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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.

Tour the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant in October



The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) will host a tour and open house of the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant on Thursday, Oct. 21. The plant tour will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 12 noon. Invited attendees will include mayors and city councils, utility boards, and senior utility management staff.

"This is a great way to showcase the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, which is collectively owned by our 11 Members," said Fred Clark, President & CEO.

In 2004, AMEA became the first organization in Alabama in more than 80 years to build a power generation plant owned by a municipality. The AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, located at 125 Thompson Lane, Sylacauga, utilizes two state-of-the-art combustion turbine generating units fueled by natural gas, each with a generating capacity of 47,500 kilowatts.

Due to limited parking at the plant, a shuttle service will be available beginning at 10 a.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot on U.S. Highway 280 in Sylacauga.

Attire for the event is business casual. Please RSVP to Samantha Alexander, Executive Assistant, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, or samantha@amea.com, by **Friday, Oct. 15**.

Member Managers Meeting to follow Oct. 21 Plant Tour/Lunch

A Member Managers/Electric Superintendents Meeting will be held immediately following the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Tour and Lunch on Thursday, Oct. 21, beginning at 1 p.m. at the plant, according to Ray Phillips, AMEA Manager of Compliance and Special Projects.

RSVP your attendance plans to Phillips by **Friday, Oct. 15**, at (800) 239-2632, Ext. 121, or ray@amea.com.

AMEA employees honored for service



Three AMEA employees were recognized for their years of service during the Annual Meeting, Thursday, Aug. 26. Fred Clark, President & CEO, presented service awards to (L to R): Arthur Bishop, Senior Operations Engineer, 10 years; Marlin Wade, Chief Financial Officer, 20 years; and Samantha Alexander, Executive Assistant, 10 years.

New partner addresses growing shortage of experienced managers

With public power managers retiring at a faster rate than new managers can be trained and ready, Hometown Connections® has joined with utility recruiting firm Mycoff, Fry & Prouse to promote a new temporary employment placement service, called Strategic Power Placements

(SPP), for members of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

SPP will consist of contract management services for the interim placement of recently retired industry leaders with the skills necessary to fulfill voids within the executive ranks of a public power organization.

SPP will be an industry resource to public power utilities, joint



action agencies, and state associations, providing experienced professionals for temporary assignment.

SPP will help public power organizations identify their needs and make available interim employees on a contract basis to fill executive positions, lead special projects, and mentor permanent employees.

“By partnering with Mycoff, Fry & Prouse, public power’s premier executive search firm, we are helping to address our industry’s ‘brain drain’ as retirement rates and hiring freezes delay the appointment of fully qualified utility directors, department heads, and project managers,” said Tim Blodgett, President & Chief Executive Officer, Hometown Connections. “Our network of retirees will enable APPA members to keep their budgets and project schedules on track, rather than lose ground during an executive search process. Our power professionals will also serve as valuable mentors to the permanent staff, sharing their considerable expertise in utility engineering, finance, operations, and management.”

Need more info about Hometown’s products/services? Contact Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.