



# 2010 Engineering and Operations Conference Highlights



Alabama Power's James H. Miller facility

The 2010 Engineering and Operations Conference, held Oct. 27-29 was a great success. The conference offered insightful discussions of pole attachments and flame retardant uniforms and a tour of Alabama Power's James H. Miller facility, located on the Black Warrior River near West Jefferson, Ala.

The plant is a 2.64 giga-watt electrical generation station, housing four coal-burning units. Following the Wednesday afternoon ECA golf tournament, attendees left early Thursday morning for a tour of the Miller plant, where they had an opportunity to view one of the four generating units and one of the largest cooling towers in the southeastern region. Following the tour, attendees visited with fellow ECA members and vendors before the general sessions commenced.

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ECA members enjoy a tour of the Alabama Power Miller Facility

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### ECA is proud to welcome the following new members:

- SmartSynch • Jim McArthur • Jackson, Mississippi
- Riverside Manufacturing Company • Trent Trosclair • Daphne, Alabama
- Metering and Related Services, Inc. • John Stein • Duluth, Georgia
- Sensus • David Starr • Meridianville, Alabama

## Salvador Joins ECA



*Andrea G. Salvador*

Andrea G. Salvador joins Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) as the new Marketing and Communications Assistant. Continuing her focus of communication and marketing with an association, Salvador brings a wealth of knowledge in membership development, event planning and public relations to ECA.

Prior to joining ECA, Salvador worked with some of Alabama's leading associations. Most recently, as the Director of Membership for a healthcare association, Salvador implemented a number of initiatives that generated high retention rates and increased membership by at least ten percent in 2010 alone. By working closely with membership, Salvador has a proven record of developing and maintaining value based relationships across the state

of Alabama. In addition to Salvador's experience in the healthcare industry, she also worked with the Alabama Press Association in Birmingham, Ala. Here, Salvador developed an extensive knowledge of public relations and association operations which will help ECA's growth in years to come.

Salvador has a degree in Communications Studies and a minor in Political Science from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. After working in Birmingham, Salvador returned to her hometown of Prattville, Ala., and married her high-school sweetheart, Eric. At home, Salvador enjoys spending time with her husband and tending to their two rambunctious puppies, Toby and Macee.

## Public Service Commissioners Sworn In

With no time for dust to settle from the recent elections, Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh and Terry Dunn were sworn in as Alabama's Public Service Commissioners (PSC) the morning after the November 2, 2010, elections. With Commissioners Cavanaugh and Dunn now serving as PSC, Republicans have a 2 to 1 majority on the utility regulatory body. The other representative on the PSC is Lucy Baxley who currently serves as the PSC president and is up for election in 2012.

ECA was honored to be invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Jonathan Hand, ECA's Executive Director, said following the ceremony, "We look forward to working with both Commissioner Cavanaugh and



*Terry Dunn and Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh are sworn in*

Commissioner Dunn under their new capacity at the Public Service Commission. The PSC plays an important role in regulating utilities and by having a relationship with the

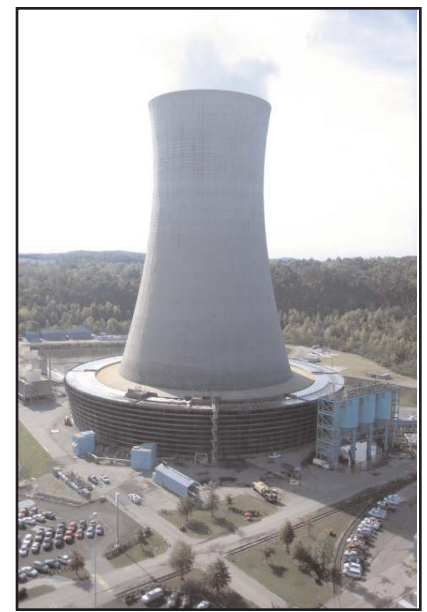
PSC only benefits the one million consumers Electric Cities of Alabama represents across the state of Alabama."

Commissioner Cavanaugh, who formerly worked as a top aide to current Governor Bob Riley said, "I look forward to working with Electric Cities of Alabama and know we both have the common goal of offering the most reliable and affordable electricity to the residents of Alabama." Cavanaugh went on to say, "you can never have too many friends while trying to rally against the ever so unpopular cap-and-trade legislation in Washington, D.C. We must join forces to ensure this reckless legislation never sees the light of day in the state of Alabama."

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This year's general sessions focused on air quality standards, grid impact studies, pole attachments, LED lighting, flame resistant clothing and how to affectively brand your utility with safety. ECA appreciates the support from all member city attendees. This conference could not have been possible with out the dedicated support from our sponsors: Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, Alabama Power Company, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and the Tennessee Valley Authority.



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## ECA Trivia Grid

How many public power utilities currently exist?

A. 1,156

B. 1,980

C. 2,008

C. 2,500

Be the first to email the correct answer to Andrea Salvador at [asalvador@electriccities.org](mailto:asalvador@electriccities.org) and win a \$25.00 gift card. Good Luck!





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# ECA

**February 28 - March 3, 2011**

Washington Legislative Conference  
(in conjunction with APPA Rally)  
The Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

**March 29, 2011**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Montgomery Legislative Briefing & Appreciation Reception  
RSA Plaza Terrace  
Montgomery, AL

**July 10, 2011**

Annual Business Meeting (Board of Directors)  
Perdido Beach Resort  
Orange Beach, AL

**July 10 - 12, 2011**

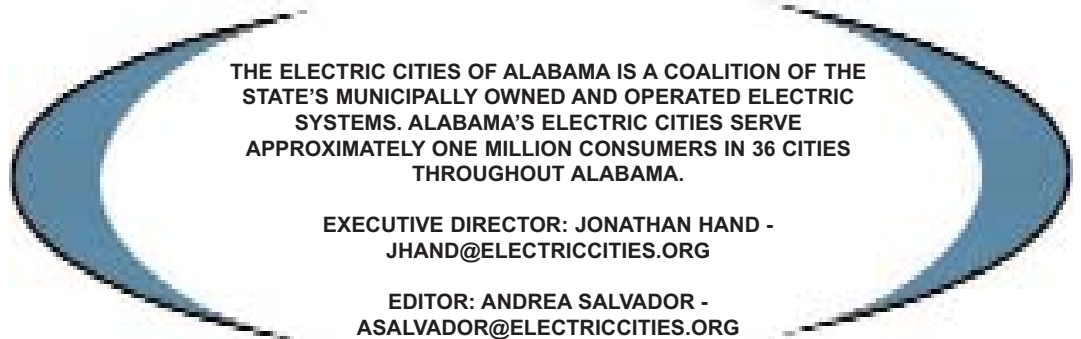
Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference  
Perdido Beach Resort  
Orange Beach, AL

**October 19 - 21, 2011**

Engineering & Operations Conference  
TBD  
Birmingham, AL

**October 21, 2011**

Board of Directors Meeting  
TBD  
Birmingham, AL



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