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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.

New APPA policy resolutions address EPA greenhouse gas rule, PMA directives, electric/gas market integration

Members of the American Public Power

Association (APPA) approved four new

policy resolutions at the association's

National Conference June 19, addressing

electric and gas market integration,

greenhouse gas rules, a Western energy imbalance market and proposed changes to the federal power marketing administrations. Association members also adopted nine resolutions previously approved by APPA's Legislative and Resolutions Committee.

The resolution on electric-gas market integration calls for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to take a number of steps to facilitate coordination of electric and gas markets, including hosting technical conferences, studying the economic and reliability impacts of retirements of coal-fired plants and facilitating discussions with state commissions and stakeholders on natural gas curtailment policies. FERC should view gas-electric coordination in areas with regional transmission organizations differently from regions with bilateral electricity markets, APPA said. The resolution also calls on Congress to examine the issues and monitor FERC's activities in this area.

In a resolution opposing an energy imbalance market in the West, APPA called for further study of such a market and its alternatives. The study should include an analysis of statutory and contractual provisions that impact formation of such a market, and separate those benefits that might accrue from those that are being and will be realized from existing efforts to integrate renewable resources. The association also urged the Energy Department, Western Electricity Coordinating Council, governors, state commissioners and other policy makers to consider ongoing efforts that meet the needs of variable resource integration at a reasonable cost and that do not create undue regulatory and technical burdens.



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The changes to the power marketing administrations proposed by Energy Secretary Steven Chu in his March 16 memorandum "are either unnecessary or premature," an APPA resolution on the issue said. The proposals "threaten to impose drastic economic burdens on federal hydropower customers." The resolution urges the administration to postpone implementation of the memo and seek input from customers and members of Congress.

The resolution on greenhouse gas emissions strongly urges the Environmental Protection Agency to repropose its New Source Performance Standards for greenhouse gas emissions from new fossil fuel-fired power plants "in a manner that ensures any fuel type can be used for electric generation." The agency should propose individual standards for fuel types that "are reasonable, cost-effective and, most importantly, achievable," the association said. APPA called on EPA to issue standards for coal-fired plants that are efficiency-based, "as there is no technology commercially available and deployed to reduce CO2 emissions."

The resolutions are posted on APPA's website, www.publicpower.org.

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) 2012 Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference, scheduled for July 8-10 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach.

Speakers and topics will include: Political humorist Alva



Lambert; ECA Attorney Wendell Cauley, Electric Cities Legislative Priorities; Political Roundtable – State Representatives Alan Boothe, Terri Collins, Joe Faust, Ron Johnson, Steve McMillan, Kerry Rich and John Robinson, and State Senators Jerry Fielding and Clay Scofield; John Croyle, Founder and Executive Director, Big Oak Ranch, motivational speaker; Steven Dyer, Chief Technology Office, Central Service Association, Cyber Security; Ken Smith, Executive Director, Alabama League of Municipalities, Municipal Legislative Update; and Will Coffman, APPA, Recent Power Marketing Administration Actions.

To register for the conference, 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.

Senate rejects bill to roll back EPA's costliest power plant regulation

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday rejected Sen. James Inhofe's (R-OK) bill to block the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from setting the first federal standards on mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

The Resolution of Disapproval (S.J. Res. 37) on the EPA's Utility MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology) rule failed by a vote of 46-53, four votes short of the 50 vote needed to proceed on a vote on the resolution.

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The Utility MACT rule will impose - by regulation - the most stringent and costly clean air regulation that electric generation cooperatives and investor-owned utilities have ever faced, resulting in higher energy prices and forcing manufacturers to shed approximately 200,000 jobs. Sen. Inhofe's resolution would have allowed the EPA to propose a more reasonable mercury regulation for power plants.

Under the EPA's Utility MACT rule, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, coal- and oil-fired generating units must install and operate "maximum achievable control technology," or MACT, by 2015 to prevent 90 percent of the sector's mercury emissions. **Source: Business Council of Alabama Washington Briefing**

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. Please feel free to customize these tips as public service announcements for your



communications efforts, including your media and/or your web site.

In the Members Only section, you will find Energy-Efficiency Resources. This section 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 the Members Only section, you will need your username and password.

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