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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 celebrates 30 years of success with reception and dinner

To commemorate AMEA's 30 years of service to its Members, the joint action agency will hold a reception and dinner in conjunction with this year's Power Supply Conference on Thursday, April 14, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery. The reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The attire for the event is business.



Invitations, along with response cards, were mailed this week. Please let us know your attendance plans by returning the self-addressed, stamped response card.

You still have time to register for Power Supply Conference set for April 14 and 15 in Montgomery

The AMEA 2011 Power Supply Conference is scheduled for April 14 and 15 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.



The conference registration form and tentative agenda can be found in the Members Only section of the AMEA web site, www.amea.com, AMEA 2011 Power Supply Conference. Registration for the conference is **FREE**. Please fax your registration form(s) to AMEA Executive Assistant Samantha Alexander, (334) 262-2267, by **Thursday, April 7**.

AMEA has secured a block of rooms for the evening of April 14. To reserve a room, please call (877) 545-0311 and mention AMEA. The room block deadline is **Friday, March 25**. Hotel information is listed at the bottom of the registration form.

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Invited attendees will include city councils, utility boards, and senior utility management staff. The purpose of the conference is to review issues of importance to Members.

The attire for the conference is business casual. If you need further information, please contact Mrs. Alexander, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, or samantha@amea.com.

Paul Lee honored during February AMEA Board of Directors meeting

Former AMEA Board Member Paul Lee of Dothan was recently recognized for his years of service on the Board. Lee, who was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, District 86, last November, was presented a framed Resolution of Appreciation during the February AMEA Board of Directors meeting. Lee, a former District 3 Dothan City Commissioner, was appointed to the AMEA Board of Directors in 2006.

Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, commended Lee for his dedication and desire to serve the electric customers of the City of Dothan and all AMEA Members.



Former AMEA Board Member Paul Lee (C) is presented with a framed Resolution of Appreciation by the AMEA Board on Feb. 17. Shown with Lee is (L to R): Henry Osborne, Lanett; Lee Young, Piedmont; Chairman Don McClellan, Alexander City; Morris Tate, Luverne Electric Board; Secretary/Treasurer Tim Kant, Fairhope; Vice Chairman Gary Fuller, Opelika; and Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

Members review guidelines for AMEA Energy Partners Program, Behind the Meter Generation

Representatives from

seven of AMEA's 11

Members attended an

AMEA Energy Partners

Program meeting in

February in Montgomery to review guidelines associated with AMEA's Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program.



Throughout 2010, AMEA staff worked on renewable generation standards and procedures for a Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program which Members can use to support renewable resources on their systems. Staff also researched other utilities' programs, federal and state requirements, future regulations, and safety aspects of interconnecting generation on the Members' distribution systems.

A working group, consisting of Member representatives and AMEA staff, developed the necessary guidelines, documentation, and applications for the program.



President & CEO Fred Clark, and Alan Williford, Manager of Planning and Engineering, review Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program guidelines with Members during a February meeting in Montgomery.

Electric Cities members visit with Alabama congressional delegation during APPA 2011 Legislative Rally

Municipal electric utility leaders from Alabama and across the nation visited with congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., Feb. 28-March 3, as part of the American Public Power Association's (APPA) 2011 Legislative Rally. AMEA and Electric Cities of Alabama representatives met with Alabama's congressional delegation to discuss issues which impact municipally-owned electric utilities and public power, including the provisions of future climate change legislation.

"We are very encouraged that our congressional delegation is in agreement with us that Congress should address the issue of climate change through new legislation that is applied on an economy-wide basis and balances environmental goals with impacts on consumers and the economy," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

Clark added, "We will continue advocating for consumers in the U.S. Congress to ensure there is consistency and fairness in their attempts to meet the energy needs of public power communities."



AMEA and Electric Cities of Alabama representatives visit with U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt (center) in Washington, D.C. (Photo courtesy of Electric Cities of Alabama)

Williford elected SeFPC Vice President

Alan Williford, AMEA's Manager of Planning and Engineering, was elected Vice President of the Southeastern Federal Power Customers (SeFPC) Inc. during the group's January 2011 Annual Meeting. Williford previously served two consecutive terms as secretary.

Williford is the third AMEA employee to serve in a leadership capacity with the group. Past AMEA employees having leadership capacities with SeFPC were Tom Bartels, former AMEA Manager of Marketing and Special



Williford

Projects, who served two consecutive terms as SeFPC's President. He is one of only two original Board Members/Alternates serving continuously since the organization was incorporated in 1992. Retired AMEA President & CEO Robert Claussen served as SeFPC President from 1994 until 1996.

SeFPC represents the hydropower interests of cooperatives and municipal systems in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, which serve over six million customers.

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ADECA reports Alabama has more appliance rebates available

The state government has more rebates available for people who purchase energy-efficient appliances. The director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Jim Byard, said \$150,000 in rebates remains available for people who have purchased appliances with the ENERGY STAR® label since April 19, 2010. The department has already given out nearly 34,000 rebates totaling \$3.7 million as part of a federal program to encourage people to replace old inefficient appliances.

Byard said the limited amount remaining resulted from some people reserving a rebate and not purchasing an appliance or not mailing in the required documentation. Rebates are \$25 for room air conditioners, \$50 for freezers, \$75 for dishwashers, \$100 for clothes washers, and \$150 for standard-size refrigerators.



For more information, visit www.alrebates.com.



APPA offers March 17 webinar on pole attachment proceedings

APPA will hold a webinar, *Pole Attachments – FCC Proceeding and the Implications for Public Power*, on Thursday, March 17, from 2–3:30 p.m., (Eastern).

In its National Broadband Plan, the Federal Communications Commission recommended several significant changes to the federal laws and rules governing pole attachments. To achieve uniformity and predictability, the FCC suggested that the new rules should apply to all pole owners in the United States and that the new rules should limit pole attachment rates to the relatively low levels currently paid by cable systems.

In May 2010, the Federal Communications Commission issued an order and further notice of proposed rulemaking seeking to revise its "pole attachment rules to lower the cost of telecommunications, cable, and broadband deployment and to promote competition, as recommended in the [National Broadband Plan]." APPA filed comments in the proceeding and addressed a number of operational and procedural requirements that the FCC proposed to adopt.

In this webinar, Jim Baller and Sean Stokes from the Baller Herbst Law Group in Washington, D.C., will provide an overview of the proceeding and discuss the implications for public power.

For more information and to register, go to www.APPAAcademy.org and click on Webinar Series, or contact Kristine Landau, (202) 467-2919 or KLandau@PublicPower.org.