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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-Sylacauga Plant Tour/Open House draws good crowd

"Picture perfect" weather was the order of the day as some 50 people from AMEA Member cities gathered for the Oct. 21 AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Tour and Open House.



Tim Foster, AMEA Manager of Operations, conducts one of the Oct. 21 plant tours. He is shown talking with John Ham, Sylacauga Utilities Board; Piedmont Mayor Brian Young; and Calvin Miller, Executive Director, Talladega County Economic Development Authority.

Attendees participated in tours of the plant, conducted by AMEA employees. During the tours, Jim Munroe, AMEA's Energy Marketer, provided participants with an overview of AMEA's efforts to improve energy costs.

Following the tours, Sylacauga Mayor Sam Wright welcomed the attendees during a barbecue lunch.

"We were very pleased with the turnout for this event," said Fred

Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "This was a great way for us to showcase the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, which was collectively built by AMEA and its Members, as well as provide some very valuable information about this tremendous asset."

"The AMEA-Sylacauga Plant offers significant opportunities to AMEA's Members," said Tim Foster, plant manager and AMEA Manager of Operations. "Owning generating assets brings value to our Members through capping market energy prices, providing a known generating price and quantity for market sales or purchases, long-term fixed capacity costs that are currently less than comparable capacity available under our contract, and asset residual value after bond debt retirement."

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The plant utilizes two state-of-the-art combustion turbine generating units fueled by natural gas, each with a generating capacity of 47,500 kilowatts, said Foster.

The plant is capable of being started and brought to full load operations in less than 15 minutes. This capability makes the plant cost effective for peaking operations.

Three AMEA personnel operate and maintain the plant year round. **See plant tour photos on Page 3.**

Member Managers Meeting follows AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Tour

A Member Managers/Electric Superintendents Meeting was held immediately following the Oct. 21 AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Tour and Open House. Eight of AMEA's 11 Members were represented at the meeting, which was held at the plant.

Meeting topics included updates on operations, AMEA's Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program, and infrared cameras and pole attachments. Attendees also participated in a roundtable discussion.



AMEA's Tim Foster (C) gives an operations update during the Oct. 21 Member Managers/Electric Superintendents Meeting.

AMEA Shares Environmental Costs

Over the past several years, electric utility costs have risen due to the investments in upgrading coal plants to address the congressionally-mandated requirements of the Clean Air Act of 1990. Just like other utilities, AMEA's generation costs have increased as we pay our share of these required investments.

To help your customers understand the impacts of these congressionally-mandated requirements to coal-fired generation plants and the associated costs, an article appears in the November/December *Alabama Currents*, which outlines what this will mean to customers, now and in the future. The article is entitled, *AMEA Shares Environmental Costs*.

A copy of the November/December magazine is located on the AMEA web site, www.amea.com, Publications & News, *Alabama Currents*. Also, the article can be found on the web site, under Publications & News, AMEA Commentary by President & CEO. Scroll to the bottom of the list of commentaries and click on *AMEA Shares Environmental Costs*.

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Highlights of Oct. 21 AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Tour and Open House



Shown visiting prior to the tour are (L to R): Tom DeBell, Electric Superintendent, Riviera Utilities, and Bob Williams, Assistant Director, Opelika Light & Power; Opelika Mayor Gary Fuller (and AMEA Board Vice Chairman) and Piedmont Mayor Brian Young; and Mike Richard, General Manager, Sylacauga Utilities Board, and Lee Young, Piedmont Administrative Utility Manager and AMEA Board Member.



(Clockwise): AMEA employees Samantha Alexander and Pamela Poole assist David DeLee, Lanett Electric Superintendent, and Allen Summers, Line Foreman, Lanett Electric Department, with registration; Sylacauga Mayor Sam Wright welcomes the crowd during the lunch; Alan Williford, AMEA Manager of Planning & Engineering, and Connie Duke, wife of former AMEA Chairman of the Board, the late Wayne Duke of Sylacauga, spend some time chatting during the Plant Tour and Open House.