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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 and Alabama Power Company agree to extend Power Supply Agreement through 2025

On June 7, the AMEA Board of Directors unanimously approved a new power supply contract with Alabama Power Company (APCo) which amends and restates the current Power Supply Agreement, extending the contract to Dec. 31, 2025.

AMEA has been working extensively to extend the current Power Supply Agreement with APCo, which was due to end on Dec. 31, 2015. Through this effort over the past four years, we have achieved our goals and have improved nearly every element of the existing contract, said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.



Shown at the AMEA-Alabama Power Company contract signing on June 7 are (back row, L to R): Alan Williford, Manager of Planning and Engineering; Skeeter Sheldon, Engineering Analyst II; Fred Clark, President & CEO; Mark Ennis, General Manager, Utilities Board of Tuskegee; Marlin Wade, CFO; Tim Foster, Manager of Operations; and Wendell Cauley, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. (Front row, L to R): Don McClellan of Alexander City, Chairman, AMEA Board of Directors; Chris Bell, Vice President, Southern Wholesale Energy; Mayor Gary Fuller of Opelika, Vice Chairman, AMEA Board of Directors; and Mayor Tim Kant of Fairhope, Secretary/Treasurer, AMEA Board of Directors.

PSC approves new AMEA/APCo Power Supply Agreement

In a regular meeting of the Alabama Public Service Commission (PSC) on July 10, the group unanimously approved an Order “not disapproving” the AMEA/Alabama Power Company Amended and Restated Power Supply Agreement. As a result, the new contract is now in place.

Alan Williford, AMEA's Manager of Planning and Engineering, and Wendell Cauley, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, worked with PSC staff to address inquiries during the review process.

“We thank the Commission and PSC staff for their support and thoughtful consideration of AMEA's petition,” said Williford. “This was an important step in completing the process of the development of a new power supply arrangement with Alabama Power Company.”

AMEA to host September Member Managers meeting

AMEA has planned a Member Managers/Superintendents meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. (Central) at the AMEA headquarters in Montgomery. Lunch will be provided.

During the meeting, AMEA will provide an overview of the new AMEA/Alabama Power Company power supply agreement as well as update managers on other power supply initiatives, review the Small Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Rate Rider, and discuss the development of a more comprehensive Resource Management Program.

“This will be a great opportunity for Member Managers to provide us feedback so that together we can continue to provide reliable and affordable electric power and energy to their customers,” said Ray Phillips, AMEA Manager of Compliance and Special Projects.

DEED funding available for Members

Members of APPA's Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) program have the opportunity to apply for utility grants and scholarships for the fall funding season.



On Wednesday, July 18 from 2 until 3:30 p.m. (Eastern), a DEED webinar, *Ask the Experts: A Discussion on Applying for DEED Grants & Scholarships*, will offer tips and answer questions related to DEED grants and scholarships.

DEED members, which include AMEA's 11 Members, are invited to submit grant applications for the co-funding of innovative utility projects. Over the years, DEED-sponsored research has resulted in the development of new technologies and the creation of a number of useful manuals, videos and software tools. A DEED grant supported the first demonstration of broadband-over-powerline technology at the city of Manassas, Va., and development of the first soy-based transformer oil, at Waverly Light and Power in Iowa.

DEED grants have led to the development of a series of public power-focused safety videos, reliability software, PowerWorld load simulation software, wind integration tools, Michael the Energy Mastermind consumer education software, and a smart grid primer, Smart Grid Essentials. More information about these projects is available on the APPA web site, www.publicpower.org.

Applicants for utility grants may request up to \$75,000 per project. Applications are due Aug. 15. To gain access to DEED's grant portal to submit an application, send a request to DEED@PublicPower.org.

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DEED members are also invited to introduce students to public power and gain assistance at their utilities through a DEED scholarship. DEED provides up to 10, \$4,000 scholarships each year to DEED member utilities who sponsor a student to work on a project or internship at their utility. To gain access to the DEED scholarship portal to submit an application, send a request to DEED@PublicPower.org. Scholarship applications are due Oct. 15.

AMEA to provide Members with 2012 APPA Safety Manual

During the Sept. 12 Member Managers/Superintendents meeting, AMEA will provide Members with the new 2012 APPA Safety Manual, 15th Edition.

To assist Members with an overview of the manual, APPA will host a webinar, *The New 2012 APPA Safety Manual Overview*, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2 until 3:30 p.m. (Eastern). Cost of the webinar for APPA Members is \$89 (*AMEA Members are APPA Members*).

You will need a username and password to complete your online registration. Please contact APPA's Web Department at info@PublicPower.org for assistance.

Job-related injuries occur every day, often because employees are not trained in proper procedures. Investing in safety education is essential to identifying and eliminating hazards.

The APPA Safety Manual helps establish the fundamentals of compliance and instill best practices to establish a commitment to a safe work culture for utility employees. Since 1955, it has set the public power standard for safety compliance information.

The manual has been revised and expanded since its last publication in 2008 to incorporate a number of U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other federal and industry standards. Updates include revisions and additions to the following sections: General Rules (section 1), Health and Environmental Control (section 2), Personal Protective Equipment (section 4) and Electric Utility Operations (section 5).

In this webinar, participants will be introduced to the important changes that are effective with the 2012 edition. Participants will also gain a better understanding of the APPA Safety Manual overall and its fundamental applications to the electric utility industry. This webinar will provide an excellent preview of APPA's full-day 2012 Safety Manual course that is scheduled for Oct. 1 in Nashville, TN.

It is recommended that participants have a copy of the 2012 APPA Safety Manual to refer to during the webinar. APPA Member attendees can purchase the manual for an extra \$10.

The speaker for the event will be Jon Beasley, Superintendent of Training and Safety, Electric Cities of Georgia, Atlanta, GA. Beasley is the superintendent of training and safety for Electric Cities of Georgia and has over 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry.

This webinar is worth 1.5 CPEs/.2 CEU/1.5 PDH credits. CPE Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge & Applications. The certificate is only available to the person who registered for the webinar and attendance is confirmed by the webinar report log. Links to all presentations and an audio recording will be sent out shortly after the webinar occurs.

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- Dynamic Voltage Regulation:
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(Contributions in Aid of Construction) **Oct. 11**

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Dugger, Ennis recognized at Electric Cities Annual Meeting

Congratulations to Mike Dugger, General Manager, Riviera Utilities, on receiving the 2012 Chairman's Award at the recent Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference in Orange Beach. Dugger, who served as Chairman of the Board for ECA in 2011-12, is also a member of the AMEA Board of Directors.

AMEA also extends congratulations to Mark Ennis, General Manager, Utilities Board of Tuskegee, for being named ECA's 2012 Public Service Award recipient during the conference. Ennis served as ECA Chairman of the Board in 2009-10.

AMEA applauds these two Members for their dedication and service to public power and Electric Cities of Alabama.

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