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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.

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) 2010 Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference, which is scheduled for July 19-21 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach.

Jon Hand, ECA Executive Director, said, "This meeting allows key staff and elected officials from our member cities-utilities to gather and exchange ideas and experiences. We anticipate more than 300 representatives from Alabama's 36 electric cities to attend this year's function."



You can make your hotel reservations directly with Perdido Beach Resort by calling (800) 634-8001 or online www.perdido beachresort.com (online Group Code 4679). Please use ECA's booking ID# 4679 when making your reservation.

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

Climate change is focus of APPA 2010 National Conference

Climate change was the focus of the American Public Power Association (APPA) 2010 National Conference in Orlando this week. Some of the breakout sessions included such topics as the impact of climate change legislation, energy efficiency, and understanding Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. During the conference business meeting, APPA members approved three new policy resolutions dealing with regulation of greenhouse gases, pole attachments and hydro licensing.

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The association also adopted 10 resolutions previously approved by APPA's Legislative and Resolutions Committee. The resolution on greenhouse gases supports legislation that would ensure that EPA does not use the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources while workable legislation is being developed in Congress. The resolution also urges Congress to enact stand-alone legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions "consistent with APPA's positions on program structure and essential cost mitigation measures for consumers." That legislation should clearly separate the emissions reduction program from the requirements of the Clean Air Act, the resolution said.

The new resolution on pole attachments urges Congress to preserve current federal law on public power systems' local control over pole attachments and not eliminate the municipal exemption to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations regarding pole attachments. The resolution urges the FCC to establish rates, terms and conditions for pole attachments that provide for full cost recovery and that account for the regional differences in rates for constructing and maintaining poles.

For small hydro power facilities, regulatory costs are the biggest barrier to realizing the untapped potential of potential small hydro sites — 22,000 MW of clean, carbon-free renewable hydro power, according to an Electric Power Research Institute study, APPA said.

The resolution urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and state

water quality and resources agencies, to implement a more streamlined, two-year process for minimal impact projects of all sizes, such as the addition of hydro power to existing non-power dams. APPA also called on FERC to immediately begin a licensing and exemption streamlining review of existing regulations and processes to enhance the financial feasibility of small hydro power investments.

The resolution urges Congress to amend Section 30 of the Federal Power Act to exclude facilities of 1.5 MW or less; to direct FERC to establish a blanket exemption process for installations of up to 5 MW; to clarify Section 30 to ensure that all conduit facilities are treated uniformly; and to direct FERC to streamline its licensing process for other small hydro power installations in existing conduits.

For more about the resolutions, go to APPA's March 1 *Public Power Weekly*, www.naylornetwork.com/app-ppw/newsletter.asp?projID=4250.

Senate Democrats undecided about options for energy legislation

In the wake of the Gulf oil spill, Senate Democrats want to pass an energy bill, but Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said

last week that what vehicle will be used and whether the legislation will include a price on carbon is still up in the air. "We have everyone saying yes," he told reporters. "The question is how do we move forward."

At their regular caucus on June 17, Senate Democrats heard presentations on four bills: from Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.,



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on the energy bill (S. 1462) passed last year by his committee; from Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., on their climate change bill; from Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., on the "cap-and-dividend" climate change bill she introduced with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine; and from Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., on her cap-and-trade bill.

Source: APPA

AMEA resources can help you communicate the importance of energy efficiency to your customers

Summer is certainly here and even more reason to help your customers understand the importance of energy efficiency when it comes to maximizing their energy dollars.



AMEA has a host of resources on its web site, www.amea.com, Energy Efficiency. The site includes information on Alabama's Weatherization Assistance Program and the administering offices in your area, links to Energy Savers, ENERGY STAR®, and energy-efficiency tips (public service announcements). Please feel free to customize the public service announcements for your communications efforts, including your media and/or your web site.

Also, in the Members Only section, you will find Energy-Efficiency Resources. This area of the site includes information from APPA and the Clean and Efficient Energy Program (CEEP). CEEP, a nationwide initiative with a mission to promote and support the energy-efficiency efforts of locally-owned utilities, is a partnership of the Alliance to Save Energy, APPA and the Large Public Power Council.

To access information in the Members Only section, you will need your username and password. For more information, contact Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

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