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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.

SAVE THE DATE: AMEA Power Supply Conference scheduled for February 2012

Mark your calendar for AMEA's 2012 Power Supply Conference, slated for Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.



"The purpose of the conference will be to review issues of importance to our Member cities," said AMEA President & CEO Fred Clark. "We hope our Member cities' governing bodies, including city council members and utility board members, as well as senior utility management staff, will find this conference most informative."

Clark said the AMEA conference is being held the day after the Electric Cities of Alabama Montgomery Legislative Briefing & Meet and Greet on Feb. 28 at the RSA Plaza Terrace in Montgomery. For more information about the ECA event, call (334) 954-3221 or visit www.electriccities.org. Topics for the 2012 Power Supply Conference are currently under development. Registration materials will be mailed to all Member cities in December.

Member Managers provide input into 2013-2015 Strategic Plan

AMEA Member Managers met Nov. 17 at the Marriott Legends Conference Center in Prattville to provide input on the development of the AMEA 2013-2015 Strategic Plan.

The process allowed managers the opportunity to help chart the future of the joint action agency.

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Richard Ash, Dothan Utilities, and Mark Ennis, Utilities Board of Tuskegee, participate in the Strategic Plan process.

Strategic Plan

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"By taking a distanced view at AMEA, Member Managers helped identify issues that AMEA should address in the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

The 2013-2015 Strategic Plan will be completed in early 2012. The Work Plan associated with the Strategic Plan will be implemented in the 2013 fiscal year. AMEA developed its first Strategic Plan in 1987.

AMEA and ECA employees participate in "Blankets with a Blessing" initiative

AMEA and Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) employees recently participated in the "Blankets with a Blessing" initiative that provides new quilts and blankets to homeless and displaced families during the holidays.

AMEA and ECA employees collected 30 new blankets and quilts in November. The items were taken to the Alabama Governor's Mansion Gift Shop to be distributed to those in need statewide.



AMEA and ECA employees collected new blankets and quilts for the "Blessings with a Blanket" statewide project in November. Shown helping box the items are (L to R): Skeeter Sheldon, Pamela Poole, Fred Clark, Jonathan Hand and Lisa Miller.

"Blankets with a Blessing" has provided thousands of blankets since the initiative began in 2004.

As a statewide effort, Alabama's First Lady Dianne Bentley continued the project by asking citizens and businesses to collect new quilts and blankets to be distributed during the winter months to homeless families and those temporarily displaced by the April tornadoes.

"It is important that we remember those who have lost their homes, or have no permanent place to call home," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "In the days after the tornado outbreak in April, we saw Alabamians unite to help neighbors in need. The 'Blankets with a Blessing' project gave us the opportunity to help others with warm blankets during the cold months. This is just another example of public power at its best."



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