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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.

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Communications and Member Managers Meetings combined for November

AMEA is gearing up for its annual Fall Communications and Consumer Services Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Marriott Legends Hotel and Conference Center in Prattville.



However, there will be a new twist to this year's meeting. AMEA's Member Electric Managers Meeting also will be held in conjunction with the Communications Meeting.

Attendees will include local communication committee members, as well as Member Electric Managers.

"Since many of our Member Managers serve on local communication committees, we felt this meeting could serve a dual purpose. However, we hope all of our Member Managers will be in attendance for this meeting," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

Possible topics for this year's meeting will include:

- Power supply update
- Fuel/capacity update
- Renewable energy
- Update on climate change legislation
- Energy efficiency and weatherization initiatives

More information about the meeting is forthcoming. To register, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (334) 387-3501, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, lmiller@amea.com, or Ray Phillips, Manager of Compliance and Special Projects, (334) 387-3505, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 121, ray@amea.com.

AMEA says goodbye to Anne Grady, ED Consultant

AMEA bids a fond farewell to Anne Grady, Economic Development Consultant. Her service contract with the organization ended Sept. 30.



Grady

Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, will serve as AMEA's liaison for economic and community development.

"Anne has been a valued member of the AMEA team having worked with many of our Members on community and economic development initiatives for the past 8 years," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "Anne's contributions to our organization and to our Members will not be forgotten."

"Anne played a vital role in supporting statewide recruiting efforts to provide economic opportunities for AMEA and its Members. She was responsible for building relationships and alliances with such organizations as Alabama Development Office and the Economic Development Association of Alabama," Clark added.

New program helps utilities access clean and efficient energy funds

As federal funds continue to be offered to finance energy efficiency projects, a new program sets out to help public power utilities make the most of the funding opportunities.

Spearheaded by the Alliance to Save Energy Efficiency, the American Public Power Association (APPA), and the Large Public Power Council, with funding from Sea Change and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

the Clean and Efficient Energy Program (CEEP) for Public Power is a three-year program that aims to promote investment opportunities and strategies in energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Given the funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the program's timing can immediately help municipal utilities create new, green jobs and save money with energy-conserving technologies and practices.

"Energy efficiency aligns well with public power's mission of acting in the best interest of the community and serving customers," APPA President and CEO Mark Crisson said.

"CEEP will help public power utilities continue to provide affordable, reliable power by achieving higher levels of energy efficiency."

"CEEP will help boost [the public power] sector's participation in clean and efficient energy programs by providing resources that are tailored to the unique drivers and constraints of locally-owned and operated utilities," said Jan Schori, former general manager of the Sacramento, Calif., Municipal Utility District.

A major part of this initiative will be the CEEP web site, www.cleanefficientenergy.org, where successful strategies and case studies from energy efficiency programs will be available for use by public power managers.

The "tool kits" will include turnkey program models and downloadable template materials so utilities can quickly implement programs that have already been shown to work, as well as resources on innovative financing, targeted partnerships, job creation, and best practices, all with the aim of clean and efficient energy.

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Through the site, CEEP also directs visitors to the right agencies for stimulus and non-stimulus funding and gives extensive guidance on how to craft the best proposal for success in applying. The program emphasizes that stimulus funding does more than just help a utility in its activities financially, but also represents an opportunity to link public power utilities to each other, other municipal agencies, state energy offices, and local partners.

Launched in February, CEEP has already co-hosted a workshop on innovative financing for energy efficiency at the APPA Business & Financial Conference in September and plans to host an annual clean energy summit.

AMEA Operations Corner

The reporting database on the data server is completely integrated. It houses the data needed to create reports for AMEA operations.

Laila Hasan, Database/Systems Analyst II, has created reports to analyze peak load, daily top out, pricing, and AMEA Cost Forecaster information. She continues to work on various reports that analyze Alabama Power Company resources high limits, hydro resources, and pricing.

Hometown Connections® partner, Survalent, to host webinar this month

Hometown Connections vendor/partner, Survalent, is hosting a free webinar this month. The webinar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. (Central Time).

AMEA has sent an e-mail promotion to Members within the past week regarding the free webinar. Click on the link

within the e-mail promotion to register for the webinar.

Within the past 10 years, improvements in technology and design have allowed fully functional SCADA sys-

tems to be deployed at a fraction of the cost. What used to be a major investment only the larger utilities could fund, and operate, has become simple to install, easy to operate, and highly affordable. Real-time data acquisition and control enable improvements in efficiency and customer service for public power.

The webinar will cover:

- ✓ SCADA Trends and Forecast - Technology, software, and applications developments for over the last 10 years and for what's on the horizon.
- ✓ Smart Grid - How SCADA is the logical first step towards a fully functional Smart Grid system.
- ✓ Interoperability - MultiSpeak vs. IEC 61968 (CIM).
- ✓ Protocol Standards - DNP3.0 vs. IEC 61850.
- ✓ SmartSCADA - Product demonstration of a package designed and priced for public power.

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