElectSolve has a long history of integrating data from the systems of several other vendors currently allied with Hometown Connections, including Elster, Milsoft Utility Solutions, Survalent Technology, N-Dimension Solutions, and Cogsdale."

For more information about ElectSolve or any of Hometown's products and services, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com. You can also visit AMEA's web site, www.amea.com, Hometown Connections, for additional information.